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Education:

Ph.D. in Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC), Charlotte, NC,
August 2002-August 2008
Dissertation: “Does Government Structure Really Matter? A Comparison of Efficiency and Effectiveness of Special Purpose versus General Purpose Government Transit Operations.”

M.A. in Political Science with specialization in Politics and Political Economy of the Post-Communist Transition
Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary, May 2001-June 2002

Far Eastern National University (FENU), Vladivostok, Russia, September 1994- June 1999
Joint program with the University of Maryland at College Park, studied in Vladivostok.
Russian-American Joint faculty of International Economic Relations and Business Management, received two degrees:
B.S., *summa cum laude* from the University of Maryland
diploma “Specialist on international economics” with honors from FENU

Publications:

Peer-reviewed Journals:

- Varkey, Sapna, Olga Smirnova, and Tara Gallien, 2018. “Evaluating the Effect of the Engaged Scholarship Symposium on Attendees: Changing Faculty and Administrator Perceptions of Engaged Scholarship”, *the Journal of Extension*, vol. 56 (1), Article # 1FEA3, available online:
<https://www.joe.org/joe/2018february/a3.php>
- Smirnova, Olga and Tom Holt. 2017. “Examining the Geographic Distribution of Victim Nations in Stolen Data Markets”, *American Behavioral Scientist*, vol. 61 issue 11, pp. 1403-1426
- Smirnova, Olga, 2017, “Flexible Institutional Arrangements and Labour Productivity: the case of transit industry in the United States” *Industrial Relations Journal*, Vol. 48, No. 1, pp. 72-93
- Holt, Tom, Olga Smirnova and Alice Hutchings, 2016, “Examining Signals of Trust in Criminal Markets Online,” *British Journal of Cybersecurity*, Vol. 0, No.0, pp. 1-9
- Holt, Tom, Olga Smirnova and Yi Ting Chua, 2016. “Exploring and Estimating the Revenues and Profits of Participants in Stolen Data Markets,” *Deviant Behavior*, 37:4, pp. 353-367
- Smirnova, Olga, Wie Yusuf, and Suzanne Leland. 2015. “Managing for Performance: Measurement and Monitoring of Contracts in the Transit Industry”, *Journal of Public Procurement*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 208-242
- Holt, Tom, Olga Smirnova, Yi Ting Chua, and Heith Copes. 2015. “Examining the Risk Reduction Strategies of Actors in Online Criminal Markets,” *Global Crime*, 16(2), pp. 8-103
- Smirnova, Olga and Suzanne Leland. 2014. “A National Survey of Transit Agencies: Fiscal Climate Effects,” *State and Local Government Review*, Vol. 46(4), pp. 272-281
- Smirnova, Olga. 2014. “Meeting the Public Administration Goals: Trade Offs or Synergies. The Case of Public Transit.” *Public Works Management and Policy*, special issue “Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of ASPA”, 19: pp. 340-344
- Smirnova, Olga and Suzanne Leland. 2014. “Public Transportation and Contracting Out,” *Public Works Management and Policy*, special issue “Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of ASPA”, 19: pp. 358-364

