

Biographical Statement

Dr. Chris R. Surfus is the Founding President of The Surfus Foundation, a 15-year-old public policy advocacy and research foundation supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

Dr. Surfus has led a variety of not-for-profit entities over the past two decades, including serving as a past Chairperson of the ASPA LGBT Advocacy Alliance, as a past President of the ASPA Michigan Capital Area Chapter, and currently with The Surfus Foundation. Surfus has experience writing more than \$75 million in federal grants. Surfus has 18 publications, including book chapters and journals, and 29 conference presentations. Surfus' research work has been featured at three international conferences, five ASPA conferences, and various regional conferences and professional associations. Research areas of interest include LGBTIQ+ policy, disability research, environmental justice, COVID-19, and innovative research methodologies.

In 2024, Dr. Surfus launched the Surfus Style eBay Store, which has become a Top-Rated Seller and has sold more than 600 items in under a year. In the 2022-23 academic year, Surfus served as a Board-Appointed Faculty of Public Administration at Western Michigan University's School of Public Affairs and Administration. In the 2021-22 academic year, Surfus was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability in the NIDILRR federally funded Advanced Rehabilitation and Research Training (ARRT) program, focusing on intersectional disability research on employment during COVID-19. While at UNH, Surfus published in three Scopus Q1 journals – the APA's *Rehabilitation Psychology*, *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, and the ASA's *Statistics and Public Policy* – and a group paper on caregiving during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Surfus earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH). Before Western Michigan University, Surfus earned Master's degrees in Business (MBA) and Public Administration (MPA), along with a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership, at Grand Valley State University. Before Grand Valley, Surfus earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) from Cornerstone University.

Dr. Surfus is currently seeking positions within the field of public administration and hopes to secure a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Public Administration position soon. Please refer to their LinkTree portfolio at <https://drsurf.us> for an updated Curriculum Vitae and full Portfolio.