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## **EDUCATION:**

### **Oklahoma State University**

Doctor of Philosophy - Fire and Emergency Management Administration (2015)

### **Michigan State University**

Graduate Certificate - Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysis (2008)

### **United States Naval Postgraduate School**

Master of Arts Degree - Security Studies / Homeland Defense and Security (2006)

### **State University of New York College at Cortland**

Bachelor of Arts Degree - Political Science/ Secondary Social Studies Education (1996)

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

### **Associate Professor Jacksonville State University (8/2024 - Present)**

- Develop and teach graduate courses in Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Courses taught include:
  - EM 568 - Crisis Management for Business and Industry
  - EM 525 Disaster Recovery
- Conduct research and publish on topics in homeland security and emergency management
- Advise graduate student projects
- Contribute to professional organizations in homeland security and emergency management.

### **City of Rockville (MD) (8/2019 - Present)**

#### **Emergency Manager**

- Serve in a senior management role for the provision of emergency management services to the City of Rockville
- Lead the development and maintenance of the City Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan
- Represent the City on Washington Council of Governments - National Capital Region Homeland Security Workgroups including representing the regional emergency managers on the Executive Council Advisory Committee.
- Develop city-wide preparedness programs focusing on city departments, employees, and the community
- Served as principal advisor to the City Manager for preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic including the development of policy and liaison to response agencies at the County and State level
- Provided public televised briefings to elected Mayor & Council throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

### **Frederick County Sheriff's Office (8/2001 - 7/2019 - retired)**

#### **Held Various Command and Supervisory level positions including:**

#### **Homeland Security Commander (2017-2019)**

- Led the FCSO Homeland Security Section and School Resource Unit
- Served as Principal Homeland Security Adviser to the Sheriff of Frederick County
- Served as primary liaison to allied local, state and federal organizations for the development of interagency policy and plans for all hazards preparedness, prevention, protection, response and recovery
- Developed FCSO policy and plans related to all-hazards preparedness including the FCSO Emergency Operations Plan, FCSO Continuity of Operations Plan, and Incident Management SOP
- Served on the Frederick County Emergency Management Policy Advisory Committee
- Managed the operations of Western Maryland Information Center as a branch of the State Fusion Center (2017-2018)
- Developed local support plans for security related special events including Presidential visits and international events
- Developed budgets, and negotiated and managed contracts for homeland security and school-based projects
- Led workgroups that received FCSO Unit Awards (2010 & 2013)

#### **Supervisor - School Resource Program (2009 - 2017)**

#### **Supervisor - Homeland Security Section (2005 - 2009)**

#### **Deputy/ Deputy First Class - Patrol Operations - Homeland Security Section - School Resource**

### **Social Studies Teacher - Frederick Co. (MD) Public Schools (1998 - 2001) & Halifax Co. Schools (NC) (1997-1998)**

- Taught at Windsor Knolls MS (School level Teacher of the Year - 2001) & baseball coach (Linganore HS)

### **Social Studies Teacher - Halifax County (NC) Public Schools**

- Taught Communication Studies and North Carolina History at Brawley MS & softball coach

### **Congressional Staff Assistant: Congressman Michael Forbes (1CD-NY) (1996-1997)**

- Developed policy briefs, conducted constituent casework, assisted with media inquiries

## **OTHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT:**

### **University of Maryland Global Campus (2006-Present)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Emergency Response Preparedness and Planning	Introduction to Homeland Security (Course Author)
Infrastructure Security Issues (Course Author)	Homeland Security Response to Critical Incidents (Course Author)
Social Dimensions of Disaster	Legal and Political Issues of Homeland Security (Course Author)
Homeland Security Capstone	

### **Adjunct Faculty - University of Akron (2021-Present)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Disaster Research Methods (Revised)  
Special Topics in Emergency Management (Developed - Active Shooting Events)  
Introduction to Terrorism (Revised)  
Special Topics in Emergency Management (Developed - (Critical Incident Response)

### **Frederick Community College - Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management and Public Safety (2015-2023)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Disaster Response and Recovery	Introduction to Homeland Security
Mitigation & Hazard Management	Federal Emergency Management
Emergency Management Capstone	

### **Adjunct Faculty - Florida International University - Academy for International Disaster Preparedness (2018-2020)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Special Topics in Emergency Management - Research Methods (Developed)

### **Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg (2016-2018)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Multifaceted Approaches to Homeland Security	Disaster Psychology
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### **Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Royal Roads University (Canada) (2015-2017)**