- Smirnova, Olga and Suzanne Leland. 2013. "The Role of Power and Competition in Local Government Contracting: An Analysis of Public Transportation Markets." *Administration and Society*, XX(X), pp.1-23
- Holt, Tom and Deborah Strumsky, Olga Smirnova, and Max Kline. 2012. "Examining the Social Networks of Malware Writers and Hackers," *International Journal of Cybercriminology*. Vol.6, issue 1, pp. 891-903
- Smirnova, Olga and Gerald Ingalls. 2009. "Annexation, Incorporation and the Health of Central Cities in North and South Carolina," *North Carolina Geographer*, vol. 16, pp. 5-23
- Leland, Suzanne and Olga Smirnova, 2009. "Reassessing Privatization Strategies 25 Years Later: Revisiting Perry and Babitsky's Comparative Performance Study of Urban Bus Transit Services," *Public Administration Review*, September- October, pp. 855-867.
- Smirnova, Olga, Suzanne Leland, and Gary Johnson. 2008. "Popular, but More Influential? A Test of Whether Special Purpose Governments Impact Federal Transit Financing," *Municipal Finance Journal*, Vol. 28, No.4, pp. 43-61.
- Leland, Suzanne and Olga Smirnova. 2008. "Does Government Structure Matter? An Empirical Test of whether Special Purpose Governments are More Efficient in Administering Bus Rapid Transit than General Purpose Governments," *Journal of Public Transportation*, Vol. 11, No.1, pp.63-83.
- Smirnova, Olga and Gerald Ingalls. 2007. "The Influence of State Annexation Laws on the Growth of Selected Southern Cities," *Southeastern Geographer Journal*. Vol. 47, No. 1. pp.71-85.
- Under review:*
- Goodman, Leland, and Smirnova. 2018. "The Consequences of Specialized Governance on Debt Formation and Sources of Revenue" Revise and Resubmit. *Local Government Studies*.
- Book editor (released February 2019):*
- Smirnova, Olga, 2019. *Building a Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure for Long-Term Economic Growth* (pp. 1-250). Hershey, PA: IGI Global. doi:10.4018/978-1-5225-7396-8 (book page: <https://www.igi-global.com/book/building-sustainable-transportation-infrastructure-long/206552>)
- Book Chapters:*
- Leland, Suzanne, and Olga Smirnova, 2019, "Contracting out in the Transit industry: Recent Perspectives of Transit Agency Managers," in "Building a Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure for Long-term Economic Growth", IGI Global
- Leland, Suzanne, and Olga Smirnova, 2015. "The Contracting Decision," in "Government Contracting: A Public Solutions Handbook," M.E. Sharpe
- Stolarick, Kevin, Jose Lobo, and Olga Smirnova. 2015. "Are Creative and Green Cities also Smart and Sustainable?" in *Technopolis: Smart Cities as Democratic Ecologies*, ed by Daniel Araya, Palgrave Macmillan.
- Holt, Tom, and Olga Smirnova, Deborah Strumsky, and Max Kilger. 2014. "Case Study: Advancing Research on Computer Hackers through social network Data," in *Social Networking as a Criminal Enterprise*, editors Catherine D. Marcum and George Higgins, CRC Press.
- Books:*
- Holt, Tom, Olga Smirnova, and Yi Ting Chua. 2016. "Data Thieves in Action: Examining the International Market for Stolen Personal Information and Cybercrime" for Palgrave Studies in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity series.
- Professional Reports:*
- Smirnova, O., Bowler M., Francia P., Morris J., Scavo C., Board T., and R. Knebel, 2018. "Craven County: Child Care Economic Impact Report," submitted to Smart Start Inc. of Craven County.

