



## **New Fellow Spotlight: Dr. Jamie Boex**

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Jamie Boex is a leading scholar-practitioner in the field of federalism and intergovernmental relations, having worked on the topic in the United States and in close to 25 countries around the world. Dr. Boex serves as a Senior Fellow at the Duke Center for International Development (DCID) and manages Decentralization.Net, a global knowledge platform for decentralization and localization. In addition, Dr. Boex recently supported the Academy in establishing Significant Features of American Federalism, an online data book on different aspects of American federalism and intergovernmental relations.

### **What are you most looking forward to as a NAPA Fellow?**

I look forward to working with the Academy's Panel on Intergovernmental Systems to advance the notion that most—if not all—of the nation's grand challenges require intergovernmental solutions that involve federal, state and local governments. I am excited to be working with—and learning from—the entire body of NAPA Fellows, who are thought leaders and experienced practitioners in their respective fields of expertise drawing from all levels of governments.

### **What inspires you during these challenging times?**

Life tends to be so busy that we don't often have a chance to enjoy the local, state and national parks in the region. It has been inspiring to see an increasing number of neighbors and families going for walks in the neighborhood and using public parks available to us in our community.

### **What do you enjoy most about the work you do?**

Working with the World Bank and other development agencies, my work has allowed me to support public sector reforms in close to 25 countries around the world, in countries ranging from Afghanistan to Nepal and Kenya. It has been fascinating to work with policy makers and government officials around the world, and to learn how different countries deal with similar policy challenges.

### **Who or what inspired you to work in public service?**

Before starting graduate school, I worked as an intern with the U.S. Embassy in Paramaribo (Surinam) for three months. It gave me a close-up look into how countries work, and how international cooperation and trade can serve to promote global development.

### **Which of the Academy's Grand Challenges resonate most with you?**

The Academy's Standing Panel on Intergovernmental Systems brings an intergovernmental lens to the America's grand challenges. The idea that the nation's grand challenges require intergovernmental solutions is certainly true for challenges such as Fostering Social Equity; Advancing the Nation's Long-Term Fiscal Health; and Building Resilient Communities.

## **What advice can you give to folks beginning careers in public service?**

Don't overlook the state and local levels: this where citizens get most of their public services and where people interact most directly with government. Participatory and responsive governance and public administration service at the state and local levels serve as the foundation for our federal system.

## **What is the first concert you attended?**

Neil Diamond.