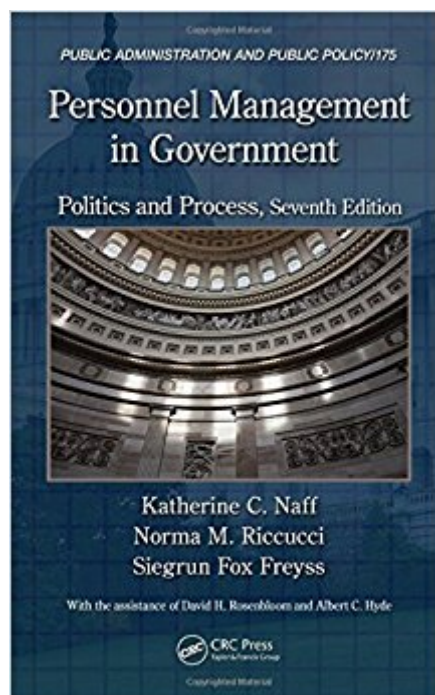


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Personnel Management in Government (2008) is now a new classic Public Administration book in academia which in its 6th edition, has not yet reflected the new Human Resource Management with licensing of HR Directors. The book is exceptional in its depth, and a particular thank you for the continued attention to Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), including the diversity and demographics of the federal workforce. However, alternative dispute resolution procedures (p. 551) for the Americans with Disabilities Act, and revisions in laws (ADA, 2008) have not yet reached these audiences; in addition, other aspects such as Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA, originally Education for all Handicapped Childrens' Act of 1974) is not included while schools systems have primary responsibility for "adult transitions to work and adulthood". The book is considered a "management-labor" bible on Public Personnel Management inclusive of the unions and collective bargaining; new employee assistance programs; the planning, classification and compensation, performance appraisal, and recruitment, selection, training and development; history and operation of civil service systems in state, local and federal governments; and the public service legal framework underpinning the rights in workplaces. New to the books are the post-911 security measures of violence in the workplace and drug testing as an employment procedure, and labor union lawsuits related to the post-911 transfer of civil service to Homeland Security. The authors are extremely knowledgeable on the state civil service systems (pp. 80-81), efforts at workforce planning and Presidential initiatives (e.g., Bush's red-yellow-green light on rating agencies on strategic management of human capital), downsizing and recovery of the workforce two years later; professional, technical and administrative appointments to the federal government; federal government civilian appointments by function; leading diversity and inclusion approaches; sexual harrassment, pregnancy and HIV-AIDS; performance management in the 1990s and beyond; Age Discrimination in employment laws; representation of women and people of color in local governments; and the women and men wage gap, among others. Must read for Public Personnel Managers, Workforce Planners and Affirmative Action (now passe) Administrators! Reflective of the textbooks of responsible governments across all departments (e.g., transportation, housing, labor, water transport, public welfare, immigration, vocational rehabilitation and education).

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