

2000-present

Founder and Director - Municipal Services Project

Founder and Director of the Municipal Services Project, a global research network that explores progressive forms of public services with a focus on equity, sustainability and democratic engagement. We critically investigate successful public service models with the aim of documenting and assessing the conditions required for their sustainability and reproducibility.

Coordination of all research design, implementation, outputs, analysis and reporting involving over 200 researchers working in more than 50 countries

Received more than \$3 million in funding from a variety of sources

Author of books, journal articles, chapters and popular material related to project research

1996-2000

Project Manager - Southern African Migration Project

Project Manager for a \$3 million CIDA-funded research project on cross-border migration in Southern Africa

Coordination of research design, implementation, outputs, analysis and reporting, with over 100 researchers working in the region

Coordinated regional conferences/workshops/missions at Ministerial level on migration-related issues

Published research findings in academic journals, books, policy series publications and in the popular press

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2021-25

SSHRC Insight Grant - Public Banks + Public Water (Principal Investigator)

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This excellent and timely collection examines the impact of the pandemic on public water operators around the world, highlighting the importance of democratic and equitable water services. If any good can come from this terrible pandemic, it is the recognition that public services are vital components of fundamental justice for a post-Covid world.

s corporatization friend or foe of quality public service provision? This book offers a thorough critique, providing a theoretical framework and a set of criteria for evaluating this new reform in public service delivery. Case studies from around the world show the potential benefits and pitfalls of corporatization and raise questions about the role of the state and the meaning of 'public' in service delivery. This is a must-read for policy-makers, practitioners and scholars of

Mildred E. Warner, Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning,
Cornell University

addresses important research questions in a multidisciplinary way. The analysis is grounded in new evidence and field research, making it essential reading for anyone interested in the benefits and risks of contemporary trends of governance reforms in the provision of essential public services."

Massimo Florio, Professor of Public Economics, University of Milan

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Maude Barlow, Chairperson of the Council of Canadians

A welcome addition to the literature [on Nyerere].
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Realidad Economica No. 183

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