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INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Jason L. O'Rourke is an adjunct instructor in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of Georgia, where he teaches graduate-level coursework focused on intergovernmental relations and network governance. His teaching integrates academic frameworks with extensive practitioner experience across federal, state, and local government institutions.

With more than fifteen years of senior-level experience in public policy, government relations, and institutional coordination, Mr. O'Rourke brings a practical, applied perspective to public administration. His professional background informs course discussions on how public institutions operate in practice, how policy decisions are shaped across jurisdictions, and how collaborative governance functions in real-world settings.

TEACHING APPOINTMENT

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Public Administration and Policy

January 2022 – Present

Course Focus

- Intergovernmental relations and federalism
- Network governance and cross-sector collaboration
- Federal–state–local policy coordination
- Institutional roles in public policy development and implementation

Teaching Approach

- Applied learning and real-world policy analysis
- Contemporary case studies from public-sector practice
- Integration of theory with professional experience
- Skills relevant to public-sector leadership and policy careers

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Government Relations Director, July 2019 – Present

Leads engagement with federal, state, and local government officials on economic policy and institutional coordination. Works across complex intergovernmental systems, offering practical insight into governance structures, regulatory frameworks, and public-sector collaboration.

Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, GA

Vice President, Public Policy & Federal Affairs, October 2017 – June 2019

Director / Senior Director, Public Policy & Federal Affairs, August 2014 – September 2017

Directed public policy strategy involving multiple levels of government and stakeholder networks. Experience informs course discussions on governance complexity, advocacy, and interorganizational coordination.

Office of Congressman Doug Collins (GA-9), Washington, D.C.

Legislative Assistant, January 2013 – October 2013

Conducted legislative research, policy development, and constituent engagement at the federal level.

Additional professional experience includes roles as a policy analyst, legislative aide, and campaign consultant, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of public-sector institutions and political processes.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration, with distinction — University of Georgia, December 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science — University of Georgia, August 2006

WHAT STUDENTS CAN EXPECT

- Clear connections between public administration theory and real-world practice
- Exposure to contemporary intergovernmental and governance challenges
- Applied analysis grounded in current institutional and policy environments
- Emphasis on critical thinking, professional judgment, and practical problem-solving