#### **Courses Taught:**

Foundations of Research in Emergency Management (developed)    Emergency Management Short Paper Course- Capstone

## **FUNDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS:**

### **Grants:**

2023: Federal Emergency Management Agency High Education Program Research Grant: Internships in EM/HS (\$8,000)  
2019: Maryland Open Source Textbook (M.O.S.T.) initiative 2019 High-impact OER Mini-Grant Program (\$2,500) (Team member)  
2014: Robberson Dissertation Fellowship - Oklahoma State Graduate College (\$6,000)  
2014: Oklahoma State University Foundation Fellowship (\$2,200/year)  
2012: Research Grant - University of Maryland University College Faculty Research Grant (\$4,000).  
2011: Professional Development Grant (\$1,000) —UMUC Center for Teaching and Learning - Seminar Presentation National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference St. Louis, MO

### **Contracts:**

2022: Navigate-360: Course Development - Understanding Terrorism for k-12 Educators  
2021: UMGC Course Re-design - Legal and Political Issues in Homeland Security  
2019: UMGC Course Re-design - Homeland Security Response to Critical Incidents  
2019: MACEM (FCC) Curriculum Review for Maryland Department of Education Career & Technology Programs  
2018: FEMA Higher Education Program - Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Focus Group  
2017: FEMA Higher Education Program - Emergency Management Disciplinary Focus Group  
2017: FEMA Higher Education Program - Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Focus Group  
2016: MACEM (FCC) - Curriculum Development - Prince George's Public Schools - Emergency Management  
2014: MACEM (FCC) - Curriculum Review for Maryland Department of Education Career & Technology Programs  
2012: UMUC Course Development - Content Expert / Author - *Homeland Security Response to Critical Incidents*  
2009: UMUC Course Development - Content Expert / Author - *Critical Infrastructure Security Issues*  
2008: UMUC Course Development - Peer Reviewer - *Legal & Political Issues in Homeland Security*  
2007: UMUC Course Development - Content Expert / Author - *Introduction to Homeland Security*

## **SELECTED SERVICE, COMMITTEES, HONORS AND RECOGNITION:**

### **Committee & Workgroup Service:**

2018 - Present: First Responder Resource Group (FRRG) U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Science & Technology Directorate  
2019 - Present: Co-Chair, FEMA Higher Education Program SoTL Special Interest Group  
2008 - 2020: Appointed Member - National Sheriff's Association Homeland Security Committee  
2011 - 2020: Emergency Services Coalition for Medical Preparedness - Serve as National Sheriff's Association representative on interagency group focusing on medical preparedness for first responders  
2012-2015: Appointed to the Advisory Board for Frederick County Career and Technology Education  
2012- Present: Frederick Community College Emergency Management Program Advisory Committee  
2014-2018: Appointed to consecutive two year terms on the Maryland State Department of Education Statewide Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program Advisory Committee

### **Journal Editorial and Peer Review Service:**

*Assistant Managing Editor - Journal of Emergency Management and Homeland Security*  
*Editorial Board - Disaster Resilience and Emergency Management*  
*Journal of Emergency Management (Peer Review)*  
*Journal of Urban Management (Peer Review)*  
*Homeland Security Affairs Journal (Peer Review)*  
*Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy (Peer Review)*

### **Grant & Conference Peer Review:**

2023: FEMA: 24th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium—SoTL track  
2019: FEMA: 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium—SoTL track  
2018: Bureau of Justice of Assistance and National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation on Decision-Making Grants  
2016: Bureau of Justice of Assistance and National Institute of Justice Juvenile and Violent Extremism Grants  
2015: National Institute of Justice: Technology Grant Review  
2015: Peer Review: Emergency Management Theory and Research Workshop  
2015: Peer Review: FEMA: 17th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium  
2007-2009: Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training: Facilitator for Grant Scoring Panels

### **Honors and Recognition:**

2021: Professional Achievement Award - University of Maryland Global Campus  
2016: National School Safety Award - School Safety Advocacy Council  
2016: Tip of the Hat Award for Teaching Excellence - University of Maryland University College  
2016: Selected as American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Founder's Fellow  
2016: Certificate of Recognition: ASPA Section on Crisis and Emergency Management  
2016, 2015 & 2014: Selected as National Institute of Justice: LEADS Scholar  
2013: International Association of Emergency Managers Student Research Competition -1st Place  
2013 & 2010: Managed work group that received Frederick County Sheriff's Office Unit Award

