Refounding Public Administration

*Refounding Public Administration* (1990) is a noted text in the public administration field that formulated a multi-faceted argument that government is properly an agential and active servant of the public good. It is among a very few books that have been pivotal in defining public administration as a distinct field from political science with its own theory and raison d'etre. Other works in this genre include Dwight Waldo's *The Administrative State* and Frederick C. Mosher's *Democracy and the Public Service*. The work was edited by Gary Wamsley, who contributed a classic essay on bureaucratic agency, and also includes works by Charles Goodsell, John Rohr, Camilla Stivers, Orion White, Philip Kronenberg, James Wolf and others.

A follow-on volume called *Refounding Democratic Public Administration* was edited by Wamsley and Wolf. These works have strongly influenced the development of the Center for Public Administration and Policy as a center of public administration research.

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