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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | University of Wisconsin- Madison
Major Field: Higher Education
Graduate Minor: Public Administration | 1999 |
| M.S. | University of Wisconsin-Madison
Major Field: Higher Education | 1996 |
| B.S. | University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire
Major Field: Communication and Journalism
Minor: Business Administration | 1993 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Leadership and Administration

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| Associate Vice Provost for Public Engagement
University of Minnesota System | 2024- present |
| Faculty Director, Academic Planning and Programs
Office for Public Engagement, University of Minnesota System | 2017- 2023 |
| Director, Jandris Center for Innovative Higher Education
College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities | 2010- 2017 |

Institutional Advancement

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| Regional Director of Development (Northern California)
University of Minnesota Foundation | 2004- 2005 |
| Director of Development, The Graduate School
University of Wisconsin Foundation | 1998- 2002 |
| Class Campaign Director
University of Wisconsin Law School | 1996-1998 |

Student Affairs

Residence Hall Director 1994- 1995
 Department of Housing and Residence Life
 Florida Atlantic University

FACULTY POSITIONS; RESEARCH & TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Professor 2020- present
 Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Associate Professor 2011- 2019
 Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Assistant Professor 2008-2011
 Department of Educational Policy and Administration
 [Renamed Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development in 2012]
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Assistant Professor 2005-2008
 Department of Educational Leadership
 Florida Atlantic University

Research Project Director 2002-2004
 Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary
 Education (WISCAPE) University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lecturer 2002-2004
 Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis
 University of Wisconsin-Madison

FACULTY AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, *Center for Integrative Leadership*, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public
 Affairs, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2019-present

Senior Scholar, *American Center for Public Leadership*, Lakeland, FL

Faculty and Program Lead, *Engagement Academy for University Leaders*, Engagement
 Scholarship Consortium (ESC)

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement, Virginia Tech
 University, 2008- 2018 (Former home of the *Engagement Academy for University Leaders*)

Faculty Affiliate, *Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education* (WISCAPE), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005-2016

Associate, *National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education*, 2010-2011

Fellow, *Higher Education Finance Roundtable*, Center for Higher Education Law and Governance, Penn State University (formerly University of Houston), 2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship (Inducted in 2025)

H. S. Warwick Award for Outstanding *Research In-Progress* in Alumni Relations for Educational Advancement, 2016 (with co-investigator, Dr. Alberto Cabrera). Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

H. S. Warwick Award for Outstanding *Published Scholarship* in Alumni Relations for Educational Advancement, 2010 (with co-authors Drs. Alberto Cabrera and Thomas Sanford). Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

Rising Scholars Award, 2002. National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, University of Michigan

Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award, 2000. Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles in Journals and Edited Volumes

Weerts, D. J. (2025). University-regional engagement amid disaster recovery: how institutions leverage their identities to revitalise communities. *Regional Studies*, 59(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2025.2522800>

Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A. F., (2025). Civic virtue and educational attainment: Is college attendance associated with more tolerant and humble citizens? *Journal of College and Character*, 26(2), 141-159.

Weerts, D. J. (2024). Reframing anthropologies of alumni support behaviors. *Philanthropy & Education*, 8(1), 46-59.

Weerts, D. J. (2021). Civic inspiration or civic disillusionment? The mixed legacy of the Wisconsin Idea. *The Good Society* 30(1), 12-34.

Weerts, D. J., (2021). The organizational ecology of state support for public flagship universities. *Teachers College Record*, 123(8) <https://www.tcrecord.org/library> ID 23776

Weerts, D. J., (2019). Resource development and the community engagement professional: Building and sustaining engaged institutions. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 23(1), 9-33.

Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A. F. (2018). Alumni giving as civic expression. *Philanthropy & Education* 2(1), 1-24

- Weerts, D. J., (2017). From covenant to contract: Changing conceptions of public research universities in American society. *The Good Society*, 25(2-3), 182-208.
- Weerts, D. J., & Cabrera, A. F. (2017). Segmenting university alumni using a person-centered methodology. *International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing*, 22(3), e1577.
- Weerts, D., J., & Freed, G. F. (2016). Public engagement and organizational identity in U.S. higher education. *Recherches Sociologiques et Anthropologiques*, 1, 85-101.
- Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A. F., (2015). Profiles of civically engaged college students. *Journal of College and Character*, 16(1), 22-36.
- Winter (2015). Reissued for special open-source edition of *Journal of College and Character* entitled, "How Colleges and Universities Engage Students to Promote Civic Responsibility."
- Weerts, D. J., (2014). State funding and the engaged university: Understanding community engagement and state appropriations for higher education. *Review of Higher Education*, 38(1), 133-169.
- Weerts, D. J., Freed, G. F. & Morpew, C. C., (2014). Organizational identity in higher education: Conceptual and empirical perspectives. In M. N. Bastedo (Ed.), *Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research* 29, (pp. 229-278). New York: Springer.
- Weerts, D., J., Cabrera, A. F., & Pérez, P. (2014). Uncovering classes of civically engaged college students: A latent class analysis. *Review of Higher Education*, 37(2), 141-168.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2012). Understanding differences in state support for higher education across states, sectors, and institutions: A longitudinal study. *Journal of Higher Education*, 83(2), 155-185.
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2010). Community engagement and boundary spanning roles at public research universities. *Journal of Higher Education*, 81(6), 632-657.
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Sanford, T., (2010). Beyond giving: Political advocacy and volunteer roles of college alumni. *Research in Higher Education*, 51(4), 346-365.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2009). Using classification trees to predict alumni giving for higher education. *Education Economics*, 17(1), 95-122.
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2008). Building a two-way street: Challenges and opportunities for community engagement at research universities. *Review of Higher Education*, 32(1), 73-106.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2008). Characteristics of alumni donors who volunteer at their alma mater. *Research in Higher Education*, 49(3), 274-292.
- Sandmann, L. R., & Weerts, D. J. (2008). Reshaping institutional boundaries to accommodate an engagement agenda. *Innovative Higher Education*, 33(3), 181-196.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2007). Profiles of supportive alumni: Donors, volunteers, and those who "do it all." *International Journal of Educational Advancement*, 7(1), 20-34.
- Weerts, D. J. (2007). Facilitating university engagement with schools. *Metropolitan Universities*, 18(4), 67-86.
- Weerts, D. J. (2007). Toward an engagement model of institutional advancement at public colleges and universities. *International Journal of Educational Advancement*, 7(2), 79-103.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2006). Examining differences in state support for higher education: A comparative study of state appropriations for research universities. *Journal of Higher Education*, 77(6), 935-965.

