

# 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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## Research Experience

### Research Scholar

Idaho Policy Institute

School of Public Service

Boise State University - Boise, Idaho

January 2022 – Present

### Research Associate

Idaho Policy Institute

School of Public Service

Boise State University - Boise, Idaho

October 2018 – December 2021

### Program Instructor

McNair Scholars Program

Center for Multicultural and Educational Opportunities

Boise State University - Boise, Idaho

January 2016 - September 2018

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## Sponsored Project Awards

**Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**, principal investigator, 2023

Media Campaign Evaluations

\$128,631

**Idaho Department of Insurance**, principal investigator, 2023  
Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisors (SHIBA) Program Effectiveness Study  
\$44,247

**Idaho Commission for Libraries**, co-principal investigator, 2022  
Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan  
\$311,616

**US Department of Housing and Urban Development**, principal investigator, 2021  
Eviction Protection Grant Program  
\$91,564

**Idaho Legal Aid Services**, principal investigator, 2021  
Tribal Court Survey  
\$5,563

**Warm Springs Consulting**, principal investigator, 2021  
Teton County Waterways Policy Analysis  
\$2,035.

**Idaho Housing and Finance Association**, principle investigator, 2021  
Idaho Permanent Supportive Housing Comparative Analysis  
\$19,841

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## Public Service Scholarship

**Statewide Plan Report** (co-author). “Digital Access for All Idahoans.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by Idaho Commission for Libraries and National Telecommunications and Information Agency. (September 2023)

**Technical Report** (lead author). “Provider Stigma Reduction Media Campaign Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (August 2023).

**Technical Report** (lead author). “Fentanyl Awareness Media Campaign Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (August 2023).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Overview of Transfer of Development Rights Programs.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by Canyon County Long Range Planning Division. (August 2022).

**Online Data Dashboard** (lead author). “Idaho Eviction Study.” Idaho Policy Institute. (June 2022).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Idaho Rural Industry Clusters Needs Assessment.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by Boise State University Office of the President. (March 2022).

**Policy Report** (lead author). “Idaho Permanent Supportive Housing Comparative Analysis.” Idaho Policy Institute. Funded by Idaho Housing and Finance Association. (August 2021).

**Evaluation Report** (co-author). “New Path Community Housing 2020 Annual Evaluation.” Idaho Policy Institute. Funded by the City of Boise and Ada County. (June 2021).

**Online Data Dashboard** (lead author). “Idaho Eviction Study.” Idaho Policy Institute. (March 2021).

**Technical Report** (co-author). “Idaho Health and Welfare: Treatment and Transitions Program Evaluation (Annual Report).” Idaho Policy Institute. Funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (January 2021).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Climate of the Legal Profession in Idaho.” Idaho Policy Institute. Sponsored by the Idaho State Bar Association. (October 2020).

**Technical Report** (co-author). “Idaho Public Television Attitudinal Awareness Survey.” Idaho Policy Institute. Funded by Idaho Public Television. (August 2020).

**Policy Report** (co-author). “Diagnostic Site Visit Protocol.” Idaho Policy Institute, Boise State University. Funded by BLUUM. (June 2020).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Online Data Dashboard** (lead author). “Idaho Eviction Study.” Idaho Policy Institute. (October 2020).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Teaching Experience

**Boise State University**, Boise, Idaho  
*School of Public Service*

- MPA Capstone (Spring 2022 to Fall 2023)
- Comparative State Politics (Spring 2022)
- Foundations of Social Welfare Policy (Spring 2020)
- Special Topics – LGBTQ+ Policy (Fall 2019)

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

- 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  
*Department of Political Science*

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

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## Presentations

**Presentation**, November 2022. “Idaho Permanent Supportive Housing Comparative Analysis.” *The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association*. Walla Walla, Washington.

**Presentation**, May 2021. “Pandemic Evictions, Permanent Solutions.” *Housing Solutions Summit*. Virtual Conference.

**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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## Supervision of Community Engaged Scholarship

**Valley Regional Transit**, Fall 2023

Funding transit authorities through joint development and fare revenue

**Idaho Access Project**, Fall 2023

Increasing visitability in new construction

**Treasure Valley Institute for Children’s Arts**, Fall 2023

Measuring the impacts of cross-discipline education programs

**Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force**, Spring 2023

Strategy on hunger in Idaho

**Downtown Boise Association**, Spring 2023

Downtown Boise visitations analysis

**Treasure Valley Children’s Theater**, Spring 2023

Nonprofit organization communication strategy

**Boise State Center for Global Engagement**, Spring 2023

International student housing needs assessment

**City of Hailey**, Spring 2023

City budget analysis

**Boise State Campus Sustainability**, Spring 2023

Used furniture and supply storage program

**Idaho State Dental Association**, Fall 2022

Medicaid acceptance among Idaho dental practices

**Hailey Ice**, Fall 2022

Social and economic impact of skating rink on the local economy

**Poder Idaho**, Fall 2022  
Nonprofit program evaluation

**Boise State Sustainability Governance Council**, Fall 2022  
Sustainability curriculum survey

**Downtown Boise Association**, Spring 2022  
Boise on the Block: Guidelines for downtown streeteries

**Idaho Walk Bike Alliance**, Spring 2022  
Crash response methodology and technical assistance

**Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**, Spring 2022  
Survey of wood stove users in Northern Idaho

**Treasure Valley YMCA**, Spring 2022  
Micro-grid returns on investment analysis

**COMPASS**, Spring 2022  
Affordable housing financing options

**CATCH**, Spring 2022  
Nonprofit program equity analysis

**Whitewater for Well Water**, Spring 2022  
Nonprofit strategic planning technical assistance

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## Professional Affiliations

**Frontiers in Sustainable Cities Journal**. 2021-present. Review Editor.

**Idaho Asset Building Network**. 2020-present. Working Group Member.

**Educational Testing Services**. 2015-present. Advanced Placement Exam Scorer, US Government and Politics.

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

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