### **Certifications:**

#### **Homeland Security & Emergency Management Practice**

Certified Emergency Manager - International Association of Emergency Managers (Expires 2029)  
Professional Continuity Practitioner - Level I - Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Incident Command System Instructor - FEMA Emergency Management Institute / Center for Domestic Preparedness  
Field Instructor- Louisiana State University Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education  
(P&D Terrorism / LE Active Shooter Response)  
Weapons of Mass Destruction General Instructor (AWR-160)- DHS Center for Domestic Preparedness  
Infrastructure Protection Certificate - DHS. Texas A&M (TEEX)  
Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission - General Instructor (Expires 2025)  
Secret Clearance (end 2019) - Department of Homeland Security (TS/SCI-2004-2007- Federal Bureau of Investigation)

#### **Education & Higher Education**

Secondary Social Studies Teacher (Grades 7-12) Maryland State Department of Education (Expires 7/2023)  
Foundations for Online Teaching Certificate - Pennsylvania State University

## **Academic Publication:**

### **Books:**

- Landahl, M., & Neaves, T. (Eds.). (2021). *Law enforcement in homeland security and emergency management*. Emerald Publishing Limited.
- Phillips, B.D., & Landahl, M. (2020). *Business continuity planning: Increasing workplace resilience*. Butterworth-Heinemann.

### **Peer Review Journal and Book Chapters:**

- Landahl, M. & Carter, S. (2020). Preparing schools for active threats. In Claire Knox and Brittany Haupt (Eds.) *Cultural Competency for Emergency and Crisis Management: Concepts, Theories and Case Studies*. Routledge.
- Landahl, M., Bennett, D., & Phillips, B. (2020). Disaster research: Past, present, and future. In Patricia Leavy (Ed.) *The oxford handbook of methods for public scholarship*. Oxford University Press.
- Landahl M. (2019). Role Abandonment in Emergency Response. In Farazmand A. (Ed.) *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy*. Springer.
- Bennett, D., Landahl, M., & Phillips, B. (2019). Qualitative disaster research. In Patricia Leavy (Ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Qualitative Research*. Oxford University Press.
- Rivera, J. & Landahl, M. (2019). An environment conducive to bureaucratic innovation?: Exploring the potential for public entrepreneurship within FEMA. *Journal of Urban Management*. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2226585618301195>
- Landahl, M. & Neaves, T. (2017). Small businesses as a vulnerable population. In Amy Crabill (Ed.) *The future of disaster management in the U.S.* Routledge Press.
- Landahl, M. (2015). The Socio-behavioral response of survivors to campus active shooter events. (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

### **Peer Review Authored Government Reports:**

- Muffet-Willett, S.L. & Landahl, M.R. (2023). *Required internships in emergency management and homeland security higher education: Supporting professionalization and next generation core competencies for emergency management professionals*. FEMA Higher Education Program.

### **Practitioner Publications:**

- Landahl, M., Bertram, C., & Williams, M. (2011). Family vs. duty: Personal and family preparedness for law enforcement organizational resilience. *Sheriff Magazine*, 63(1), 34-36.
- Landahl, M. (2011). Beyond a kit and a plan: Getting your family ready; So you can be prepared to report for duty. *Deputy and Court Officer Magazine*, 3(1), 46-48.
- Landahl, M. (2009). Want to get ahead? Stop stalling and go get your degree!. *Deputy and Court Officer Magazine*, 1(1), 26-29.
- Landahl, M. (2007). Homeland security literacy for the law enforcement executive. *Sheriff Magazine*, 59 (6), 18-23.
- Landahl, M. & Martin, D. (2007). Planning for continuity of operations. *Sheriff Magazine*, 59 (6), 13-17.
- Landahl, M. (2005). Understanding Capabilities-Based Planning for Homeland Security. *Sheriff Magazine*, 57(5), 36-40.

