

**American University**  
**Department of Public Administration and Policy**  
**Spring 2017 Research Seminar Series**

**January 19**

Danielle Varda, Associate Professor at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver

*Applying Network Science Theories and Tools to Assess Outcomes in a Systems of Care for Babies and Young Children with Special Healthcare Needs*

**January 26**

Robert Moffitt, Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Economics, Johns Hopkins University

*Child Age and Gender Differences in Food Security in a Low-Income Inner-City Population*

**February 9**

Jennifer Doleac, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Virginia

*Does "ban the box" help or hurt low-skilled workers? Statistical discrimination and employment outcomes when the criminal histories are hidden*

**February 16**

Amanda Wolf, Deputy Head of School and Senior Lecturer, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington

*Q Methodology Illustrated: Informing Policies That Target Obesity*

**February 23**

Ken Meier, Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University

*Leadership and Job Satisfaction: Results from a Field Experiment*

**March 9**

Kristina Lambright, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Community and Public Affairs, Binghamton University

*Struggling to Get it Right: Performance Measurement Challenges and Strategies for Addressing Them Among Funders of Human Services*

**March 30\***

\*Please note, this event will take place in McDowell Formal Lounge

Celeste Carruthers, Associate Professor of Economics and Joe Johnson Faculty Research Fellow, University of Tennessee

*Promise kept? Free community college and attainment in Tennessee*

**April 20**

Craig Volden, Professor, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Virginia

*Do Constituents Know (or Care) about the Lawmaking Effectiveness of Their Representatives?*

**April 27**

Andrea Hetling, Associate Professor and Chancellor Scholar, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

*Home Safe Home: Designing Permanent Supportive Housing for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence*

**May 4**

Scott Carrell, Professor of Economics, UC Davis

*My Professor Cares: Experimental Evidence on the Role of Faculty Engagement*

*Seminars convened on Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Kay Lounge unless otherwise noted. Contact Seth Gershenson at [gershens@american.edu](mailto:gershens@american.edu) or Khaldoun AbouAssi at [abouassi@american.edu](mailto:abouassi@american.edu) with any questions.*