

## Inside Inauguration Day

**Dr. Mario Scalora**, Director of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and leading expert in the area of threat assessment, assisted the United States Capitol Police during Inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C. this month.

Scalora is a nationally-known threat assessment expert who has consulted with U.S. Capitol Police on a variety of issues for 20 years, including on-the-ground assistance during the last three inaugurations. His role at inaugurations has been to collaborate with officers to assess threats received against the event or the people involved, as well as assist with monitoring suspicious behavior among the crowd as the transition of power occurs at the Capitol.

"Most people don't realize how many people are on the ground working to make these events safe," Scalora said. "No one agency does it all. All the agencies -- such as the Capitol Police, D.C. Police, Secret Service, the military -- put in a lot of effort and work together very well."



**Mario Scalora** @MarioJScalora · Jan 19

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## **PUBLIC POLICY CENTER PARTNERING ON PROJECT TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

A \$300,000 grant for countering violent extremism through training and engagement was awarded to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by the Department of Homeland Security. **The Public Policy Center will partner with NEMA to identify barriers that keep peers or family members from reporting potential signs of radicalization using a public-health approach.**

Other state participants include Nebraska State Patrol's Fusion Center, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska Department of Education. Local public health efforts are led by Two Rivers Public Health Department which serves seven counties in rural Nebraska.

"We feel very fortunate to receive this grant as there is currently not a public health led violent extremism prevention effort in place," said Bryan Tuma, NEMA assistant director. "Increased engagement in the community will promote increased knowledge of how to counter violent extremism and hopefully result in increased reporting. Knowing what to look for and who to report it to are good first steps toward countering violent extremism."

[Read the full press release here.](#)



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### Grant to Counter Violent Extremism Awarded to NEMA | Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

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## CENTER RESEARCHERS PARTNERING ON INTEGRATED CARE GRANT

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (LFS), in partnership with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, **has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** to study the impact of integrated care services offered through the Health 360 Integrated Care Clinic located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The clinic, a partnership between LFS and People's Health Center, provides integrated care by coordinating and offering behavioral health, primary care, dental and pharmaceutical services under one roof. **The two-year grant will fund research by a team from the Public Policy Center** working with an LFS-based research coordinator to communicate

with participants, gather data and complete a rigorous evaluation of integrated care outcomes.

"This is a superb opportunity to study the differences that can be made in people's lives," said Todd Reckling, vice president of program for LFS. "The research grant not only allows us to study the difference being made but fosters further partnerships in the community around healthcare and public health."

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## TOPIC OF SPRING SEMINAR FOCUSES ON A COLLABORATIVE WATER PROJECT

Research Specialist, **Tarik Abdel-Monem**, recently partnered with University of Nebraska-Omaha professor, **Dr. Christine Reed** on a collaborative project that focused on the governance of integrated water management in Nebraska.



Tarik Abdel-Monem



Dr. Christine Reed

On January 18th, **Dr. Reed kicked off the 2017 Spring Water Seminar Series**, sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources and the Nebraska Water Center, part of the Daughtery Water for Food Global Institute, with support from the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In her seminar, she referenced the work with Mr. Abdel-Monem to illustrate the advantages of "polycentric"

systems of governance in promoting adaptation to a changing environment. Her talk also discussed how interactions across different scales, from the level of natural resource districts to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, can address complex issues associated with managing surface and ground water with a hydrological connection in the Upper Platte River Basin. **This talk was recorded, and video will be available soon on the Spring Seminar Series web page.**

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