### **Peer-Review Conference Presentations:**

- Landahl, M. (2024, April 8). *Cognitive defense: Hyperlocal impacts*. Paper presented at the U.S. Army War College Homeland Defense Symposium, Carlisle, PA.
- Landahl, M. (2018, March). *The status the emergency management discipline*. Paper presented at the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Landahl, M. (2017, November). *Small business and vulnerability to disaster*. Paper presented at the National Academy for Public Administration Conference, Arlington, VA.
- Landahl, M. (2017, June). *Emergency management education: Status of the discipline*. Panel presentation at the FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD.
- Landahl, M. (2016, November). *Small business as a vulnerable population*. Paper presented at the Northeast Conference on Public Administration, Harrisburg, PA.
- Landahl, M. (2016, March). *Will responders report for duty? Theory and methods*. Paper presented at the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Landahl, M. (2015, November). *Panic and the behavioral response of survivors to active shooter events*. Paper presented at the Northeast Conference on Public Administration, Arlington, VA.
- Landahl, M. (2015, September). *Survivor behavior and the campus active shooting threat*. Paper presented at the Homeland Defense/Security Education Summit, Orlando, FL.
- Landahl, M. (2015, June). *The socio-behavioral response of survivors to active shooter events on college campuses*. Paper presented at the FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD.
- Landahl, M. (2014, June). *2012 G8 summit: Local business preparedness, response, and impacts*. FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium. Emmitsburg, MD.
- Landahl, M. (2014, March). *Businesses and the 2012 G8 summit: Lessons for planning*. Paper presented at the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Landahl, M. (2011, October). *Reporting for duty in catastrophe: Divergent theories and findings*. Paper presented at the Northeast Conference on Public Administration, New York, NY.
- Landahl, M. (2011, June). *Teaching infrastructure security with a public policy focus*. Paper presented at the FEMA Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD.
- Landahl, M. (2009, June). *Beyond the plan: Individual responder and family preparedness in the resilient organization*. Paper presented at the FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD.

### **Other Conference & Panel Presentations:**

- Landahl, M. (2023, June). The anatomy of almost: An averted school shooting tragedy in Frederick, MD. Presented at the Heroes of the Heartland Conference, Norman, OK.
- Landahl, M. (2023, June). The impact of the FEMA higher education program on professional practice. Presented at the FEMA Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD.
- Landahl, M. & Bernard, C. (2019, August). School resource officers in the classroom: Building relationships and enhancing content. Presented at the Maryland School Safety Conference, Annapolis, MD.
- Landahl, M. (2019, June). The anatomy of almost: An averted school shooting tragedy in Frederick, MD. Presented at the Georgia Safe School Conference, Tifton, GA.
- Landahl, M. (2018, October). Preparing houses of worship for all-hazards events: The Frederick County Experience. Presented at the International of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Landahl, M. (2018, July). The anatomy of almost: An averted school shooting tragedy in Frederick, MD. Presented at the National School Safety Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Landahl, M. (2018, May). What makes a School Safe?. Panel Presentation at the Atlantic Education Summit, Washington, DC. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FergBaKxm40>
- Landahl, M. (2018, April). The anatomy of almost: An averted school shooting tragedy in Frederick, MD. Presented at the Virginia School Safety Symposium, Alexandria, VA.
- Landahl, M. (2016, July). The socio-behavioral response of survivors to active shooter events on college campuses. Presented at the School Safety Advocacy County Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Landahl, M. (2016, June). The socio-behavioral response of survivors to active shooter events on college campuses. Presented at the National Homeland Security Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Landahl, M. (2016, May). *Homeland security: A 10 year retrospective*. Presented at the Naval Postgraduate School Alumni Professional Exchange, Monterey, CA.
- Landahl, M. (2015, June). *Combating terrorism: The role of local law enforcement*. Presented at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, VA. [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&feature=vm&video\\_id=ffb5ygJmcGs](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&feature=vm&video_id=ffb5ygJmcGs)
- Landahl, M. (January, 2015). *First responder protection from biological threats*. Testimony presented to the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense (Ridge-Lieberman Commission), Washington, DC. [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&feature=vm&video\\_id=GAyrcfeXilQ](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&feature=vm&video_id=GAyrcfeXilQ)
- Landahl, M. (October, 2013). Businesses and the 2012 G8 summit: Preparedness, response and impacts. Presented at the International Association of Emergency Managers Annual Conference, Reno, NV.
- Landahl, M. (2011, June). *Family vs. Duty: Personal and Family preparedness for law enforcement organizational resilience*. Presented at the National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Landahl, M. (2008, June). *Developing continuity of operations plans for law enforcement agencies*. Presented at the National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Landahl, M. (2006, June). *Implementing capabilities-based homeland security planning for local governments*. Presented at the National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

### **Membership:**

#### **Academic**

American Society for Public Administration - Section on Emergency and Crisis Management  
International Sociological Association - International Research Committee on Disasters  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

#### **Practitioner**

International Association of Emergency Managers  
International Association of Chief's of Police  
National Sheriff's Association

### **Volunteer Work:**

Linganore High School (MD) Mock Trial Team Assistant Coach— (2018-Present)  
Linganore High School (MD) Field Hockey Assistant Coach(2017-2022)  
Policy Advisory Committee Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools - Career Education (2019