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Leisha DeHart-Davis is a Professor at the UNC School of Government. She directs the Local Government Workplaces Initiative, which conducts organizational research for improving city and county workplaces, and is also a faculty partner in Engaging Women in Local Government, a program that seeks to equip women to pursue public service leadership positions. DeHart-Davis is a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow and recipient of the 2019 Gary Cornia Distinguished Lecturer given by the Romney Institute of Brigham Young University. She has published in the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Public Administration Review, International Public Management Journal, Administration and Society, and Review of Public Personnel Administration. Her book, *Creating Effective Rules in Public Sector Organizations*, was published by Georgetown University Press in 2017 and has won best book awards from the American Society for Public Administration and the Academy of Management Public and Nonprofit Division. DeHart-Davis holds a PhD in public policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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**DeHart-Davis? Book on ?Green Tape? Named ?Best Book? by Two National Organizations**

Faculty member Leisha DeHart-Davis? latest publication, *Creating Effective Rules in Public Sector Organizations*, continues to earn accolades from public administration experts. The book was selected as the winner of the 2018 Best Book Award by both the Public & Nonprofit division of the Academy of Management and the Section on Public Administration Research of the American Society of Public Administration.

### **Leisha DeHart-Davis Recognized as Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholar**

In 2018, UNC School of Government faculty member Leisha DeHart-Davis was recognized as one of nine Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars for their community engagement through scholarly endeavors. The program, an initiative of the Carolina Center for Public Service, brings together selected faculty from across campus for a two-year experiential, competency-based curriculum designed to advance their engaged scholarship.

### **Leisha DeHart-Davis Selected as NAPA Fellow**

Faculty member Leisha DeHart-Davis has been elected as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Among a group of 41 distinguished practitioners of public administration recognized this year, DeHart-Davis will be officially inducted into the Academy in Arlington, VA, this November. She will join fellow School of Government colleagues Carl Stenberg and David Ammons in NAPA fellowship.

### **Chair, Public and Nonprofit Division, Academic of Management**

The Public and Nonprofit Division of the Academy of Management brings together scholars, managers, and students who continue the public and nonprofit sectors and the relationships among public, nonprofit, and private sector organizations.

### **Chair, Board of Advisors (2015), Arizona State University Center for Organizational Research and Design**

Public sector management requires the simultaneous consideration of executing policies designed to meet public welfare while operating under unique constraints. Arizona State University's Center for Organizational Research and Design examines the drivers and outcomes of individual managerial behavior, managerial practices and organizational dynamics and how they influence public sector missions.

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