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Education

PhD in Public Policy, Oregon State University, School of Public Policy (2018)

Master of Public Affairs, Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs (2000)

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Franklin and Marshall College, Economics and French (1993)

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Summer Undergraduate Research Program Funding (2023)

Policy Studies Journal Reviewer of the Year Award (2022)

Natural Hazards Center Rapid Response Small Grant (2021)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2015-2018)

Employment

Oregon State University, School of Public Policy

Sr. Associate Director of Oregon Policy Analysis Laboratory (OPAL): January 2026 - Current
Delivering leadership and supervision to the Oregon Policy Analysis Laboratory (OPAL), a faculty-led and student-staffed initiative to provide applied research and other services to local and state government agencies and non-profits. Engaged in strategic planning to expand OPAL's operations and visibility.

Oregon State University, Division of Extension and Engagement

Director of Evaluation and Reporting: August 2023 – Current
Providing strategic leadership and capacity-building services to support division-wide evaluation and reporting activities, including systems development, staff training, planning and intern supervision, as well as targeted project-specific research.

Oregon State University, School of Public Policy

Instructor: Winter 2024; Spring 2024; Spring 2025

Delivered instruction in qualitative analysis methods (PPOL 523) to graduate students via asynchronous and synchronous modalities.

California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo

Assistant Professor: September 2022 – August 2023

Conducted research and delivered instruction in core graduate (MPP) and undergraduate courses, including Introduction to Public Policy, Policy Analysis and Graduate Seminar.

University of Oregon, School of Planning, Public Policy and Management

Visiting Professor: September 2021 – June 2022

Conducted research and delivering instruction in core graduate (MPA) and undergraduate courses, including Policy Analysis, Public Sector Economics, Financial Management and Public Management and Public Management.

Oregon State University, College of Public Health, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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Postdoctoral Scholar: 2018 – 2021

Conducted applied and scholarly research for grant-funded social and environmental projects, with Dr. David Rothwell (Oregon Poverty Measure Project), Dr. Mark Edwards (Older Adults SNAP Participation Project) and Dr. Hilary Boudet (Secure and Connected Communities Project). Worked with project teams to collect, consolidate and analyze complex survey and administrative data, prepare manuscripts and reports, and present findings to clients and policymakers.

Oregon State University, College of Liberal Arts and College of Public Health and Human Sciences

Instructor and Course Developer: 2016 –2021

Delivered instruction and course refinements for selected graduate and undergraduate courses, including Public Policy Problems, Public Administration, Research Methods, Welfare and Social Services; Family Policy. Developed syllabi for two required courses associated with new Bachelor of Science in Public Policy program, including Research Methods and Policy Analysis.

Program and Policy Insight, LLC

Founder/Principal, 2005 - 2014

Founded women-owned, Oregon-based company to provide applied research, program evaluation and technical assistance services to government agencies and non-profit organizations. Conducted project management, survey instrument and interview guide development, data collection and analysis, proposal management, as well as overall organization and client management.

Abt Associates, Inc

Associate, 2004; Senior Analyst, 2000 to 2004

Conducted program evaluation and applied research for government agency and non-profit clients, primarily related to workforce development, community and national service, and organizational capacity building. Conducted project management, survey instrument and interview guide development, data collection and analysis, and proposal management.

Peace Corps, Mali, West Africa, 1995-97

AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps, San Diego, CA, 1994-95

Teaching Record (* Graduate-level course)

2024-25 Q3 Qualitative Research Methods PPOL 523*
2023-24 Q2 Qualitative Research Methods PPOL 523*
2023-24 Q3 Qualitative Research Methods PPOL 523*
2022-23 Q3 Intro to Public Policy and Admin POLS 351
2022-23 Q2 Grad Research Seminar POLS 590*
2022-23 Q2 Policy Analysis POLS 518*
2022-23 Q1 Intro to Public Policy POLS 515*
2022-23 Q1 Intro to Public Policy and Admin POLS 351
2021-22 Q3 Public Management PPPM 633*
2021-22 Q3 Financial Management PPPM 684*
2021-22 Q2 Policy Analysis PPPM 636*
2021-22 Q2 Policy Analysis PPPM 415

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2021-22 Q1 Public Sector Economics PPPM 628*
2021-22 Q1 Policy Analysis PPPM 415
2020-21 Q3 Welfare and Social Services SOC439_539
2019-20 Q3 Family Policy HDFS460
2019-20 Q1 Public Administration PS372
2017-18 Q3 Public Policy Problems PS371
2016-17 Q4 Research Methods PS300_400

Peer-reviewed Publications

2025:

Giordono, L., (2025). States as Laboratories: Disability Policy Change in a Nested Subsystem. In Weible, C. and Jenkins-Smith, H. (Eds) *Advocacy Coalition Framework: The Edited Volume*. Palgrave Press.

