



## PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

### **WORKSHOP: USING INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT ASSIGNMENTS (IPAS) TO FACILITATE ACADEMIC-GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND IMPLEMENT AGENCY LEARNING AGENDAS**

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*Date:* November 19, 2020

*Time:* 2:30 to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)

*Sponsor:* Partnership for Public Service

*Organizers:* Lindsay Laferriere (Partnership for Public Service), Kathy Stack (Consultant) and Day Manoli (Professor, Georgetown University)

*Participation:* Federal agencies are encouraged to send teams representing their Chief Data Office and Evaluation Officers. **To participate, please RSVP to the Partnership for Public Service using this link:** <https://ourpublicservice.org/events/workshop-using-intergovernmental-personnel-act-assignments-to-facilitate-academic-government-partnerships-and-implement-agency-learning-agendas/>

**Overview:** This two-hour virtual workshop, hosted by the Partnership for Public Service, will explore opportunities for federal agencies to use Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignments (IPAs) to partner with academic researchers. At a broad level, these academic-government partnerships can lead to significant human capital development for both academic researchers and government agency staff. More specifically, these academic-government partnerships can lead to building data infrastructure, conducting program evaluations and research using administrative data, and developing evidence, learning agendas, and cross-agency collaborations.

A short pre-read and panelist bios will be distributed in advance to participants who have registered.

#### **Participants:**

- Federal leaders and staff from agency data and evaluation offices, particularly from agencies with high-value administrative data. This includes leaders from agencies that are currently using IPAs as well as other agencies interested in learning about this option.
- Academic researchers currently working with federal government partners and/or interested in forming new partnerships.
- Representatives from philanthropy.

#### **Agenda:**

- **Opening Remarks: 2:30 to 2:40** -- Kathy Stack (independent consultant, former OMB Deputy Associate Director), Diana Epstein (OMB Evidence Team - Invited)
- **Panel 1: 2:40 to 3:10 -- Perspectives on IPAs from Federal Agencies:** How Some Federal Agencies Use IPAs to Build Data Infrastructure and Research Capacity
  - Day Manoli (Georgetown professor and IPA at IRS) will interview panelists who are current or former agency officials with experience utilizing IPAs: Alicia Miller

- (IRS), Jason Brown (CFPB), Amy O'Hara (former Census official, now at Georgetown U) and Kelly Bidwell (GSA/Office of Evaluation Sciences);
- Q&A with workshop participants
- **Panel 2: 3:10 to 3:40: Perspectives on IPAs from Academic Researchers:** How IPAs can build capacity for rigorous, cross-agency, cross-sector evaluations
  - Kathy Stack will interview Day Manoli (Georgetown), Bob Goerge (Chapin Hall) and Julia Lane (NYU);
  - Q&A with workshop participants
- **Break: 3:40 to 3:50**
- **Panel 3: 3:50 to 4:20 -- Identifying Potential Opportunities for Collaboration:** Potential opportunities and next steps for expanding the use of IPAs to support agency learning agendas and Evidence Act implementation.
  - Kumar Garg (Schmidt Futures) will moderate a discussion with experts from Institutions that could facilitate and support IPAs & academic-government partnerships: Mary Ann Bates (JPAL North America), Dave Wilkinson (Tobin Center, Yale) and Daniel Goroff (Sloan Foundation)
  - Q&A with workshop participants
- **Wrap Up: 4:20 to 4:30 --** Kathy Stack and Day Manoli

**Post-Workshop Feedback from Participants:** Following the workshop, the organizers will send out an email to participants to learn:

- Which federal agency participants would like to have a follow-up discussion to explore ways that IPAs could support their current or future learning agendas and evaluation plans (e.g., to build data infrastructure, carry out research, partner with state or local governments, etc...)?
- What assistance are federal agencies that currently use IPAs prepared to provide other agencies that are interested in this model?
- What assistance are non-federal participants prepared to provide to help federal agencies adopt the IPA model and apply it to policy-relevant research?