- Weerts, D. J. (2005). Facilitating knowledge flow in community-university partnerships. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 10(3), 23-38.
- Weerts, D. J. (2005). Validating institutional commitment to outreach: Listening to the voices of community partners. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 43(5).
- Weerts, D. J. (2000). Outreach as a critical link to state support for research universities. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 6(1), 49-56.

Books, Edited Monographs/Special Issues

- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2024). Foreword: Special issue on community-engaged scholars, practitioners, and boundary spanners: Identity, wellbeing, and career development. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 28(3), 1-3.
- Weerts, D. J. & Ross, D., (Eds.) (2020). Civility and beyond: Institutions as catalysts for civic renewal. *The Good Society*, 29 (1-2), State College: Penn State University Press
- Weerts, D. J. (Ed.) (2007). Transforming campuses and communities through public engagement: Emerging roles for institutional advancement. *International Journal of Educational Advancement*, 7(2), London: Palgrave.
- Weerts, D. J., & Vidal, J. (Eds.) (2005). Enhancing alumni research: European and American perspectives. *New Directions for Institutional Research*, No. 126, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Weerts, D. J. (2002). *State governments and research universities: A framework for a renewed partnership*. New York: Routledge.
- 2018. Reissued for *Routledge Revivals Library Editions*, New York: Routledge

Professional Journals

- Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A. C., (2021). Natural instincts: Understanding the four alumni personas- Eagles, Hummingbirds, Cheetahs, and Koalas—and how to keep them connected. *Currents*, September/October, 26-31.
- Weerts, D. J., (2016). Engagement champions: How trustees connect campus and community, boost institutional engagement, and serve the public good. *Trusteeship*, July/August, 18-23.
- Weerts, D. J., (2016). Contract, covenant, and the politics of the Wisconsin Idea. *Academe*, September/October, 11-15
- Weerts, D. J., (2015). The public-good variable: Can public engagement boost state support for higher education? *Change*, 47(3), 20-25.
- Weerts, D. J. (1998). Back on track: Seven strategies to get your alumni board moving again. *Currents*, 24, 35-37.

Book Chapters

- Ropers, R., Furco, A., & Weerts, D. J., (2025). Engaged scholarship in promotion and tenure. In, Zeineldin, R. (Ed.), *A Practitioner's Guide to Faculty Affairs*. (p. 123- 129). Routledge.
- Freed, G. F., Weerts, D. J., & Cabrera, A. F. (2025). Research methods in education philanthropy. In, N. D. Drezner (Ed.) *Research Handbook on Philanthropy and Education*. (p. 177- 197). Edgar Elgar Publishing.

- Weerts, D. J., & Sorenson, N., (2021). The iron triangle revisited: Re-envisioning public research university financing. In, A. F. Furco, R. Bruininks, R. Jones, & K. Kent (Eds.) *Re-Envisioning the Public Research University: Tensions and Demands*. (pp. 93-101) New York: Routledge
- Konkle, E., Sommers, J., Sorenson, N. L., & Weerts, D. J., (2021). The nature of innovation and change at public research universities. In, A. F. Furco, R. Bruininks, R. Jones, & K. Kent (Eds.) *Re-Envisioning the Public Research University: Tensions and Demands*. (pp. 38-55). New York: Routledge
- Taylor, B., & Weerts, D. J., (2017). Public purposes and benefits of independent higher education. In Morphew, C. C., & Braxton, J (Eds). *The Challenge of Independent Colleges: Moving Research into Practice*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press.
- Weerts, D. J., Rasmussen, C., & Singh, V., (2015). Using design thinking to drive collective impact in higher education. In, Lane, J. E., (Ed). *Higher Education Reconsidered: Executing Change to Drive Collective Impact*. SUNY Critical Issues Series, 3, Albany, NY: State University System of New York (SUNY).
- Weerts, D. J., (2013). Higher education systems in an era of public engagement: An organizational learning perspective. In Lane, J. E., & Johnstone, D. B., (Eds). *Higher Education Systems 3.0: Harnessing Systemness, Delivering Performance*. SUNY Critical Issues Series, 2, (pp. 283-309). Albany, NY: State University System of New York (SUNY).
- Sandmann, L. R., & Weerts, D. J. (2010). HENCE: A federation to advance community engagement across higher education. In H. Fitzgerald, C. Burack, & S. Seifer (Eds.), *Handbook of Engaged Scholarship: The Contemporary Landscape*, Vol. 2. Community-campus partnerships (pp. 381-391). East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press.
- Weerts, D. J. (2009). Toward the engaged institution: Rhetoric, practice, and validation. In P.A. Pasque, N.A. Bowman, & M. Martinez (Eds.), *Critical issues in higher education for the public good: Qualitative, quantitative, and historical research perspectives* (pp. 239-262). Kennesaw, GA: Kennesaw State University Press.
- Weerts, D. J. & Hudson, E. (2009). Engagement and institutional advancement. In L. R. Sandmann, C. H. Thornton, & A. J. Jaeger. (Eds.), *Institutionalizing community engagement in higher education: The first wave of Carnegie classified institutions* (pp. 65-74). *New Directions for Higher Education*. No. 147, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass/Wiley Publishing.
- Cabrera, A. F., Weerts, D. J., & Zulick, B. J. (2005). Making an impact with alumni surveys. In D.J. Weerts & J. Vidal. (Eds.), *Enhancing alumni research: European and American perspectives* (pp. 5-17). *New Directions for Institutional Research*. No. 126, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Conrad, C. F., & Weerts, D. J. (2004). Federal involvement in higher education desegregation: An unfinished agenda. In E.P. St. John, & M.D. Parsons (Eds.), *Public Funding of Higher Education: Changing Contexts and New Rationales* (pp. 60-73). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press.
- 2010. Reprinted in S. R. Harper & Jackson, J. F. L. (Eds.), *Introduction to American Higher Education* (pp. 417- 426). New York: Routledge.
- Cabrera, A. F., Weerts, D. J., & Zulick, B. J. (2003). Alumni surveys: Three conceptualizations to alumni research. In J. Vidal (Ed.), *Métodos de análisis de la inserción laboral de los universitarios* (pp. 55-80). León, España: Universidad de León Press.