- Smirnova, O., Gallien, T. 2018. "East Carolina University 2015 Engaged Scholarship Symposium Program Evaluation," Prepared for: The Engaged Scholarship Symposium Committee, together with the student team Lindsay Gold, Kelvin Stallings, Sapna Varkey, Robert Villanueva Jr., John Wynne, Taylor Quinn Yancey
- Scavo, C., Smirnova, O., Rouse, T., & Thore, H., 2016. Building Community: APPA Economic Development Best Practices., submitted to Greenville Utilities Commission and American Public Power Association.
- Holt, Tom and Olga Smirnova. 2015. "Documenting the Estimated Profits and Losses Associated with UK-Specific Targets in Cybercrime Markets," prepared for Home Office UK.
- Smirnova, Olga, Maggie Bizzell, Leela Goel, and Morgan Harvey. 2014. "CAT Paths: Fair Route Productivity Standards," route productivity standards prepared for Capital Area Transit.
- Holt, Tom, and Olga Smirnova. 2013. "Examining the Structure, Organization, and Processes of the International Market for Stolen Data" report for the National Institute of Justice, (peer-reviewed) Prepared for the National Institute of Justice, Award No. 2010-IJ-CX-1676. Available at:<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/245375.pdf>
- "Cost-benefit analysis of Charlotte light rail project," with Edd Hauser, Hazel Sarmiento, Sonye Randolph, Nandan Jha, and Wanqiu Li (August 2009).
- "Charlotte Area Mobility Study: Phase II – the survey of paratransit supply in the area" - with Edd Hauser, a white paper presented at the meeting of Transportation Sub-Committee of the United Ways of Central Carolinas (September 2008)
- "Charlotte Area Mobility Study" – with Edd Hauser, a white paper presented at the meeting of Transportation Sub-Committee of the United Ways of Central Carolinas (March 2008).
- Conference Proceedings/Abstracts/White papers:*
- Smirnova, Olga. 2019. "Social Network Structure of Dark Markets: Research Summary," white paper series available online at: https://cj.msu.edu/_assets/pdfs/cina/CINA-White_Papers-Smirnova_Social_Network_Brief.pdf
- Smirnova, Olga. 2018. "The Representation of Victim Nations in Stolen Data Markets" white paper series available online at: https://cj.msu.edu/_assets/pdfs/cina/CINA-White_Papers-Smirnova_Geo_Distribution.PDF
- Holt, Tom, Olga Smirnova, and Chia Ting. 2013. "An Exploration of the Factors Affecting the Advertised Price For Stolen Data" *2013 APWG eCrime Researchers Summit* (peer-reviewed)
- Smirnova, Olga. 2004. "Migration and Economic Growth," *proceedings of First International Student Conference "Economic Growth", "Iqtisadi Artim-2004,"* Baku, Azerbaijan Economic University, 2004 (In English)
- Bogaevskaia, Alesya and Olga Smirnova, 2003, "Social Transformations in Russia: Peculiarities of Information Technology Development," *The Journal of Literacy and Technology: An International Online Academic Journal*, vol. 3, no.1, available online at <http://www.literacyandtechnology.org/volume3/BogaSmir.pdf> (In English)
- "The comparative analysis of governmental programs on the development of information technologies on Russian Far East and in Northeast Provinces of People Republic of China," *materials for regional conference "Political and socio-economic development of Far East: the problems and perspectives"*, Publishing House of the filial of Vladivostok State University of the Economy and service, Nakhodka, Russia, 2000. (In Russian)
- "Peculiarities of the business in South Eastern Asian countries," *materials for the conference "East-Asian culture: the past and the future"*, Vladivostok, Publishing House of Vladivostok State University of the Economy and service, 2000. (In Russian)
- "Women entrepreneurship in Primorye", *materials for the conference "Women questions on the Russian Far East,"* Vladivostok, 2000. (In Russian)

Book reviews:

Book review on Pal Nyiri and Igor Saveliev (ed.) "Globalizing Chinese Migration: Trends in Europe and Asia" in *Nationalities Papers*, 2004, Vol. 32, No. 3, pp. 702-704

Grants:

"CSR # 002: Childcare Economic Impact Analysis," Craven County Smart Start Inc., together with Mark Bowler, Peter Francia, Jonathan Morris, and Carmine Scavo.
Total amount: \$19,312

"Understanding the Economy and Social Organization for the Underground Market for Cybercrime as a Service", subaward with Michigan State University (MSU), together with Tom Holt and team at MSU
Total amount: *undergoing final approval*

"A National Web-Based Survey of Participation by APPA Members in Community Economic Development Projects", APPA's Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program 2015 to publish APPA Economic Development Best Practices report, together with Carmine Scavo, Haley Thore, Todd Rouse (Greenville Utilities Commission).
Total amount: \$43,867

Engaged and Outreach Scholars Academy 2013-2014: Internal grant to create a community partnership and develop an engaged project with the community partner – Capital Area Transit (CAT).
Total amount: \$11,000.

Distance Education Course redevelopment grant 2013. Redeveloped Public policy formation and implementation course (PADM 6160) for online format, taught course in spring 2014.
Total amount: \$3,000

Webinars:

"Social Network Structure of Dark Markets", July 2nd, 2019, registered participants 12

"Understanding the Practices of Illicit Market Operations Online" via Zoom, February 28th, 2019, together with Tom Holt; registered participants 19.

