

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

Education **Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy** (2024) University of Georgia
Dissertation: *Three Chapters on Rural Public Administration*
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

Research Interests: State and Local Government, Public Management, Rural Local Governance, Public Personnel

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

Manuscripts in Progress

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

Jensen, C. Beyond Census Metrics: Toward a More Inclusive Understanding of Rurality and Its Effects on Organizational Capacity in Georgia (Revise and Resubmit at *American Review of Public Administration*)

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

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)

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

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

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

Teaching Experience

Georgia Southern University - Graduate Level Courses

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| 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

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

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| 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

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

Professional Service

Committee Member, NASPAA Local Government Management Education Committee, Current
Board Member, ASPA Section of Intergovernmental Administration and Management, Current
Manuscript Reviewer, Public Administration Review, 2024-2025
Manuscript Reviewer, Public Performance & Management Review, 2024
Manuscript Reviewer, International Public Management Journal, 2024-2025
Manuscript Reviewer, State and Local Government Review, 2023-2025
Manuscript Reviewer, Administration & Society, 2024-2025
Manuscript Reviewer, Global Public Policy and Governance, 2024
Graduate Student Advisory Board, International Public Management Journal, 2023-2024

Languages

Native: English
Advanced: Portuguese

Selected Funding and Grants

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

Honors and Awards

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

Professional Affiliations

Public Management Research Association (PMRA)
American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)
 Section of Intergovernmental Administration and Management (SIAM)
 Tribal Relations Working Group (ASPA-SIAM-TRWG)
International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

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 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).