

CURRICULUM VITA

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Academic Appointments

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

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

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

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

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 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

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)

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

Languages

Native: English
Advanced: Portuguese

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)

Honors and Awards

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

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).