"Equity in Public Administration: The Case of Public Transit", invited webinar for ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) professional development series, together with STPA (Section on Transportation Policy and Administration), presented by Gerard Wellman and Olga Smirnova, February 10, 2016, attended participants 29

Invited Presentations

"Craven County: Child Care Economic Impact Report," invited presentation by Smirnova, O., Bowler M., Francia P., Scavo C., and Board T., 2018. Presented to Smart Start Inc. of Craven County, September 2018.

"Capital Area Transit Survey, 2014" poster presentation with Maggie Bizzell on the CAT drivers' survey, CAT drivers' facility, Raleigh NC, July 2014.

"US Trade Policy" Great Decisions lecture with Deborah Strumsky organized by World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina, February 2014.

"Hunger, Poverty, and Race: Food Deserts and Accessibility in North Carolina." Presented by co-author Sharon Paynter at the Congressional Conversations on Race with Rep. G.K. Butterfield in North Carolina's 1st Congressional District. January 2012.

"Green Transportation and Policy Incentives: Challenges of Identifying Green Innovation" invited presentation for a special workshop sponsored by the School of Sustainability "The Green Economy: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Jobs", Arizona State University, December 2011

"Contracting Out Decisions during Fiscal Crisis" invitation only conference organized by the *In The Public Interest* together with Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, New Brunswick NJ, April 2011

"Demographic Drivers of Food Assistance: the Case of Christian United Outreach Center, Lee County, NC from 2004 to 2010." Presented at annual meeting for Christian United Outreach Center. November 2010.

“Understanding Decisions to Contract Out: A Survey of Local Transit Agencies.” Invited Presentation at North Carolina Local Governments Budget Association. December 2009.

Scholarships and Awards:

Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA) fellowship 2008-2009 for participation in Joint-Research Project “Azerbaijan 2025: Strategic Outlook of the country” with the research topic “Azerbaijan and Euro-Asian Transportation Networks.”

Baku Summer Energy Academy, July 3-12, 2009, participated in the summer school held by ADA in partnership with the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) and with support from Cambridge Centre for Energy Studies at the University of Cambridge, UK and Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy at the Columbia University in New York, USA.

Graduate Resident Out-of-State Tuition Award, UNC Charlotte, 2002 to 2008

Stone Graduate Fellowship, UNC Charlotte, 2002

Social Change Seminar for Graduate Students, sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 18-24, 2005

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, October 2003
University of North Carolina at Charlotte chapter

Honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, June 1998, October 2003

Open Society Foundation fellowship to undertake MA in Political Science at Central European University, 2001

Grant to participate in summer school “Contemporary Chinese Nationalism and Transnationalism,” Summer University, CEU, Budapest, Hungary, July-August 2001

Grant to participate in summer school “The emerging from Communism Russia and China and New International Order,” Summer University, CEU, Budapest, Hungary, July - August, 2000

Grant to participate in the RELARN conference and “Web-design basics” workshop sponsored by Project Harmony in the framework of Internet Access and Training Program, received certificate, Samara, Russia, June 2000

Manuscripts and Works in progress:

“Performance measurement and management model” with Wie Yusuf and Suzanne Leland

“The US Transit Industry over the years: the results of unique bi-Annual survey 2009-2017” with Suzanne Leland

“The Local Governments Diversification vs. Fiscal Complexity Hypotheses” with Suzanne Leland, Deborah Carroll, and Andrea Ortega

“The Social Networks of Dark Markets” with Tom Holt

“Managing Contracts Strategically: The Case of Public Transit Networks” with Suzanne Leland (target *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*)

“Do Higher Abatement Costs Beget Innovation?” with Deborah Strumsky (target journal *Research Policy*)

“Where are the green jobs? The Location Quotient of Green Jobs” with Kevin Stolarick

Research Experience:

Associate Professor, Political Science Department, East Carolina University, 2016 to present

- build contracting out networks and explore their influence on public agencies performance
- study stolen data markets structure through network analysis
- analyze green transportation, regulation, and innovation
- operationalize smart cities and whether they have green jobs and creative class

Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, East Caroline university, 2008-2016

Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Center for Transportation Policy Studies, UNC Charlotte, 2008- 2009

