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EDUCATION

- FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY Boca Raton, FL
Ph.D., Public Administration 2020-2026
Dissertation: *Narrative Strategies in Presidential Environmental Policymaking: An Examination of the Executive Impacts of Presidential Narratives*
Committee: Dr. Alka Sapat (chair), Dr. Arthur Sementelli, Dr. Kaila Witkowski
- SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY New Haven, CT
Master of Business Administration 2003-2004
Thesis: *Toward Self-Sufficiency: The Impacts of Unilateral Sanctions Imposed on Iran*
Advisor: Dr. Omid Nodoushani
Honors: Dean's List 2003-2004
- SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY New Haven, CT
Bachelor of Science in International Business 1999-2003
Minor in Political Science

AWARDS AND HONORS

- LeRoy Collins Public Ethics Academy Scholarship Recipient, 2024, 2025
- School of Public Administration's 2023 Teaching Scholarship Award Recipient
- Khi and Xuan Thai Scholarship Recipient, Florida Atlantic University, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Phi Alpha Alpha Global Honors Society for Public Affairs & Administration Member

WORK EXPERIENCE

- JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY Jacksonville, AL
Assistant Professor – Department of Emergency Management and Public Administration August 2025-Current

List of Courses Taught as of Spring 2026:

- PA 5100 Foundation of Public Administration (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- PA 5532 Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector (Fall 2025)
- PA 5540 Organizational Theory (Spring 2026)
- PSC 310 Introduction to Public Policy (Spring 2026)
- PSC 102 Introduction to State and Local Government (Spring 2026)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
Social Science Researcher

Remote
May 2024-Current

As a social science researcher with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a division of the Department of Commerce, I contribute to the federal investigation of the partial collapse of the Champlain Towers South in Surfside, Florida, one of the deadliest building failures in U.S. history. My work focuses on gathering and analyzing social science evidence to support efforts to improve structural safety and disaster response protocols.

- Conduct in-depth research as part of the federal investigation into the Champlain Tower South collapse (June 2021), which resulted in 98 fatalities.
- Design and execute comprehensive interviews with survivors, family members of victims, first responders, government officials, structural engineers, construction companies, and other key stakeholders.
- Collect and analyze social science evidence to provide critical insights into the events leading to the collapse and their broader implications for public safety.
- Present social science findings on a weekly basis to the investigation team.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to inform policy recommendations and safety protocols aimed at preventing future structural disasters.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Instructor of Record, School of Public Administration

Boca Raton, FL
Fall 2021-August 2025

List of Courses Taught:

- PAD 4806 State and Local Government Administration (hybrid), Spring 2025
- PAD 4223 Public Budgeting & Finance (hybrid), Spring 2024.
- PAD 4414 Managing People in the Public Sector (fully online), Fall 2023.
- PAD 3003 Public Management & Administration (fully online), Summer 2023.
- PAD 2258 Changing Environment of Business, Government & Society (fully in-person), Fall 2022.
- PAD 2258 Changing Environment of Business, Government & Society (hybrid), Summer 2022.
- PAD 3003 Public Management & Administration (fully in-person), Fall 2021.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Public Administration

Boca Raton, FL
Spring 2020-August 2025

Courses Assisted as a Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- PAD 2258 Changing Environment of Business, Government & Society, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2021
- PAD 2081 Risk, Resilience, and Rising Seas, Spring 2023
- PAD 3104 Organizational Behavior & Administration, Fall 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
- PAD 6154 Organizational Change & Public Management, Fall 2022
- PAD 4702 Quantitative Inquiry for Public Managers, Spring 2021, Summer 2020
- PAD 3003 Public Management & Administration, Spring 2020

Guest Lectures:

- PAD 3104 Organizational Behavior & Administration, Fall 2023, Spring 2021
- PAD 2258 Changing Environment of Business, Government & Society, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Course Development Assistance:

- PAD 6154 Organizational Change & Public Management, Fall 2022

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY **Academic Research Assistant**

New Haven, CT
November 1999-April 2004

As an Academic Research Assistant in the School of Business, I supported the MBA program by facilitating faculty research, optimizing academic operations, and enhancing the overall student experience. I was entrusted with preparing class materials for esteemed professors such as the late Dr. Madan Nangia and the late Dr. Omid Nodoushani, contributing to the program's academic excellence.

