

## CURRICULUM VITA

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#### Academic Appointments

2025 - Current      **Assistant Professor**, School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2024 - 2025      **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  
Dissertation: *Rurality in Public Administration: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Implications for Organizational Capacity and Network Structure*  
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, Public Management, Rural Local Governance, Public Personnel

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#### Publications

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

**Jensen, C.** Beyond Census Metrics: Toward a More Inclusive Understanding of Rurality and Its Effects on Organizational Capacity in Georgia. *American Review of Public Administration*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/02750740251355241>

**Jensen, C. & Chen, C.** (2025). Deficits in Trust Toward Artificial Intelligence: An Empirical Examination of Public Sentiment and Potential Remedies. *Global Public Policy and Governance*. <http://doi.org/10.1007/s43508-025-00114-y>

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. (2024). 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. (Revise and Resubmit at *American Review of Public Administration*)

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

Jaclyn Piatak and **Colt Jensen**. Safeguarding Merit: Citizen Support for Civil Service Protections Against Political Interference. (Under Review)

**Colt Jensen** and Jaclyn Piatak. Authoritarian Attitudes as a Boundary Condition on Intuitive Federalism: Trust Across Governmental Levels in the United States. (Under Review)

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

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

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

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## Teaching Experience

### *Georgia Southern University - Graduate Level Courses*

PBAD 7134: Advanced Management	Spring 2025 (Online)
PBAD 7631: Foundations of Public Administration	Spring 2025 (Online)
PBAD 7430: Public Human Resource Management	Fall 2024 (In-Person)

### *Georgia Southern University - Undergraduate Level Courses*

PBAD 3331: Applied Public Management	Fall 2024 (Online)
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### *University of Georgia*

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

### *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

Board Member, ASPA Section of Intergovernmental Administration and Management, Current Committee Member, NASPAA Local Government Management Education Committee, Current Graduate Student Advisory Board, International Public Management Journal, 2023-2025

Manuscript Reviewer: *Public Administration Review*, *International Public Management Journal*, *Public Performance & Management Review*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Administration & Society*, *Global Public Policy and Governance*

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## Languages

Native: English

Advanced: Portuguese

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## 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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## Professional Affiliations

Public Management Research Association (PMRA)

American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)

Section of Intergovernmental Administration and Management (ASPA-SIAM)

Tribal Relations Working Group (ASPA-SIAM-TRWG)

International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

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## Conference Presentations

*Fear or Loathing: Are Climate Change Level of Government Preferences Driven by Risk Exposure, Values, or Partisanship?* PMRC. June 2025. (with Robert Hines, Suzanne Leland, and Jaclyn Piatak).

*Do Burdens Undermine Democracy? How Voting Burdens Impact Democratic Outcomes.*

PMRC. June 2025. (with Elizabeth Bell and Ryan Lofaro)

*Stigma, Masculinity, and Asking for Help with Administrative Burdens.* PMRC. June 2025. (with Shaun Khurana)

*The U.S. Department of Energy's State and Tribal Government Work Group: A 35-Year Retrospective.* ASPA. Deil Wright Symposium. March 2025. (Moderated panel with Luke Jones)

*Intergovernmental Collaboration: What Does the Public Want?* ASPA. Deil Wright Symposium. March 2025. (with Jay Rickabaugh, Serena Kim, and Jonathan Lubin)

*Safeguarding Merit: Citizen Support for Civil Service Protections Against Political Interference.* Political Polarization and Its Policy Consequences Conference. March 2025. (with Jaclyn Piatak)

*Authoritarian Personality 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).