- analyze transit policy with focus on transit performance

- conduct program evaluation of demand responsive systems in Charlotte area
- study the role of transportation in emergency evacuations

Research Associate, The Center for Transportation Policy Studies, UNC Charlotte, 2007- 2008

- prepare research papers and professional reports on transit policy

Research Assistant, Public Policy Program UNC Charlotte, 2002-2007

- research municipal annexation and incorporation in the U.S.
- participate in the preparation of “Transit Governance Structures for the Charlotte Region” study
- research unearned income of North Carolina counties
- Research Hispanic migration in Mecklenburg County, NC

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor, Political Science Department, East Carolina University, 2016 to present

- Government Fiscal Administration (face to face)
- Analysis for Public Sector (Statistics 1 and 2) (face to face/hybrid)
- Program evaluation (DE/face to face)
- Public Budgeting and Finance (face to face/DE)

Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, East Carolina University, 2008 to 2016

- Policy analysis (face to face/DE)
- Public Budgeting and Finance (face to face)
- Economic Development (online and face to face)
- Public Policy Formulation and Implementation (online and face to face)
- Domestic Public Policy (face to face)
- Professional Paper (face to face)
- Transportation Policy (face to face)

Instructor, UNC Charlotte, 2007-2008

- Transportation Policy course, Public Policy Program in Ph.D., Spring 2009
- Introduction to Public Policy, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Geography, UNC Charlotte, Spring 2007
Prepared lectures on Russian Urbanization for Global Cities course

Lecturer, Department of Social Management, FENU, Vladivostok, 1999 – 2001

- Prepared lectures in Introduction to Economics, Economics of Pacific Rim Countries, Social Management, and History of Economic Thought.

Conference Attendance and Presentations

Presented conferences:

2018: “Contracting in the Transit Industry: Why Monitor Contracts and How Does it Affect Outcomes?”
presented by co-authors Wie Yusuf and Suzanne Leland, Denver, CO

2017: “Transit Agency Specialization and Revenue Choices: The Relationship between Form of Government and Taxation” with Suzanne Leland and Christopher Goodman at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC

2016: “Assessing the Utility of Signaling Theory to Understand the Practices of Stolen Data Markets”
presented by co-author Tom Holt at 2016 Annual Meeting at the American Society of Criminology,
together with Alice Hutchings, New Orleans, LA

2016: “The Consequences of Specialized Governance on Debt Formation and Sources of Revenue” presented
by co-authors Suzanne Leland and Chris Goodman at the 2016 Annual Conference of the Association
for Budgeting and Financial Management, Seattle, WA

2015: Holt, Thomas J., Olga Smirnova, and Adam M. Bossler. "Examining differences in open web and
Tor-based data markets." Presentation at the annual meetings of the European Society of Criminology,
Porto, Portugal.

