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## Academic Positions

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### New York University

2017- Assistant Professor, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

### University of Maryland

2013-17 Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy

2015-17 Faculty Affiliate, Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership

### Northwestern University

2012-13 Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Policy Research

## Education

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### George Washington University

2012 PhD, Public Policy and Public Administration

### Harvard University

2007 EdM, Graduate School of Education

2001 BA, Chemistry, *Magna Cum Laude*

## Research Interests

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Public financial management, state and local finance, government budgeting, government and nonprofit accounting, fiscal institutions, program evaluation.

## Journal Articles

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1. Lavertu, Stephane and Travis St.Clair. 2018. "Beyond Spending Levels: Revenue Uncertainty and the Performance of Local Governments." *Journal of Urban Economics*, 106, 59-80.
2. St.Clair, Travis, and Martinez Guzman, Juan Pablo. 2018. "Contribution Volatility and Public Pension Reform." *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, 17(4), 513-533.
3. Gilmore, Elisabeth, and Travis St.Clair. 2018. "Budgeting for Climate Change: Obstacles and Opportunities at the US State Level." *Climate Policy*, 18(6), 729-741.
  - ▷ Coverage: Fivethirtyeight

4. St.Clair, Travis. 2016. "How Do Nonprofits Respond to Regulatory Thresholds: Evidence from New York's Audit Requirements." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 35(4), 772-790.
5. St.Clair, Travis, Kelly Hallberg, and Thomas D. Cook. 2016. "The Validity and Precision of the Comparative Interrupted Time Series Design: Three Within-Study Comparisons." *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, 41(3), 269-299.
6. St.Clair, Travis, and Thomas D. Cook. 2015. "Difference-in-Differences Methods in Public Finance." *National Tax Journal*, 68(2), 319-338.
7. St.Clair, Travis, Thomas D. Cook, and Kelly Hallberg. 2014. "Examining the Internal Validity and Statistical Precision of the Comparative Interrupted Time Series Design by Comparison with a Randomized Experiment." *American Journal of Evaluation*, 35(3), 311-327.
8. St.Clair, Travis. 2013. "The Impact of Budget Stabilization Funds on State Pension Contributions." *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 33(3), 55-74.
9. Avery, Chris, Travis St.Clair, Michael Levin, and Kenneth Hill. 2013. "The 'Own Children' Fertility Estimation Procedure: A Reappraisal." *Population Studies*, 67(2), 171-183.
10. St.Clair, Travis. 2012. "The Effect of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Revenue Volatility: Evidence from Colorado." *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 32(3), 61-78.

## Working Papers

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11. "The Heterogeneous Effects of Accrual Accounting: Evidence from Municipal Borrowers." *Submitted*.
12. "Balance Sheet Insolvency and Contribution Revenue in Public Charities," with Tatiana Homonoff and Luke Spreen. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Public Economics*.
13. "How Responsive is State and Local Capital Spending to Federal Tax Incentives: Evidence from Bank-Qualified Bonds."

## Work-in-Progress

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14. "OPEB Liabilities and the Long-Term Implications for Government Budgets," with Thad Calabrese.
15. "Lessons from Pension Reform in Latin America," with Juan Pablo Martinez Guzman.
16. "Climate Finance and Public-Private Partnerships," with Elisabeth Gilmore.

## Books

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17. Wolman, Hal, Howard Wial, Travis St.Clair, and Ned Hill. 2017. *Coping with Economic Adversity: Regional Economic Resilience and Public Policy*. Cornell University Press.
  - ▷ Coverage: New York Times (Economic Scene), Journal of Urban Affairs, Planning magazine, Choice, SSTI

## Book Chapters

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18. Hill, Edward, Travis St.Clair, Howard Wial, Harold Wolman, Patricia Atkins, Pamela Blumenthal, Sarah Ficenec, and Alec Friedhoff. 2012. "Economic Shocks and Regional Economic Resilience." In Weir, Pindus, Wial, & Wolman (eds.) *Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects, Vol. 4*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
19. Hill, Edward, Harold Wolman, Katherine Kowalczyk, and Travis St.Clair. 2012. "Forces Affecting City Population Growth or Decline: The Effects of Inter-Regional and Inter-Municipal Competition." In Alan Mallach (ed.) *Rebuilding America's Legacy Cities: New Directions for the Industrial Heartland*. New York: American Assembly.

## Other Publications

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20. Binsted, Matthew, Nathan Hultman, Wes L. Hanson, Alan Miller, and Travis St.Clair. 2017. "Climate Change Risk and the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System." Center for Global Sustainability.
  - ▷ Coverage: Maryland Daily Record, Acclimatise
21. Atkins, Patricia, Pamela Blumenthal, Leah Curran, Adrienne Edisis, Alec Friedhoff, Lisa Lowry, Travis St.Clair, Howard Wial, and Harold Wolman. 2011. "Responding to Manufacturing Job Loss: What Can Economic Development Policy Do?" Metro Economy Series for the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings. Available at: [http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2011/06\\_manufacturing\\_job\\_loss.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2011/06_manufacturing_job_loss.aspx).

## Conferences and Presentations

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- 2019 GWU Trachtenberg School
- 2018 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; National Tax Association
- 2017 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; New York-Region Budgeting and Financial Management

- 2016 Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis; Budgetary Reform and Fiscal Management w/Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; National Tax Association; NYU Wagner
- 2015 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- 2014 National Tax Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Midwestern Political Science Association
- 2013 American Evaluation Association; Conference on Public Pension Underfunding, Cleveland Federal Reserve
- 2012 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Urban Affairs Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; University of Maryland; Ohio State Glenn School
- 2011 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Urban Affairs Association
- 2010 Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects (Brookings/Urban/GWU)

## Professional Service

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### **Dissertation Committees**

NYU: Anu Gupta

UMD: Sally Abd El-Moez, Juan Pablo Martinez Guzman

### **Manuscript Review**

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; National Tax Journal; Public Administration Review; Evaluation Review; Public Budgeting & Finance; Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, & Financial Management; Educational Researcher; Urban Affairs Review; Economic Development Quarterly; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; CQ Press/Sage

### **Committees (External)**

Advisory Committee to ABFM's GASB/GASAC representative

Public Management subcommittee, APPAM Conference, 2018, 2019

APPAM Mentor (Elie Sung, Georgia Tech PhD student)

### **Department Service**

Course Lead for PADM.GP 1021 (core course)

Core Coordinating and Learning Assessment Committee

## Other Professional Employment

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2016-17    Mathematica, Consultant  
2009        World Bank, Short-Term Consultant

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

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2018        Wagner New Research Support Grant  
2012-13    Northwestern University, Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
2008-12    George Washington University, Selective Excellence Graduate Student Fellowship  
2006-07    Harvard Graduate Student Fellowship  
1999-00    Harvard University, John Harvard Scholarship

## Teaching

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### **New York University**

Financial Management for Public, Nonprofit, and Health Organizations (MPA)  
Government Budgeting (MPA)  
Cost-Benefit Analysis (MPA) (Fall 2019)

### **University of Maryland**

Public Budgeting & Financial Management (MPP)  
State, Local, and Nonprofit Financial Management (MPP)  
Advanced Quantitative Methods (PhD)