

## CURRICULUM VITA

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#### Academic Appointments

2024 - Present      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies, Georgia Southern University

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**Education**      **Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy** (2024) University of Georgia  
Committee: Eric Zeemering (Chair), Emily Bell, and Katherine Willoughby  
**Master of Public Administration** (2019), Appalachian State University  
**Master of Arts in Political Science** (2019), Appalachian State University  
Concentration: American (U.S.) Government  
**B.S. in Political Science** (2017), Appalachian State University

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**Research Interests:** State and Local Government, Rural Local Governance, Public Management, Public Personnel, Public Sector Labor Unions

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#### Publications

##### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- Piatak, J. S. & **Jensen, C.** (2024). Public Values and Sector Service Delivery Preferences: Public Preferences on Contracting from Simple to Complex Human Services. *Public Administration Review*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13794>
- Jensen, C.** & Piatak, J. S. (2023). Public Service Motivation and Trust in Government: An Examination across the Federal, State, and Local Levels in the United States. *American Review of Public Administration*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02750740231200449>

##### *Book Chapters*

- Willoughby, K. G., & **Jensen, C.** (2021). Public Budgeting Mechanics. In B. D. McDonald & M. M. Jordan, *Teaching Public Budgeting and Finance* (1st ed., pp. 51–74). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003240440-4>

### *Invited Book Reviews*

**Jensen, C.** (2021). *Public Service Motivation and Public Opinion: Examining Antecedents and Attitudes (Elements in Public and Nonprofit Administration)*, Piatak, Jaclyn and Holt, Stephen, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021, 84 pp., \$20.00 (pb), ISBN: 9781108964005. *Public Administration*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12767>

### *Professional Technical Reports*

Bell, Emily V., **Colt Jensen**, and Megan Mullin. (2021). "The State of Community Water Systems: Pressures, Goals, and Innovations in North Carolina." <https://www.evbell.com/publications>

### *Special Issue Introduction and Editorial Assistance - State and Local Government Review*

Kimberly Nelson, Eric Zeemering, and **Colt Jensen**. (2023). "Protecting Democracy: Virtual Issue for the 2023 American Society for Public Administration Conference." [https://journals.sagepub.com/topic/collections-slg/slg\\_1-protecting\\_democracy/slg](https://journals.sagepub.com/topic/collections-slg/slg_1-protecting_democracy/slg)

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### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Nathan Favero, Minjung Kim, **Colt Jensen**, and Jaclyn Piatak. What Should Public Organizations Prioritize? Exploring Different Value Hierarchies among the Public. (Under review)

Charlie Chen, and **Colt Jensen**. Deficits in Trust Toward Artificial Intelligence: An Empirical Examination of Public Sentiment and Potential Remedies. (Accepted for a special issue in *Global Public Policy and Governance*)

**Jensen, C.** The Unionization of State Government Employees and the Cost of Government: Re-evaluating an Evolving Relationship. (Under review)

Eric Zeemering and **Colt Jensen**. The Influence of Local Government Structure on Multiplex Advice Relationship Formation.

**Jensen, C.** The Impact of Legalizing Mobile Sports Gambling on the Utilization Problem Gambling Helpline Resources: The Cases of Tennessee and Virginia. (Under review)

**Jensen, C.** Beyond Census Metrics: Toward a More Inclusive Understanding of Rurality and its Effects on Organizational Capacity in Georgia

**Jensen, C.** 40 Years of Rural Research in Public Administration: Definitions, Evidence, and Future Avenues for Research

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**Teaching Experience**

*Georgia Southern University - Graduate Level Courses*

PBAD 7430: Public Human Resource Management	Fall 2024
PBAD 7631: Foundations of Public Administration	Spring 2025
PBAD 7134: Advanced Management	Spring 2025

*Georgia Southern University - Undergraduate Level Courses*

PBAD 3331: Applied Public Management	Fall 2024
PBAD 2231: Introduction to Public Administration	Spring 2025

*University of Georgia*

Instructor of Record: PADP 4200 - Introduction to Local Government	Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant: POLS 1101 - American Government	Fall 2023

*Appalachian State University*

Lecturer	Fall-Spring: 2018-2019 (In-Person)
BUS 2001-Resume Writing & Professional Development	Spring-Summer: 2020 (Online)

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**Professional Service**

Manuscript Reviewer, Public Administration Review, 2024  
Manuscript Reviewer, Public Performance & Management Review, 2024  
Manuscript Reviewer, International Journal of Public Management, 2024  
Manuscript Reviewer, State and Local Government Review, 2023-2024  
Manuscript Reviewer, Global Public Policy and Governance, 2024  
Graduate Student Advisory Board, International Journal of Public Management, 2023-2024

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**Languages**

Native: English  
Advanced: Portuguese

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**Professional Affiliations**

Public Management Research Association (PMRA)  
American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)  
Section of Intergovernmental Admin and Management (SIAM)  
Tribal Relations Working Group (TRWG)

## Selected Funding and Grants

2023           UGA Dept. of Public Administration Dissertation Research Grant (\$3,000)  
2022           The Nigro Fellowship for PMRC Travel, University of Georgia (\$1,800)

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## Honors and Awards

2024           ASPA Founders' Fellow  
2024           ASPA-SIAM Best Student Paper Award

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## Conference Presentations

*Authoritarian Attitudes and Public Service Motivation: Exploring Trust in Multilevel Governance.* ASPA. March 2025. (with Jay Rickabaugh, Serena Kim, and Jonathan Lubin)

*Authoritarian Attitudes and Public Service Motivation: Exploring Trust in Multilevel Governance.* SPSA. January 2025. (with Jaclyn Piatak)

*Does Leadership Style Influence Public Evacuations? Examining Public Compliance and Trust across Levels of Government.* SPSA. January 2025. (with Jaclyn Piatak)

*Safeguarding Merit: Citizen Support for Civil Service Protections Against Political Interference.* SECoPA. September 2024. (with Jaclyn Piatak)

*40 Years of Rural Research in Public Administration: Conceptualization, Evidence, and Future Avenues for Research.* PMRC. June 2024.

*40 Years of Rural Research in Public Administration: Evidence and Future Avenues.* ASPA. April 2024.

*Unpacking the Impact of Rurality on Local Government Capacity: A Multidimensional Analysis of Municipalities and Counties in Georgia.* SECoPA. September 2023.

*What Should Public Organizations Prioritize? Exploring Different Value Hierarchies among the Public.* MPSA. April 2023 (with Nathan Favero, Minjung Kim, and Jaclyn Piatak).

*The Urban-Rural Economic Development Divide in Georgia: Understanding Differences in Strategy.* ASPA. March 2023.

*State-Level Government Employee Wage Spending: Do Labor Unions Move the Needle?* ASPA. March 2023.

*Rural Local Governments in the United States: Collaboration and Innovation.* AoM. August 2022.

*Understanding Public Service Delivery Preferences: An Examination of Public Values and Public Service Motivation.* PMRC. June 2022 (with Jaclyn Piatak).

*The Influence of Public Service Motivation on Trust in Multilevel Governance.* IRSPM. April 2022 (with Jaclyn Piatak).

*How do Threats of Assault Influence Federal Employee Attitudes about the Workplace?* Southern Political Science Conference. January 2022 (with Gene Brewer).

*The Influence of Local Government Structure on Multiplex Advice Relationship Formation.* SECoPA. September 2021 (with Eric Zeemering).

*International Patterns of Learning Disparities Regarding Public Personnel Policies among Public Sector Employees: Evidence from Australia, Canada, U.S., and the U.K.* IPMN. August 2021 (with Gene Brewer).