- 2015: “Building a Community-Economic Development Best Practices” presented by co-authors Carmine Scavo and Haley Thore at the 2015 Customer Connections Conference, Austin, Texas
- 2015: “Understanding Patterns of Centrality, Growth, and Stability in Transit Contracting Networks over Time” with Suzanne Leland presented at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.
- 2014: “Managing with Measurement: Monitoring of Contractual Relationships in the Transit Industry,” with Wie Yusuf and Suzanne Leland presented at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2014: “Stolen Data Markets: An Economic and Organizational Assessment” with Tom Holt, presented by coauthors at the DEF CON 22 conference, Las Vegas NV
- 2013: “Path Dependency or Slow Innovation? Diffusion of Institutional Arrangements: The Transit Industry,” presentation at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Charlotte, NC
- 2013: “A National Survey of Transit Agencies: Fiscal Climate Effects,” presented with Suzanne Leland at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.
- 2012: “The Role of Power and Competition in Contracting Out: An Analysis of Public Transportation Markets,” presentation at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, with co-author Suzanne Leland, New York, NY
- 2011: “It’s a Small World After All: Understanding the Degrees of Separation in Transit Contracting Networks,” presentation at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, with co-author Suzanne Leland, Washington DC
- 2011: “Labor Efficient in the Transit Authority: Bargain or Not,” presentation at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, New Orleans, LA
- 2010: “Once a Monopoly, Always a Monopoly? Capital Asset Specificity and Contracting Out for Public Transit,” presentation at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, with co-author Suzanne Leland, Omaha, NE
- 2010: “Efficiency and Effectiveness of Light Rail Systems: Does the Number of Operated Modes of Transportation Matter for Performance?” presentation at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, with co-author Nicholas Swartz, Wilmington, NC
- 2010: “American Food Deserts: Policy Implications of Hunger” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual meeting with co-author Sharon Paynter, Chicago, IL
- 2010: “Managing Contracts Strategically: The Case of Public Transit Networks” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual meeting with co-author Suzanne Leland, Chicago, IL
- 2010: “Examining the Social Networks of Malware Writers and Hackers” presented at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC
- 2009: “The spatial dimension of institutional arrangements: The case of transit industry,” Presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Louisville, KY.
- 2009: “Understanding Decisions to Contract Out: A National Survey of Transit Agencies,” Presented at Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.
- 2009: participated in International Conference devoted to the 90th anniversary of Azerbaijan's diplomacy, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2008: presented at SEDAAG conference, paper written with co-author Gerald Ingalls: “Annexation, Incorporation and the Expansion of Central Cities in North and South Carolina,” Greensboro, NC
- 2008: presented at ABFM conference, with co-author Suzanne Leland: “Monetary Contractual Relationships: How Competition and Fiscal Arrangements Influence Transit Efficiency and Effectiveness,” Chicago, IL
- 2008: presented at Southeastern Conference of Public Administration (SECOPA): “Performance Measurement: The Relationship between Efficiency and Effectiveness,” Orlando, FL
- 2008: presented at Association of American Geographers annual 2008 meeting, co-author Harrison Campbell: “Exploring Spatial Effects in the Economic Base Model,” Boston, MA

- 2008: Midwest Political Science Association annual national conference, presented paper with co-author Suzanne Leland: "Contracting out Transit Services: Evaluating the Link between Organization Form and Effectiveness," Chicago, IL
- 2007: Association for Budgeting and Financial Management annual conference, presented paper with co-author Suzanne Leland: "Do Ownership and Management Systems Matter? An Assessment of Cost-Effectiveness in Contracting for Transit Services," Washington, DC
- 2007: Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, presented paper by co-author Nicholas Swartz "Efficiency and Effectiveness of Light Rail Systems: Does the Number of Operated Modes of Transportation Matter for Performance?" Nashville, Tennessee
- 2007: Association of American Geographers Annual meeting San Francisco, California, presentation of a co-authored paper with Gerald Ingalls "The Impact of Annexation Policy on the Growth of Central Cities"
- 2006: Association for Budgeting and Financial Management annual conference, presented paper with co-author Suzanne Leland: "Does Government Structure Matter? A Comparative Analysis of Urban Bus Transit Efficiency," Atlanta, Georgia
- 2006: Southeastern Conference for Public Administration "Bridging Theory, Policy, and Practice," presented paper with co-author Nicholas Swartz "Do Governance Structure and Mode of Transportation Influence Growth of Our Metropolitan Regions?" Athens, Georgia
- 2006: Law and Society Association Conference "Law End(s)?" presented paper "US Immigration Policy and Patterns: Review and Critical Assessment," Baltimore, Maryland
- 2005: 60th Southeastern Division of Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) Meeting, co-authored paper with Gerald Ingalls "The Influence of State Annexation Laws on the Growth of Selected Southern Cities," presented by co-author, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2005: 27th Twenty-Sixth Annual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Research Conference "Understanding and Informing Policy Design" Washington, DC, USA presented paper with co-authors Suzanne Leland and Gary Johnson: "The Special Purpose Government Advantage? An Empirical Study of the Federal Funding of Transit Districts"
- 2005: Law and Society association conference "Socio-legal Futures: Gambles, Dangers, Dreams, Stakes" Las Vegas, Nevada, USA presented paper "State Regulation and Migration Policy: USA and Russia in Comparative Perspective"
- 2004: Southeastern Conference for Public Administration "Governance in a New Era of Cooperation" Charlotte, NC, USA presented paper "Comparative Analysis of Interregional Mobility in Russia, Canada, and the USA"
- 2004: 9th annual convention of the Association for the Studies of Nationalities "Nation, Identity, and Conflict," Columbia University, New York, USA Presented paper "Migration Policy Influence on the Demographics and National Identity: Modeling of the Future on the Example of Russian Far East."
- 2004: The 100th Annual Association of American Geographers Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presentation of co-authored paper with Gerald Ingalls "Annexation, Incorporation and the Expansion of Central Cities in North and South Carolina From 1960-2000," presented by the co-author.
- 2004: First International Student Conference "Economic Growth" Azerbaijan Economic University, Baku, Azerbaijan presented paper "Migration and Economic Growth," the paper is published in the conference proceedings.
- 2003: 8th annual convention of the Association for the Studies of Nationalities "History, National Identity, and Political order in the New Eastern Europe and Euroasia," Columbia University, New York, USA Presented paper "Pull factors for the international migration in the Russian Far East: Reconfiguring Russian identity" at the panel "History, National Identity, and Geo-Political Disorder in Far Eastern Russia."