- Reviewed and analyzed key academic journals in the field of management, including the *Harvard Business Review*, to prepare lecture material for professors of management.
- Assisted faculty with research data collection and conducted in-depth reviews to support curriculum development and research projects.
- Managed class performance data to aid faculty in academic decision-making and student evaluations.
- Designed and presented workshops to enhance student learning and foster academic success.
- Served as President of the MBA Student Association, leading initiatives to enrich student engagement and increase program enrollment by hosting various workshops.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Policy, Narrative Inquiry in Public Policy, Emergency Management, Disaster Response, Risk & Threat Communication, Presidential Studies, Environmental Policy, Climate Mitigation, Risk & Resilience.

RESEARCH CERTIFICATIONS

- Social & Behavioral Research Investigators Certification, Expires August 2027
- Responsible Conduct of Research Certification, Expires August 2027

SCHOLARLY WORKS

Manuscripts in Progress:

Balilaj, A., Lofaro, R. J., Sapat, A., & Mansourian, G. (forthcoming). Narrators and Narratives in Times of Crisis: Analyzing Policy Identity Salience During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Policy Studies Journal*

Mansourian, G., & Lofaro, R. J. (accepted). The Narrative Policy Framework and Public Policy Analysis. *The Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Springer Nature

Conference Papers:

- Balilaj, A., Lofaro, R. J., Sapat, A., & Mansourian, G. *Narratives and Narrators in Times of Crisis: Analyzing Policy Identity Saliency During the COVID-19 Pandemic* [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Coral Springs, FL. (September 10-13, 2025).
- Mansourian, G. *Narrative Strategies in Presidential Environmental Policymaking: An Examination of the Executive Impacts of Presidential Narratives* [Paper presentation]. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. (April 3-6, 2025).
- Balilaj, A., Lofaro, R. J., Sapat, A., & Mansourian, G. *Narratives and Narrators in Times of Crisis: Analyzing Policy Identity Saliency During the COVID-19 Pandemic* [Paper presentation]. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. (April 3-6, 2025).
- Mansourian, G. (2024). *Tracing the Presidential Arc of Influence in U.S. Environmental Policymaking: An Antenarrative Analysis of Presidential Speeches, Executive Orders, EPA Regulations, and Federal Departments' Climate Adaptation and Sustainability Plans* [Paper presentation]. Florida Atlantic University Ph.D. Colloquium, Boca Raton, FL. February 9, 2024.
- Mansourian, G. (2023). *Greenwashing in the United States Federal Government: The Case of the United States Department of Agriculture* [Paper presentation]. Florida Atlantic University Ph.D. Colloquium, Boca Raton, FL. January 27, 2023.
- Mansourian, G. (2022). *The Implications of Foreign Aid on U.S. Domestic Economy: An Analysis of Government Budgeting, Expenditure, and Policy* [Paper presentation]. Florida Atlantic University Ph.D. Colloquium, Boca Raton, FL. January 28, 2022.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Faculty Senator, Department of Emergency Management and Public Administration, Jacksonville State University (2026–Present)

- Serve as an elected representative to the university Faculty Senate
- Contribute to shared governance and university-level policy discussions
- Represent departmental interests in faculty governance and institutional decision-making

Association of Doctoral Students in Public Administration (ADSPA), Florida Atlantic University President (2022–2024), Vice President (2020–2022)

- Demonstrated strong leadership by overseeing financial planning, coordinating events, and enhancing the service offerings of the School of Public Administration.
- Organized the School's annual Ph.D. Colloquium over four consecutive years, collaborating with ADSPA board members to execute successful conferences in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- Hosted renowned public policy scholars, including Dr. Elizabeth Shanahan (2024), Dr. Tom Birkland (2023), and Dr. Michael Spicer (2022), as keynote speakers to foster academic exchange and elevate the program's visibility within the scholarly community.

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Florida Atlantic University, School of Public Administration

- Job Search Committee Member (Spring 2023): Participated in a successful faculty search resulting in a new hire.
- Poster Presentation Judge, 14th Annual Graduate Research Day (Spring 2023)
- Conference Organizer, Annual Ph.D. Colloquium (Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024)

Southern Connecticut State University

President, MBA Student Organization (Summer 2003–Fall 2004)

- Led initiatives to enrich student engagement and increase program enrollment, enhancing the overall MBA experience, including hosting various workshops throughout campus.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Professional Memberships:

- American Society for Public Administration - Member
- Public Administration Theory Network – Member
- Midwest Political Science Association – Member
- International City/County Management Association (JSU Student Chapter Faculty Advisor)