

Background

Dr. Suzanne M. Leland is Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at UNC Charlotte, where she teaches courses in Urban and State Politics, Public Administration, Intergovernmental Relations and Research Design. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Kansas, and an MA and BS in Political Science from Minnesota State University. She is the co-editor of two books on city-county consolidation and an author of the forthcoming book, *World Class Cities: Recruiting and Implementing Party Conventions* with Eric Heberlig and David Swindell.

Research Topics

Dr. Leland says that “My research focuses on public administration and urban policy. Specifically, I study governance issues. I have conducted research on the impact of the underrepresentation of women in the public policy making process.” Among her research has been work on contracting out, transportation policy, planning, economic development, city-county consolidation, and housing policy.

Relevance

As a faculty member in the Master of Public Administration program, Dr. Leland “encourages women to enter the field of local government management where women are currently make-up only 13 percent of the top leadership positions.” She also works with doctoral students on studying gender issues in public policy.