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- 2003: North Carolina Political Science Association conference “America at war: New World, New Challenges, and Old Problems”, Elon University, USA
Presented paper “Changing of migration patterns in Eastern Europe and Russia after the dissolution of Soviet Union”
- 2001: Law and Society association conference “Rule of law”, Central European University, Budapest
Presented paper “The migration process on Russian Far East: a threat or advantage to the development of the region?”
- 2001: Society for the advancement of Socio- Economics 13th annual meeting, the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Presented a co-authored paper with Alesya Bogaevskaia “Inforsphere: A Status Report on Knowledge Development from Russia Abstract”, paper is published online at
<http://www.sase.org/oldsite/conf2001/papers/bogaevskaya-smirnova.pdf>
- 2000: Regional conference “Political and socio-economic development of Far East: the problems and perspectives”, the filial of Vladivostok State University of the Economy and service, Nakhodka, Russia
presented “The comparative analysis of governmental programs on the development of informational technologies on Russian Far East and in the Northeast Provinces of Chinese People’s Republic” (published in the conference materials)
- 2000: International conference “East-Asian culture: the past and the future”, Vladivostok State University of the Economy and service, Vladivostok, Russia
- 2000: First regional conference “Women questions on the Russian Far East”
Presentation of conference abstract “Women entrepreneurship in Primorye” (published in the conference materials)

Professional Memberships:

- American Society for Public Administration's (ASPA) Section of Transportation Policy & Administration (STPA) (elected to serve in 2011)
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (elected to be on executive committee spring 2014)

Certificates/workshops:

- World Bank Institute course “The Role of Special Import Regimes and Market Analysis Tools in Export Development and Diversification”, January 2009, online, certificate;
- Kharkov Center for Gender Studies, distance learning program “Vvedenie v Gender” (Introduction to Gender) certificate, 2003;
- Internet Access and Training program, Moscow, Russia, distance education program, 2003-2004;
- World Tourism Organization, Vladivostok Russia, “Tourism Marketing Training Programme”, certificate, 2001;
- Central European University Computer Training Center, Budapest, Hungary, Participated in the series of the computer training seminars, 2001–2002;
- Japanese Cultural Center, Vladivostok Russia, “Intensive course of international accounting and financial analysis”, certificate, 1999;

Community service:

- ITPI Scholars Network <http://www.inthepublicinterest.org/scholarsnetwork>
- Preparation for the presentations on topics related to “Food Deserts” with Sharon Paynter.
- Member of review panel for synthesis topic SH-10 “Effective Use of Citizen Advisory Committees for Transit Planning and Operations,” Fiscal Year 2008
- President of Rotaract club of Vladivostok 2000-2001
- Volunteer teacher of computer courses at Internet Access and Training Program, Vladivostok 2000-2001

Additional Skills

Olga V. Smirnova

Software: ArcView (GIS); Eviews; GeoDa; SPSS; SAS; Pajek; STATA; R-package
Languages: Russian native, English fluent