Book Reviews

- Weerts, D. J., (2015). [Review of the book; Shaker, G., (2014). *Faculty Work and the Public Good: Philanthropy, Engagement, and Academic Professionalism*. New York: Teachers College Press.] *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*. 19(3), 197-200.
- Weerts, D.J. (2011). [Review of the book; Pasque, P. (2010). *American Higher Education, Leadership, and Policy: Critical Issues and the Public Good*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.] *Review of Higher Education*, 35 (2), 348.
- Weerts, D.J. (2008). [Review of the book; Rodin, J. (2007). *The University and Urban Renewal: Out of the Ivory Tower and into the Streets*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.] *Review of Higher Education*, 31(4), 523-524.
- Weerts, D.J. (2001). [Review of the book; Footlick, J. K. (1997). *Truth and Consequences: How Colleges and Universities meet Public Crises*. Phoenix, AZ: ACE/Oryx Press] *International Journal of Educational Advancement*, 1(3), 281-283.

Papers Presented at Conferences and Professional Meetings (Peer-Reviewed)

- Weerts, D. J., Nwaka, A & Lyftogt, K., (2024, October 21). *Spanning ideological boundaries: Understanding rival views of higher education as a public good*. [Poster presentation]. Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Minneapolis, MN
- Weerts, D J., Cabrera, A. F (2023, October 27). *Civic virtue and behaviors across faith and non-faith communities*. Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX
- Weerts, D J., Cabrera, A. F., & Van Dorn, K. (2023, April 16). *Educational attainment, humility and tolerance: Does college attendance build capacity for confident pluralism?* American Educational Research Association. Chicago, IL.
- Weerts, D. J. (2018, October 1). *Engagement ideologies: Navigating rival views of community engagement in higher education*. Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC), Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Weerts, D. J. (2017, November 9). *The collapsing canopy of the Wisconsin Idea*, Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Houston, TX.
- Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A.F. (2017, November 9). *Profiles of philanthropic alumni: A latent class analysis*, Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Houston, TX.
- Weerts, D. J. (2017, August 9). *Student success and rival views of higher education as a public good*. State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) Education Policy Conference. Minneapolis, MN
- Weerts, D. J., (2016, October 29). *From covenant to contract: Public research universities in American society*. Higher Learning Conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX.
- Weerts, D. J., Singh, V., Taylor, L., & Horn, A. (2015, November 4). *Design thinking for higher education policy innovation*. Symposia for policy pre-conference, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Denver, CO.
- Weerts, D. J. & Cabrera, A. F. (2015, April 17). *Profiles of civically engaged college students*. Roundtable presentation, American Education Research Association, Chicago, IL
- Weerts, D. J. (2014, November 21). *Alumni identity: Emerging theory, research, and implications for practice* (with Drezner, Cabrera, Huehls, Amos). Symposium, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN

- Weerts, D. J. (2013, November 15). *Higher education systems in an era of public engagement: An organizational learning perspective*. (with Rall, Tandberg, Tierney, and McLendon). Symposium, Association for the Study of Higher Education, St. Louis, MO
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Pérez Mejías, P., (2012, November 15). *College students as citizens: Unpacking the dimensions of civic engagement in college*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV.
- Weerts, D. J. (2010, November 20). *Institutional advancement and higher education: Emerging perspectives on theory, research, and connections to practice* (with Caboni, Strickland, Proper, Drezner, and Nehls). Symposium, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Sanford, T., (2010, November 20). *The impact of college on post-collegiate volunteer behavior*. Roundtable paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN
- Weerts, D. J. (2010, November 19). *Can community engagement leverage state appropriations for higher education?* Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN
- Weerts, D. J. (2010, May 4). *Beating the odds: When higher education wins in tough times*. Research paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO
- Weerts, D. J., Sanford, T., & Glushko, O. (2010, May 2). *Explaining differences in alumni giving participation rates at flagship universities*. Roundtable paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Sanford, T. (2010, May 1). *The impact of college on post-collegiate political behavior*. Research paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO
- Weerts, D. J., & Hudson, E. (2009, November 7). *Leading the engaged institution: The impact of mission and context*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Weerts, D. J. (2009, April 15). *Funding the flagships: Governance, power, and identity in state support for higher education*. Research paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA
- Weerts, D. J., & Hudson, E. (2009, April 14). *Community engagement in higher education: Does one size fit all?* Research paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA
- Weerts, D. J. (2008, November 7). *Power, identity, and inequities in state support for public college and universities in Massachusetts*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Jacksonville, FL
- Weerts, D. J., & Cabrera, A. F. (2008, November 6). *Beyond giving: Political advocacy and volunteer roles of college alumni*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Jacksonville, FL
- Weerts, D. J. (2008, November 6). ASHE reconsidered: Advancing public scholarship through the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Symposium: *Perspectives on the State and Future of Engagement in Higher Education: A Critical and Committed View* (with O'Meara, Hartley, Thorton, Jaeger, Pasque) Symposium paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Jacksonville, FL

- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2007, November 10). *Community engagement and boundary spanning roles at public research universities*. Roundtable presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Louisville, KY
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2007, November 7). *A longitudinal study of state support for higher education*. Research paper presentation, Public Policy Forum, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Louisville, KY
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2007, October 8). *Unsung heroes of engagement: The critical role of boundary spanners*. Outreach Scholarship Conference, Madison, WI.
- Sandmann, L. R. & Weerts, D. J. (2007, April 11). *Expanding institutional boundaries to accommodate an engagement agenda*. Roundtable presentation, American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2007, April 10). *Predicting alumni giving and volunteerism for higher education*. Research paper presentation, American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2006, November 3). *Taking it to the next level: Characteristics of alumni donors who increase levels of giving to their alma mater*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Anaheim, CA
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. R. (2006, November 2). *Building a two-way street: Toward a theory of knowledge flow in university-community partnerships*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Anaheim, CA
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A., Vidal, J., & Williams, R. (2005, November 14). *Comparative perspectives on alumni research: The European and American experience*. International Scholars Symposium, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Philadelphia, PA.
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. (2004, October 4) *What do "they" say? Community partner perspectives on institutional commitment to engagement*. Presentation, Outreach Scholarship Conference, Penn State University, State College, PA.
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. (2004, April 2). *Pathways to institutional engagement*. Presentation, Learning to Change Conference, American Association for Higher Education (AAHE). San Diego, CA
- Weerts, D. J. (2003, November 14). *Understanding organizational factors that contribute to institutional success in community outreach and engagement*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Portland, OR.
- Weerts, D. J., & Sandmann, L. (2003, October 13). *Practices and perceptions of institutional engagement*. Presentation, Outreach Scholarship Conference, Madison, WI.
- Weerts, D. J. (1999, November 18). *A comparative study of state support for research universities*. Research paper presentation, Association for the Study of Higher Education, San Antonio, TX.

