



Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA

Annual Research Symposium

“Examining Public Service in the Wake of COVID-19: Challenges, Successes, and Future Implications.”

**March 24, 2022, 9:45am -1:15pm (EST)
Virtual via [Zoom](#)**

Schedule & Participants:

9:45-9:55 – Opening remarks

10:00-10:45 – Roundtable “Local Government’s Innovations in Response to the Pandemic.”

Laura Fitzpatrick, Deputy City Manager, Chesapeake

William Johnson, City Manager, Emporia

Sam Gaston, City Manager, Mountain Brooke, Alabama

Dr. Ed Daley, County Administrator, Warren County

11:00-12:00 – Panel “COVID-19 pandemic: Challenges of Adaption, Education, and Leadership Lessons.”

Dr. Vickie Tyler Carnegie, Interim MPA Program Director, ODU “Teaching During Covid-19: Avoiding Exhaustion While Employing Kindness, Empathy, and Rigor in Public Service Education.”

Koffi Jean N. Djaha, President, Global Relief Fund for Education “Governments: Adapt, Change or Die?”

Robin Dunbar, Deputy Director, Education, non-profit Elizabeth River Project

“Nonprofit Adapts River Education for Sustainability, Equity, Inclusion and Resilience.”

Dr. Stephen M. King, Professor of Government, Regent University “Examining Ethical and Moral Leadership in Crisis Situations: Case Study of the 2020 New York COVID-19 Nursing Home Executive Order.”

12:15-13:00– Roundtable “Reality Check: Sustainability and Resilience during the Pandemic. A Multi-sector Response to Helping Vulnerable Populations.”

Robin Gauthier, Executive Director, Samaritan House

Stacie Walls, Chief Executive Officer, LGBT Life Center

Melissa Hazelwood, Senior Manager, Social Sustainability, Ferguson Enterprises

Rhonda Williams, Senior Family Services Supervisor, Dept. of Human Services, Newport News

Lynette Diaz, Care Team Coordinator, Child Protective Services, James City County

13:00-13:15 – Closing remarks