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## Speakers and Panelists

### MUNICIPAL CONTROL

*Joshua Sapotichne, Assistant Professor, Political Science*



Dr. Joshua Sapotichne (PhD, University of Washington, 2009) is an Assistant Professor of Political Science who teaches and researches in the areas of American public policy and urban politics.

Current research projects examine the changing policy relationship between the US national government and American cities (work for which he received the 2010 Best Dissertation Award from the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association), the direct and conditional impacts of state institutions and policies on the policy priorities and fiscal behavior of city governments (supporting research for which was supported in 2014 and again in 2015 by the C.S. Mott Foundation [co-PI Eric Scorsone]), and the optimal design and structure of local governments for navigating an increasingly complex American federal system.

Josh's prior and ongoing research has resulted in a series of journal articles published in such journals as *Policy Studies Journal*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *City Culture, and Society*, and *Urban Research and Practice*.

Josh's new paper, "[Beyond State Takeovers: Reconsidering the Role of State Government in Local Financial Distress, with Important Lessons for Michigan and its Embattled Cities](#)," examines nearly a half-century of state and local financial data, supplemented by input from analysts, state officials, and legal experts, to systematically assess how state governments contribute to local financial distress.

## **CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

**Mona Hanna-Attisha, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics and Human Development, MSU College of Human Medicine; Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Hurley Medical Center**



Mona Hanna-Attisha MD MPH FAAP is director of Hurley's Pediatric Residency Program. A Michigan native, Dr. Hanna-Attisha grew up in Royal Oak and first fell in love with Pediatrics while on the Flint Campus during her clinical years as a medical student at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine.

After completing her residency and chief residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan, she earned a master's degree in Public Health, concentrating in Health Management and Policy, at the University of Michigan School Of Public Health. Dr. Hanna-Attisha was an assistant professor at Wayne State University Department of Pediatrics and an associate director of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Pediatric Residency Program prior to returning to Hurley.

In addition to educating the next generation of physicians, Dr. Hanna-Attisha now directs the Michigan State University and Hurley Children's Hospital [Public Health Initiative](#), an innovative and model public health program to research, monitor and mitigate the impact of lead in Flint's drinking water.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING**

**Janice Beecher, Professor and Director, MSU Institute of Public Utilities**



Professor Janice Beecher has served as Director of the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University since 2002, bringing more than thirty years of applied research experience to the position. Established at MSU in 1965, the Institute's mission is to support informed, effective, and efficient regulation of the network industries providing essential utility services.

Dr. Beecher's research areas include regulatory theory, institutions, principles, and concepts; regulatory commissions and jurisdiction; ratemaking methods; expenditures, price, and demand trends; regulatory adaptation; and ethics. She has particular expertise in the economics, structure, and regulation of the water industry and water pricing. Dr. Beecher is a frequent author, lecturer, and participant in national and international academic and professional forums and is Editor-in-Chief of Utilities Policy (Elsevier).

She previously held positions at The Ohio State and Indiana Universities and the Illinois Commerce Commission. Dr. Beecher teaches courses in public policy and regulation and supervises graduate research students. She holds a B.A. in Economics, Political Science, and history from Elmhurst College and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University.

## **Sponsor Leadership**

**Matt Grossmann, Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR), Associate Professor of Political Science**



A nationally known political scientist, he also holds a position as [Associate Professor](#) of Political Science at Michigan State University. As an expert on American politics and government, his research spans national and state policymaking, election campaigns, interest groups, and political parties. He is the author of [Artists of the Possible: Governing Networks and American Policy Change Since 1945](#), published by Oxford University Press in 2014 and [The Not-So-Special Interests: Interest Groups, Public Representation, and American Governance](#), published by Stanford University Press in 2012. He has also authored numerous journal articles on such topics as policy change, political party networks, the legislative process and public opinion. He is also co-author of [Campaigns & Elections](#), a textbook available through W. W. Norton, and editor of the volume [New Directions in Interest Group Politics](#), from Routledge.

Norton, and editor of the volume [New Directions in Interest Group Politics](#), from Routledge. His work experience includes candidate training, policy and survey research at the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, the Institute of Governmental Studies, the Center for Voting and Democracy and the Center for Democracy and Technology. A member of MSU's faculty since 2007, he is founder and director of the [Michigan Policy Network](#) and served as liaison to [MSU's Washington Semester Program](#). He received his bachelor's degree from Claremont McKenna College, his master's in political science in 2002 and doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2007. He became IPPSR director in January 2016.

## **Forum Facilitator**

**AnnMarie Schneider, M.S., Director for Program Planning & Policy Education, IPPSR**



AnnMarie Schneider is the director for Program Planning and Policy Education at IPPSR. She served on the start up team for IPPSR cornerstone programs including the Annual Public Policy Forum Series, State of the State Survey, Michigan Political Leadership Program, and MSU's Legislative Leadership Program. She continues to work with these programs while advising the Institute's marketing and communications. She administers the Michigan Applied Public Policy Grant Program for university faculty with policy research interests and is noted for her work in both the public and private sector for group facilitation, strategic planning, networking and program implementation. She serves on the International Studies and Programs leadership team as director of the Canadian Studies Center. In this role, she is charged with strengthening cross border university connections while encouraging academic and research interests in Canada.