Other Publications, Essays, or Reports

- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Van Dorn, K. (2022). *Does college attendance build capacity for constructive political discourse?* (Research Brief 1.1). American Center for Political Leadership, Southeastern University.
- Weerts, D. J. & Lyftogt K., (2020). Public good in higher education. In, David, M. E., & Amey, M. J. (Eds.). (2020). *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Higher Education*. SAGE Publications Limited.

- Weerts, D. J. (2020). *A place where disciplined inquiry can flourish*. Symposia: What should personal responsibility in education mean? Center for the American Experiment, Minneapolis, MN
- Weerts, D. J., (2017). Public research universities in a fracturing nation: Can a social covenant be restored? *APLU "First Draft"* (Essay). Association for Public and Land-grant Universities. <http://www.aplu.org/news-and-media/blog/public-research-universities-in-a-fracturing-nation-can-a-social-covenant-be-restored>
- Weerts, D. J., (2016). Pursuing virtue in state-university relations. *Learn Essays*. Center for Positive Organizations, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan. <http://positiveorgs.bus.umich.edu/essays/pursuing-virtue-in-state-university-relations/>
- Weerts, D. J., Sanford, T., & Reinert, L. (2012). *College funding in context: Understanding the difference in higher education appropriations across states*. New York: Demos
- Weerts, D. J. (2011). [Commentary; Stripling, J. (2011) Anatomy of an alumnus, Inside Higher Ed] *Learning Briefs*, Association for the Study of Higher Education.
- Weerts, D. J. (2011). "If only we told our story better...": *Re-envisioning state-university relations through the lens of public engagement*. (WISCAPE Viewpoints). Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin–Madison, Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE).
- Weerts, D. J. (2010). *Funding the flagships: Governance, power, and identity in state support for higher education*. Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance, University of Houston, Research Monograph 09-12.
- Weerts, D. J., & Ronca, J. M. (2007). *Determinants of state appropriations for higher education from 1985-2005: An organizational theory analysis*. Working paper No. 013, Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Sandmann, L. R., & Weerts, D. J. (2006). *Engagement in higher education: Building a federation for action*. Report of the proceedings for a Wingspread Conference establishing the Higher Education Network for Community Engagement (HENCE). February 2006, Racine, WI.
- Weerts, D. J., & Conrad, C. F. (2002). Desegregating higher education. In J. J. Forest & K. Kinser (Eds.), *Higher education in the United States: An encyclopedia* (pp. 161-167). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Publishers

Podcasts (Invited)

- Weerts, D. J. (Guest). (2023, January 31). Sustaining the Public Purpose of Higher Education. (No. 3) [Video episode] *Iowa- Minnesota Campus Compact*, <https://iamncampuscompact.org/resource-posts/sustaining-the-public-purpose-of-higher-education/>
- Weerts, D. J. (Guest). (2023, December 1). What is Public Engagement? (No. 1) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Rules of Engagement*, <https://uroc.umn.edu/news-gallery/rules-engagement-podcast/episode-one-what-public-engagement>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS: PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND FORUMS

International

- Weerts, D. J., (2022, January 25). *Thriving together: Considering “place” as a transformative opportunity for university engagement*. Webinar hosted by Memorial University-Newfoundland/Labrador, Canada.
- Weerts, D. J. (2018, November 30). *Leading community-engaged universities: Addressing global challenges through higher education*. Presentation for a delegation of leaders at Xi'an Polytechnic University; China Center, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Weerts, D. J. (2015, October 20-22) *Building and sustaining the engaged university*. Plenary address, faculty discussion forum, and consultancy for executives at La Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile (Funded by UC).
- Weerts, D. J., & Freed, G. (2015, April 27-29). *Public engagement and organizational identity in U.S. higher education*. Invited conference paper presentation for “Universities Facing Pressures for Change: Identity and Organizational Evolutions.” Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium (Funded by UC-L).
- Weerts, D. J. (2009, October 8) *Alumni surveys between accountability and assessment: Experiences of institutional research centers in the U.S.* Invited plenary address, National Conference on Study Conditions, Capacity Building, and Professional Success. Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Funded by Freie Universität)
- Cabrera A. F., & Weerts, D. J. (2003, June 16). *Alumni surveys: Three conceptualizations to alumni research*. Invited conference paper presentation for, “Métodos de análisis de la inserción laboral de los universitarios.” Universidad de León, León, Spain (Funded by Universidad de León)

National

- Weerts, D.J., (2025, June 12) *Systems thinking: The role of boundary spanners and cultural brokers* [Panelist]. Fulfilling the public mission of the Land-Grant System: Building platforms for collaboration and impact. National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (Online workshop).
- Weerts, D. J., Ross, D., & Cabrera A. F. (2025, March 12). *Using the Civic Navigator as a tool to bridge across ideological differences*. Listen First Project (via Zoom).
- Weerts, D. J., (2023, October 16). *Securing major gifts for university- community engagement*. Annual meeting of the Coalition for Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU). Pre-conference program (via video). Washington, DC
- Weerts, D. J., (2023, February 28). *Resourcing for success: Cultivating resources and fundraising for civic and community engagement*. Webinar hosted by National Campus Compact, Boston MA.
- Weerts, D. J., (2019, November 10). *Building and sustaining engaged institutions: An open systems perspective*. Invited presentation for plenary session- Annual Meeting of the Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Commission on Economic and Community Engagement, San Diego, CA.

