

# Benjamin G. Larsen

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## Education

**Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts

PhD in Political Science, 2018

*Dissertation Title - Cities Take the Lead: LGBT Nondiscrimination Policy  
Adoption by Local Governments*

**Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts

MA in Political Science, 2013

**Boise State University**, Boise, Idaho

BA in Political Science, 2011

Summa Cum Laude

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## Publications

**Paper.** “Nationwide Analysis of Local LGBT Nondiscrimination Policies.”  
(Forthcoming).

**Policy Report** (lead author). “City of Boise Peer Cities Selection 2020.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the City of Boise. (May 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Idaho Health and Welfare: Treatment and Transitions Program Evaluation (Year 2, Quarter 1).” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (April 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “New Path Community Housing 2019 Annual Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the City of Boise and Ada County. (April 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Idaho Health and Welfare: Treatment and Transitions Program Evaluation (Annual Report).” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (January 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Idaho Advanced Opportunities Program Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho State Board of Education. (January 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “College and Career Advising and Mentoring Program Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho State Board of Education. (January 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Idaho Health and Welfare: Treatment and Transitions Program Evaluation (Year 1, Quarter 3).” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (October 2019).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Family Homelessness in Ada County.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the City of Boise. (August 2019).

**Policy Report** (lead author). “Balance Billing in Idaho.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Insurance. (August 2019).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Health Provider Network Adequacy part 2.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Insurance. (June 2019).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Health Provider Network Adequacy part 1.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho Department of Insurance. (May 2019).

**Policy Report** (lead author). “Understanding Human-Tiger Conflict through Big Data.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the World Wildlife Fund Tiger’s Alive Initiative. (April 2019).

**Policy Report** (lead author). “Boise’s Energy Future Survey Technical Report.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the City of Boise Public Works Department. (March 2019).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “College and Career Advising and Mentoring Program Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Contracted by the Idaho State Board of Education. (January 2019).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Early Literacy Program Evaluation. Idaho Policy Institute.” Contracted by the Idaho State Board of Education. (January 2019).

**Grant Application** (co-author). “Student Data and Needs” Section and “Program Logic Model” Section. McNair Scholars Program, Boise State University. Boise, Idaho. (April 2017).

**Policy Report.** “Impacts of Legislation on Increased Penalties for Rental Equipment Theft in Idaho.” Independent Policy Analyst with Tate’s Rents. Boise, Idaho. (August 2016).

**Policy Manual.** “Manual for Program Management.” McNair Scholars Program, Boise State University. Boise, Idaho. (August 2014).

**Policy Report.** “Why Include Sexual Orientation Questions on National Health Surveys?” The Fenway Institute. Boston, Massachusetts. (December 2013).

**Grant Application** (co-author). “Student Data and Needs” Section. McNair Scholars Program, Boise State University. Boise, Idaho. (April 2012).

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## Relevant Experience

**Research Associate** **October 2018-Present**

Idaho Policy Institute, Boise State University

- Conduct contract research for state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations
- Research emphasis on public policy change and program evaluation
- Employ qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches to policy issues

**Chapter President** **June 2019-Present**

Talkin’ Broncos Alumni Chapter, Boise State University

- Organized alumni events
- Recruit members to the alumni chapter
- Ongoing support of speech and debate team

**Advanced Placement Exam Scorer** **June 2015-Present**

Educational Testing Services

- Registered grader for the US politics and government advanced placement exam
- Attend the annual AP exam grading (~1500 exams in 7 days)
- Participate in online trainings and pilot programs periodically
- Provide insight and ideas for exam development and improvement

**Program Assistant** **January 2016-September 2018**

McNair Scholars Program, Boise State University

- Collected and analyzed statistical data for two successful grant applications
- Created and wrote program logic model for awarded grant applications
- Mentored independent research projects and graduate school application process
- Developed student awareness of their intersectionality as diverse and underrepresented populations in higher education
- Developed institutional partnerships with offices across campus
- Created a comprehensive policy manual with methods for program management
- Created tutoring program for the Graduate Records Exam (GRE)
- Planned recruiting events and materials for faculty and offices across campus
- Initiated and developed advocacy materials for campus administration and policymakers

**Senior Graduate Assistant** **September 2014-December 2015**

Department of Political Science, Northeastern University

- Instructor for lower division political science courses
- Designed syllabi and lesson plans for courses
- Participated in department sponsored teaching workshops

**Researcher****January 2013-December 2015**

Department of Political Science, Northeastern University

- Invited to join a research team constructing legislative committee assignment database
- Contributed to an original dataset of all state legislators from 1970-2010
- Became familiar with HLM analysis and data gathering
- Developed the guiding framework and literature review for project

**Graduate Assistant****September 2011-May 2014**

Department of Political Science, Northeastern University

- Teaching assistant for undergraduate political science courses
- Held discussion sessions to reinforce lecture material
- Graded exams and essays for course instructors

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**Teaching Experience****Boise State University**, Boise, Idaho*Adjunct Instructor, School of Public Service/School of Social Work*

- Foundation of Social Welfare Policy (Spring 2020)
- Special Topics – LGBTQ+ Policy (Fall 2019)

**Boise State University**, Boise, Idaho*McNair Scholars Program Instructor*

- McNair Scholars Research Seminar (Summer 2017 and Summer 2018)
- McNair Scholars Senior Seminar (Spring 2016-Spring 2018)
- McNair Scholars Junior Seminar (Spring 2016-Spring 2018)

**Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts*Course Instructor*

- Quantitative Techniques (Spring 2015 and Fall 2015)
- American National Government (Fall 2014)

**Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts*Teaching Assistant*

- Comparative Politics (Spring 2014)
- Quantitative Techniques (Spring 2012 and Fall 2013)
- International Relations and Globalization (Fall 2012 and Spring 2013)
- American National Government (Fall 2011)

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## Presentations

**Presentation**, October 2019. (with Osterhout, Crossgrove Fry, and Arajuo). “Urban Energy Planning: Policy through Consultative Surveys.” *The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Policy Research Conference*. Boise, Idaho.

**Presentation**, August 2019. “An Analysis of LGBT Nondiscrimination Policy Adoption by Local Governments.” *The 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Washington, DC.

**Presentation**, January 2018. “Cities Leading the Pack: An Examination of LGBT Nondiscrimination Policy Adoption by Local Governments.” *The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Presentation** (with R. Hedlund and C. Larson), April 2015. “Know When to Hold ‘em, Know When to Fold ‘em, Know When to Take a Risk, Know When to Run: Risk Taking in Committee Assignments.” *The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Midwestern Political Science Association*. Chicago, Illinois.

**Presentation**, November 2014. “Idaho’s Steps Backward and Forward on LGBT Rights: A Dynamic Approach to Social Movement Political Opportunities.” *The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*. Boston, Massachusetts.

**Presentation** (with R. Hedlund and C. Larson), November 2013. “Untangling the Web of Impact Factors: A Multi-Level Analysis of State Committee Assignment Success.” *The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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## Grants and Awards

**McNair Scholars Program Grant**, Boise State University, June 2017, (co-author). \$225,000 annually. Federal TRIO Programs, US Department of Education.

**Dissertation Research Grant**, August 2015. \$1500. Department of Political Science, Northeastern University.

**McNair Scholars Program Grant**, Boise State University, June 2012, (co-author). \$225,000 annually. Federal TRIO Programs, US Department of Education.

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## Professional Affiliations

**Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program**. 2009-2011. Boise State University.

**Pi Kappa Delta**, 2008-present. National Speech and Debate Fraternity, Boise State University Alumni Chapter.