The nature and scope of nonprofit-government relations are diverse and intense at times. Many terms describing the role of nonprofits in public affairs, such as school for citizenship, advocacy group, and social service agent, reflect these varying relationships between the two sectors. The main focus of this course is to explore the diverse nature of nonprofit-government interactions. Some might be collaborative, while others tend to be contentious. Regardless of the nature of their interactions, what is critical is to clearly understand and explain the underlying logic, rationales, consequences, and policy implications of those relationships. The course discussion includes an examination of a broad theoretical, empirical and practical spectrum of nonprofit-public sector collaborations, conflicts, and resultant policy implications.

6:30 – 9:20pm, Tuesdays

Instructor: Meeyoung Lamothe, Ph.D.