- Weerts, D. J., & Jett, Q. (2016, October 8). *How “Citizen Alums” are transforming institutions and individual classrooms*. Invited presentation for breakout session-- Annual Meeting of Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Weerts, D. J., (2014, November 2), *Crossing boundaries: Building the right team for university-community engagement*. Invited presentation for plenary session-- Annual Meeting of the Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Council on Engagement and Outreach, Orlando, FL
- Rasmussen, C., Weerts, D. J., Singh, V., & Harmening, T. (2014, August 8). *Design thinking for higher education innovation*. Invited session for breakout session—Annual State Higher Education Executive Officer’s (SHEEO) Policy Conference, Denver, CO.
- Weerts, D. J., (2013, June 17). *Back to the future? Advancement and the engaged agricultural college*. Invited plenary address (Bickford Lecture), Annual Meeting for the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA). Washington, D.C.
- Weerts, D. J., (2013, June 17). *Building sustainable funding for the engaged agricultural college*. Invited guest speaker, special session for deans and senior advancement officers at the annual meeting for the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA). Washington, D.C.
- Weerts, D. J., & Barber, K., (2013, May 23). *Extension volunteers: Engaging our citizens*. Invited presentation for breakout session-- National Extension Conference on Volunteerism. Frankenmuth, MI
- Weerts, D. J., & Barber, K., (2012, November 12). *Citizen Alum: Engaging alumni in service to higher education and society*. Invited presentation for plenary session- Annual Meeting of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Council on Engagement and Outreach, Denver, CO
- Weerts, D. J., (2012, November 8). *Higher education systems in an era of public engagement: An organizational learning perspective*. Invited presentation for breakout session- SUNY Critical Issues in Higher Education Conference- Harnessing Systemness, Delivering Performance: Charting a New Path for Higher Education. New York City, NY
- Weerts, D. J., (2012, October 1). *Working differently: Boundary spanners as “disruptive” change agents*. Keynote address, Outreach and Engagement Staff Workshop, National Outreach Scholarship Conference (NOSC), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- Weerts, D. J., (2010, November 15). *Fundraising for engagement*. Invited presentation for plenary session- Annual Meeting of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Council on Engagement and Outreach, Dallas, TX
- Weerts, D. J. (2010, July 29). *Identifying and engaging your best alumni advocates*. Invited plenary address, Public Higher Education Advocacy Professionals Conference (PHEAP), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- Weerts, D. J. (2008, November 6). *Beating the odds: When higher education wins in tough times*. Invited speaker for Graduate Student Public Policy Seminar, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Jacksonville, FL.
- Weerts, D. J. (2000, November 18). *Dissertation presentation, Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award*. Invited presentation of my dissertation, “Understanding Differences in State Support for Higher Education: A Comparative Study of State Appropriations for

Research I Universities.” Association for the Study of Higher Education, Sacramento, CA.

Weerts, D. J. (2004, September 28) *Costs of government/costs of higher education: Emerging issues*. Plenary address, Big Ten Government Relations Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

Weerts, D. J. (2002, June 3). *Fundraising for graduate programs*. Invited presentation for breakout session-- Annual meeting of the Association for Arts & Sciences Advancement Professionals (AASAP), Pittsburgh, PA.

Weerts, D. J. (1999, January 7). *Effective use of visiting committees*. Invited presentation for breakout session—Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Institutional Advancement Section, New Orleans, LA

State and Local

Weerts, D. J. (2025, August 29). *Can the social contract in American higher education be restored?* Faculty network lunch, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Weerts, D. J. (2025, August 28). *Building trust in higher education and unifying our communities through outreach and engagement*. Keynote address, Outreach and Engaged Scholarship Symposium, Auburn University

Weerts, D. J., (2021, June 7). *Polarization and the public good: Higher education leadership in a fracturing nation*. Invited panelist, Presidents’ leadership forum, Iowa-Minnesota Campus Compact. (Virtual).

Weerts, D. J., (2018, December 12). *Navigating rival views of public engagement in higher education*. Invited guest speaker, Community Partnerships and Outreach (CPO) Staff Network. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI

Weerts, D. J., (2018, December 11). *From the good society to the productive society: Changing conceptions of the Wisconsin Idea*. Invited guest lecturer, Wisconsin Idea Seminar Series. University of Wisconsin- Madison. Madison, WI

Weerts, D. J., (2014, September 29). *Beyond the tailgate: Engaging alumni as partners in our civic mission*. Invited presentation for breakout session- Realizing the civic mission of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

Weerts, D. J. (2011, November 11). *The Wisconsin Idea and the public engagement movement*. Invited plenary address, Wisconsin Idea Symposium: Principled Partnerships for the Public Good. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Weerts, D. J., (2011, October 25). *Challenges of institutionalizing public engagement at research universities*. Invited panelist for plenary session, Reinvigorating the Wisconsin Idea: Engaged Scholarship for the 21st Century. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Weerts, D. J. (2008, September 23). *Governance, politics, and identity in state support for higher education*. Invited panelist for plenary session, Forum on Higher Education Finance and Accountability, Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE), University of Wisconsin –Madison.

Weerts, D. J. (2007, October 11). *What matters most in determining state support for higher education? Twenty years of evidence*. Invited panelist for plenary session, Forum on Higher Education Finance and Accountability, Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE), University of Wisconsin- Madison.

- Weerts, D. J., Lufler, H., & Zoerb, H. (2004, October 21). *Praise to thee our alma mater: Enhancing alumni involvement at UW-Madison*. Invited presentation for breakout session- University of Wisconsin System Conference, Envisioning the Future of Higher Education Philanthropy in Wisconsin. Madison, WI.
- Weerts, D. J. (2000, December 1). *State governments and research universities: A framework for a renewed partnership*. Invited presentation for breakout session- Wisconsin Leadership Conference: Accountability, Democracy, and Educational Reform. Madison, WI

