

New Fellow Spotlight: Naim Kapucu

I am a Pegasus Professor within the School of Public Administration and a joint faculty at the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs at the University of Central Florida. I am extremely honored to be part of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) which is a congressionally chartered non-partisan non-profit Academy helps government agencies at all levels address their critical management and implementation challenges. I



I am a well-published and established scholar in public administration and policy. I have made significant contributions to the field of public administration since I received my Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh on public and international affairs in 2003. I have authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited 11 books; authored and/or co-authored over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. My scholarship highlights major issues in emergency and crisis management and governance across public, private, and nonprofit sectors. My scholarship demonstrates breadth of inquiry in the field of public administration in addressing complex issues to produce timely analysis. My expertise and experience will support the twelve grand challenges identified by the academy. I look forward contributing NAPA both to the standing panel on intergovernmental systems and to related working groups with my strong interest and background on network governance. Since my move to Florida, a high hazard risk of hurricanes, much of my effort in working with local governments has been focused on disaster mitigation, response, recovery, and building community resilience. My experience in working with state and local governments in Florida in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from, hurricanes, I would especially contribute to NAPA's Grand Challenge on Building Community Resilience. My emphasis on networks and network science will also contribute to the grand challenge of Developing New Approaches to Public Governance and Engagement. I will bring energy, experience, and insight to NAPA's professional activities, with focus and discipline that I have developed over my career to advance NAPA's goals. I have so many people to thank who contributed to my professional development and scholarship both at UCF and outside. I am particularly grateful to my Professor Louise K Comfort, my dissertation chair, lifelong mentor, and colleague. Professor William N. Dunn also contributed substantially to my scholarship and teaching over the years, and he supported my nomination. Very grateful my alma mater Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. I am also very thankful for Professor Tom K. Liou who hired me as an assistant professor as Public Administration department chair in 2003. He was very supportive during my academic journey both at UCF and globally.