Other Invited Presentations

- Weerts, D. J., (2025, September 29). Higher Ed's Wake-Up Call: The Public Is Speaking--Are We Listening? Respondent to Steve Gavazzi's presentation. Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship Webinar.
- Weerts, D. J. (2024, April 24). PROFS forum on the future of flagship universities. Panel, PROFS, Madison, WI.
- Weerts, D. J., (2023, November 9). *The Wisconsin Idea: A platform for church- university collaboration?* Plenary Address, Awaken Dane; Madison, Wisconsin.
- Weerts, D. J., (2023, October 9). *Applying virtue-centered approaches to the study of higher education leadership and organizations*. Anselm House Convivium, Minneapolis, MN.
- Weerts, D. J., (2023, April 25). *Civic renewal and the Wisconsin Idea*. Upper House, Madison, WI
- Weerts, D. J., Cabrera, A. F., & Van Dorn, K. (2022, February 21). *Living together as brothers or perishing together as fools? Preliminary insights from the National Study of American Civic Health*. Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL
- Weerts, D. J. (2018, November 13). *Civic inspiration or civic disillusionment? The mixed legacy of the Wisconsin Idea*. Invited conference paper presentation- Civic Reconstruction of Higher Education Conference. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Weerts, D. J., (October 17, 2017). *Three rival views of higher education as a public good*. Keynote address, Academic and Student Affairs Leadership Conference, Minnesota State Colleges and University System (MnSCU), Breezy Point, MN
- Weerts, D. J., (July 13, 2017). *Education and democratic citizenship in a divided nation: Why America needs your leadership*. Keynote address, Education, Business, and Social Science Doctoral Residency Cohorts, Keiser University, West Palm Beach, FL
- Weerts, D. J., (2014, March 4-5). *Staley Lectureship*. Keynote address, Student Convocation; Series of lectures/roundtable discussions on higher education engagement and innovation for president's cabinet, students, faculty senate, Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN
- Weerts, D. J. (2008, January 15). *Beyond the vote: How can we make democracy work?* Civic Engagement Week Symposium, Florida Atlantic University
- Weerts, D. J. (2007, February 23). *Community engagement in higher education: Challenges and opportunities for Palm Beach-Florida Atlantic University-Palm Beach Community College*. Invited guest speaker, Service-Learning Workshop, Florida Atlantic University
- Weerts, D. J. (2006, April 21). *Interested in studying higher education? Why the U.S. needs your leadership*. Invited guest speaker, American Association of Women in Community Colleges, Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, Florida

- Weerts, D. J. (2004, April 21). *Lessons in reciprocity: Challenges and opportunities for community-university partnerships*. Invited guest speaker, WISCAPE Brownbag Speaker Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Weerts, D. J. (2003, December 9). *Building a two-way street: Leading the engaged university of the 21st century*. Invited guest speaker, Science Alliance Forum on the Future of Science Outreach, Speaker series on “The Second Century of the Wisconsin Idea.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- Weerts, D. J. (2003, December 8). *Toward the engaged institution: Rhetoric, practice, and validation*. Invited guest speaker, Office of the Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Madison, WI.
- Weerts, D. J. (2002, June 12). *Higher education governance and the state-university partnership*. Invited guest speaker, Executive staff meeting, University of Wisconsin System Administration Office, Madison, WI

ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY FOR UNIVERSITY LEADERS (ealeaders.org)

Established in 2008, the Engagement Academy is an executive-level professional development program focused on leading organizational change to advance university-community engagement as an institutionalized practice.

International

Memorial University, Newfoundland/Labrador, Canada

2022, July 13-15

United States

Leading Engagement Amid Declining Confidence in Higher Education	2024, October 7
Leading Engagement During Executive Transitions, E. Lansing, MI	2023, October 2-3
Leading Engagement with Faith Communities (webinar)	2022, November 2
Leading Engagement Amid Political Polarization (3 online seminars)	2021, Sept 9- Oct 7
Leading from the Middle (3 online seminars)	2020, Oct 6- Nov 3
Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Denver, CO	2019, October 7
Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Minneapolis, MN	2018, October 2
Coalition for Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Omaha, NE	2015, October 9-11
New Jersey Campus Compact, Camden, NJ	2015, May 26-29
Florida Campus Compact, Crystal River, FL	2015, Feb. 1-4
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Roanoke, VA	2015, June 10-14
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Arlington, VA	2014, June 4-9
Campus Compact of the Mountain West, Greeley, CO	2014, Feb. 18-20
Minnesota Campus Compact, Minneapolis, MN	2012, November 3
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Roanoke, VA	2011, June 8-12
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Roanoke, VA	2010, June 7-11
Fundraising for Engagement (Weekend seminar), Roanoke, VA	2010, June 12-13
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Roanoke, VA	2009, June 12-17
National EA Seminar (Full-week seminar), Roanoke, VA	2008, June 13-18

OTHER INVITED WORKSHOPS

University of New Hampshire	2017, December 8
	2017, June 1
	2010, April 10
	2009, March 27
	2008, April 18
University of Denver	2017, April 27
Council for Alumni Association Executives (CAAE)	2014, December
University of North Florida	2013, May 9
Coalition for Metropolitan and Urban Universities (CUMU)	2012, December 4
Vanderbilt University, Peabody Professional Institutes	2009, June 17
	2007, June 13
	2006, June 14
University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire	2015, February 18
University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point	2013, July 30
University of Wisconsin-Madison	2008, September 24
	2003, October 20/27

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator
 Demos
 Determinants of State Appropriations for Higher Education from 1985-2012: An Organizational Theory Analysis.
 May 2012- December 2012, \$27,500

Principal Investigator
 Spencer Foundation
 Restoring the Social Compact: A National Study of State Support for Higher Education.
 May 2007-December 2009
 \$39,940 (continuance—originated at Florida Atlantic University)

Principal Investigator
 Florida Atlantic University College of Education Seed Grant Program
 A National Study of State Support for Higher Education
 Spring 2006, \$3,000

Principal Investigator
 National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, University of Michigan.
 Organizing Colleges and Universities to Serve the Public Good
 Summer 2002, \$3,000 (via Rising Scholars Award- see awards section)

PROGRAM GRANTS

Interfaith America

Leading University Engagement Across Interfaith Communities: Exploring the Tensions and Possibilities for Collaboration (Engagement Academy Webinar)
Fall 2021, \$2,000

WEBSITES

Engagement Academy for University Leaders (ealeaders.org)
Civic Navigator (mycivicnavigator.org).
Center for Innovative Higher Education (z.umn.edu/innovativehighered)

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

University of Minnesota

Courses, seminars, and instructional units taught

OLPD 6402/PA 5105/ PubH 6702/MGMT 6402/LAW 6623: Integrative Leadership Seminar- Leading Across Sectors to Address Grand Challenges (with Drs. Kathy Quick and Myles Shaver)
OLPD 8702: Administration and Leadership of Higher Education
OLPD 8703: Public Policy and Higher Education
OLPD 8732: Financing Higher Education
OLPD 5736: Public Engagement and Higher Education (with Dr. Andrew Furco)
OLPD 5701: U.S. Higher Education
OLPD 5080: External Relations and Higher Education
OLPD 5001: Formal Organizations in Education

Jandris Center for Innovative Higher Education

Private College Leadership Certificate: 12-credit online graduate certificate focused on leadership, innovation, and change in small private colleges. (Developed with Dr. Erin Konkle)
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Digital Badge, Graduate School

Integrative Leadership: Leading Across Sectors and Professions for Collective Impact (2003, 2025) (Developed with Ms. Samantha Silker and Dr. Kathy Quick)

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Doctoral Dissertations Directed/Completed- Program/Dissertation Advisees

PhD	Morgan Wright	2025
PhD	Alex Hermann	2025
PhD	*Greg Mellas (co-advised with Dr. Andrew Furco)	2024
PhD	Arien Tellas	2023
PhD	Kayla Lyftogt	2022
PhD	Jessica Kuecker Grotjohn	2022
PhD	Amanda Sharp	2022
PhD	Daniel Lundin (co-advised with Dr. Deanne Magnussen)	2022

PhD	Nichole Sorenson	2021
PhD	William Woodson	2018
PhD	Erin Konkle	2016
PhD	*Leonard Taylor	2016
EdD	*Corbin Smyth	2016
EdD	Charles Altman	2016
EdD	Kyle Dukart	2016
EdD	Aliesha Crowe (co-advised with Dr. Andrew Furco)	2016
PhD	Bradley Weiner	2014
PhD	Krista Soria (co-advised with Dr. Jarrett Gupton)	2013
PhD	John Flomo (co-advised with Dr. Darwin Hendel)	2013
PhD	James Hunter (co-advised with Dr. Darwin Hendel)	2012
PhD	Mary Rothchild (co-advised with Dr. Darwin Hendel)	2011
PhD	Thomas Sanford (co-advised with Dr. Melissa Anderson)	2011

*Recipient of a national dissertation award

Master's Theses Directed/Completed- Program Advisees

Maria Krautkremer	2025
Muhammed Hiko	2023
Milah Xiong	2023
Asmita KC	2022
Johanna Botzet	2022
Tina Zilhart	2021
David Vetter	2021
Kaitlyn Broback	2020
Zachary Rakke	2017
Magda Bilska	2016
Zachary Haas	2016
Jun Itoh	2016
Jun Li	2016
Taren Kinser	2016
Andrew Lavelle	2016
Ashley Palmer	2016
Katherine Steffen	2014
Gregory Heller	2014
Heather Mendygral	2013
Scott LaBlanc	2012
Sherri Novitsky	2012
Robert Cleveland	2012
Sally Bauer	2011
Marissa Smith	2011
Jeffrey Allen	2011

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE/PROFESSION

Editorships/Journal Reviewer Experience

Associate Editor

International Journal of Educational Advancement 2009-2011

Editorial Boards

International Journal of Outreach and Community Engagement 2020- present

Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement 2017- present

Philanthropy & Education 2015- present

International Journal of Educational Advancement 2005-2011

Journal Article Reviews

American Educational Research Journal

European Journal of Higher Education

Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning

Journal of Higher Education

Research in Higher Education

Review of Higher Education

Sociology of Education

Education Economics

Higher Education Policy

Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement

Canadian Journal of Higher Education

Community College Journal of Research and Practice

History of Intellectual Culture

Frontiers of Education in China

Studies in Continuing Education

Philanthropy & Education

International Journal of Educational Advancement

Book Prospectus Reviews

Routledge

Stylus

REVIEW PANELS FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING AGENCIES, FOUNDATIONS

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Division: SMA - SciSIP-DDRIG

Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MOHE)

RFP Evaluator: Minnesota State Occupational Scholarship Program

Academic Conference Chair/Discussant/Proposal Reviewer

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

Proposal Reviewer—Organization and Governance Division	2007-2008; 2014
Proposal Reviewer—Policy, Finance, and Economics Division	2007-2008
Session Discussant	2012, 2014
Session Chair	2005

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Proposal Reviewer—Policy and Finance (Division J)	2011, 2016
Proposal Reviewer—Organization and Governance (Division J)	2006- 2008

COMMITTEES/BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Seed Coalition (formerly Iowa-Minnesota Campus Compact)

Board of Directors	2 Terms: 2017-2026
Membership Committee	2024- present
Advocacy and Communications Committee	2017-2023
Task Force on MN/Iowa CC consolidation	2018
Transition team adviser, MN/Iowa CC consolidation	2019

Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU)

Executive Committee, Council on Engagement and Outreach	2 Terms: 2011- 2017
Chair, Engagement and Outreach Section	2017 Annual Meeting

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Member, Congressional Delegation, AERA “On the Hill” Days	2015, March 15-17
Co-Chair, 2010 AERA Annual Meeting, Division J	2009- 2010

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

Member, Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Selection Committee	2008
Member, Graduate Student Policy Seminar Committee	2008

Engagement Scholarship Consortium

Conference Planning Committee	
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Portland, OR	2024
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- East Lansing, MI	2023
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Athens, GA	2022
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Online	2021
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Online	2020
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Denver, CO	2019
Pre-Conference Executive Leadership Seminar- Minneapolis	2018
Pre-Conference Emerging Scholars Workshop- Madison, WI	2007

American Commonwealth Project (ACP)

Steering Committee	2011-2012
White House/U.S. Department of Education initiative aimed to promote civic learning and engagement in U.S. colleges and universities.	

Citizen Alum, University of Michigan
Member, Steering Committee

2011- 2015

MEDIA

International

Featured in, “What would a DeSantis presidency mean for US higher education?” *Times Higher Education*, January 19, 2023

Featured in, “The benefits of engagement,” *Times Higher Education*, December 8, 2016.

Featured in, “El compromiso de las universidades es mas que solo voluntaridos.” *El Mercurio* (Chilean national newspaper), October 26, 2015.

National

Featured in, “University of Minnesota Twin Cities support for community engaged scholarship in tenure and promotion.” *American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS)*, [Newsletter] October 17, 2024

Featured in, “A playbook for knocking down higher ed.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 19, 2022

Featured in, “Antioch and Otterbein tie the knot.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 8, 2022.

Featured in, “How to motivate alumni to give.” *CueBack Technology Inc.*, [Blog interview]. June 24, 2020

Featured in, “After scandals explode, universities often raise more money than ever. Why?” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 14, 2019

Featured in, “It’s the economy, stupid.” *Inside Higher Ed*, January 21, 2013

Featured in, “Socio-economic makeup of states affects higher ed funding, *Education News*, January 14, 2013

Featured in, “Report explores differences among states that affect college funding,” *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, January 10, 2013

Featured in, “Study links state-higher education spending to demographics and the economy,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 9, 2013

Featured in, “Pumping up alumni giving at public colleges: Studies find surprising trade-offs,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 29, 2010

Regional—United States

Featured in, “Amid falling confidence, forum speakers defend value of a college degree” *Wisconsin Public Radio* (Madison, WI), April 25, 2024

Featured in, PROFS panel calls for de-politicization of higher education at public forum. *Badger Herald* (Madison, WI), April 25, 2024

Featured in, “Kiran and Pallavi Patel commit \$200 million for Clearwater medical school” *Tampa Bay Times* (Tampa, FL) September 25, 2017

Featured in, “Study: UMass campuses in Lowell and Boston are savvy fundraisers,” *Boston Business Journal* (Boston, MA) October 14, 2014

Featured in, “Study: Location, community engagement landed more funding for UML,” *Lowell Sun* (Lowell, MA), October 13, 2014

Featured in, “Study points to La. education dilemma,” *The Advocate* (New Orleans, LA), January 21, 2013

Featured in, “Report ties imported workforce to Colo. college funding levels. *Boulder Daily Camera* (Boulder, CO), January, 9, 2013

Featured in, “Frayed bonds: Report shows many feel disconnected from UW-Madison,” *Madison Capital Times* (Madison, WI) April 25, 2012

Featured in, “State spending on higher education” *College Connections Radio Program, Oklahoma Public Radio* (Oklahoma City, OK), October 20, 2007.

Featured in, “Forum examines history of state funding for higher education” *The Daily Cardinal* (Madison, WI) weekend edition, October 12-14, 2007.

Featured in, “Expert educators debate state college budget system” *The Badger Herald* (Madison, WI), October 12, 2007

State of Minnesota

Featured in, “Free tuition draws Minnesota students to University of the People” *Star Tribune*, September 17, 2017

Featured in, “A troubling ‘social-class gap’ in college gap-year studies” *Star Tribune*, November 14, 2015

Featured in, “Free college sounds great, but skeptic’s ask, what’s the cost?” *Minnesota Public Radio*, January 28, 2015

Featured in, “CLEP tests allow young students to pile up credits,” *Star Tribune*, January 11, 2015

Featured in, “What disinvestment looks like,” *Minnesota Magazine* Fall, 2015.

Featured in, “On campus beat: A class idea for college learning,” *Star Tribune*, June 4, 2014

Featured in, “Game-based courses at Rasmussen College can slash the price of a degree,” *Star Tribune*, May 29, 2014

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT

University of Minnesota (University level)

Member, Search Committee; Graduate School Associate Deans Positions	Spring 2024
Member, Graduate Education Goals Implementation Working Group	2022-2023
Co-Chair, Graduate School Advisory Board	2019-2021
Member, Graduate School Advisory Board	2017-2018
Member, Search Committee, Executive Director, University Research and Outreach Center (UROC)	2017- 2018
Faculty Senate	2014-2017
Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Office for Public Engagement	2016-2017
Member, Conference Planning, Public Engagement Symposium	2015-2016
Member, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (DDF) Awards Committee	2015-2016
Member, Selection Committee, Community-Engaged Scholar Award	2015, 2013
Office for Public Engagement	

Member, Committee on Serendipity in Research, VP Research	2014
Member, Public Engagement Task Force on Faculty Roles	2009

Invited speaker/facilitator for University of Minnesota committees/academic units

- Weerts, D. J., (2020, July 20). *Leading change in graduate education*. Guest speaker for Graduate School leadership team, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Weerts, D. J., (2019, February 27). *The higher education financing puzzle: Examining the role of university-community engagement*. Guest speaker for Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships Legislative Workshop, University of Minnesota Extension
- Weerts, D. J., (2013, January 19). *Higher education sustainability? Reframing problems and solutions*. Guest speaker for the Senate Planning and Finance Committee at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Weerts, D. J. (2013, April). Moderator, *Public engagement at the University of Minnesota—Charting the next chapter*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Weerts, D. J., (2012, October 4). *The economic challenges for public research universities*. Panelist, University of Minnesota Faculty Senate Centennial Convocation, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Weerts, D. J., (2012, June 5). *Public engagement and emerging roles for alumni relations*. Guest speaker for Alumni Board of Visitors, College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Sciences (CFANS) University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Weerts, D. J. (2011, February 1). *Understanding the costs of college*. Guest speaker for the Senate Planning and Finance Committee at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Weerts, D. J. (2010, May 18). *Public engagement and higher education: Implications for teaching and learning*. Guest speaker for Center for Teaching and Learning Spring Retreat, University of Minnesota

College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)

CEHD Promotion and Tenure Committee	2022- 2024
Invited Presenter, Saturday Scholars (CEHD Alumni)	Fall 2015, 2012
Selection Committee, Faculty and Staff Summer Research Awards	2011
Equity and Diversity Task Force	2009- 2011
Task Force on Business and Marketing Education (BME)	2008

Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development (OLPD)

Director of Graduate Studies, Integrative Leadership Minor	2021- present
Chair, Mentoring Committee for 1 assistant professor	2024- present
Member, P&T Revision Committee	2020-2021
Member, Mentoring Committee (2 assistant professors in OLPD)	2020- 2021
Program Coordinator, Higher Education	2013-2015; 2018-2019
Member, Workgroup on Policy and Procedures	2018
Director, Center for Innovative Higher Education	2010- 2016
Member, Merit Review Committee	2014
Member, LIIE Application Review Committee	2014

Director, Postsecondary Education Research Institute (PERI)	2009-2010
Member, Post-Doctoral Fellow Search Committee	2011
Member, Chautauqua Planning Committee	2010- 2011, 2015-2016
EdD Program Coordinator	2010 cohort
Chair, External Affairs Committee	2010

Florida Atlantic University (Selected)

Adviser, Goal 4 Strategic Planning Committee on Community Engagement	2007- 2008
Member, Institutional Advancement Quality Committee, FAU Foundation	2006-2007
Departmental representative, College of Education Faculty Assembly	2005-2006

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Selected)

Board of Directors, Friends of the Waisman Center	2003-2005
Committee on Civic Engagement, Morgridge Center for Public Service	2003-2004

Public, Community, and Other Service

Board of Directors, Anselm House	2016- present
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Youth Athletics Volunteer

Basketball	N. Metro Blazers- Plymouth, MN	2022- present
	St. Louis Park, MN- Parks and Recreation	2018-2022
	Minnetonka, MN- Parks and Recreation	2017-2018
Flag football	St. Louis Park, MN- Parks and Recreation	2018-2020
Baseball	Bloomington, MN- YMCA	2017