Giordono, L., Peterson, H., Powell, H., and Bentson, K. (2025). Climate Change, Extreme Events, and the United States Government Safety Net: A Scoping Review. *Risk, Hazards and Crisis in Public Policy*.

Jones, G., Halbleib, M., and **Giordono, L.** (In press). "A Rubric for Self-Assessment of Extension Impact Statements" *Journal of Extension*.

2023:

Giordono, L., Siddiqi, M. U. A., Stelmach, G., Zanoocco, C., Flora, J., & Boudet, H. (2023). Trial by Fire: Support for Mitigation and Adaptation Policy after the 2020 Oregon Wildfires. *Weather, Climate, and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-22-0075.1>

Giordono, L., Rothwell, D., and Weber, B. (2023). The Oregon Earned Income Credit's Impact on Child Poverty. *Journal of Poverty*, n/a(n/a). <http://10.1080/10875549.2023.2173709>

Peterson, H., Zanoocco, C., and **Giordono, L.** (2023). Minors can have major effects: Insights about Alabamian household climate adaptation behaviors following the 2020 hurricane season. *Journal of Society and Natural Resources*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2023.2188505>

Siddiqi, M. U.A, **Giordono, L.**, Zanoocco, C., Stelmach, G., Flora, J., & Boudet, H. (2023). Disaster preparedness and community helping behaviour in the wake of the 2020 Oregon wildfires. *Disasters*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.12584>

2022:

Giordono, L., Flora, J., Zanoocco, C., and Boudet, H. (2022) Food Practice Lifestyles and Implications for Energy Sustainability. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(9), 5638. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19095638>

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Giordono, L., Rothwell, D. W., Grutzmacher, S., & Edwards, M. (2022). Understanding SNAP Use Patterns Among Older Adults. *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13228>

Giordono, L., Zanocco, C., Peterson, H., & Boudet, H. (2022). Shelter from the storm: How perceived extreme event experience and government trust shape public support for climate change mitigation policy in the United States. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, rhc3.12250. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rhc3.12250>

Rothwell, D., **Giordono, L.,** and Stawski, R. (2022). Can Financial Capability Explain State Variation in Emergency Savings? Disentangling the Individual and Contextual Contribution. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09823-6>

Zanocco, C., Stelmach, G., **Giordono, L.,** Flora, J., & Boudet, H. (2022). Poor Air Quality during Wildfires Related to Support for Public Safety Power Shutoffs. *Society & Natural Resources*, 0(0), 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2022.2041138>

2021:

Giordono, L. (2021). Taking a Policy Process Approach to Illuminate the Political Nature of Disability Policymaking. *Evidence & Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1332/174426421X16145933430109>

Giordono, L., Gard-Murray, A., and Boudet, H. (2021). From Peril to Promise? Local Mitigation and Adaptation Decisions after Extreme Weather. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cosust.2021.10.002>

Giordono, L., Boudet, H., & Gard-Murray, A. (2021). Using fuzzy set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA) to Explain Local Adaptation Policy Responses to Extreme Weather. In P. A. Mello, *Qualitative Comparative Analysis: An Introduction to Research Design and Application*. Georgetown University Press.

Giordono, L., Steel, B. and McMorris, C. (2021). State Economic Inequality and Incivility. In Lovrich N., Benjamin F., Pierce J. and Schreckhise W. (Eds) *Outside Looking In: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in U.S. State Legislatures*. WSU Press.

McMorris, C., Steel, B. & **Giordono, L.** (2021). The Urban/Rural Divide and Political Incivility in State Legislatures. In Lovrich N., Benjamin F., Pierce J. and Schreckhise W. (Eds) *Outside Looking In: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in U.S. State Legislatures*. WSU Press.

2020:

Giordono, L. (2020) From Employment Optional to “Employment First”: Explaining Two Cases of State-level Disability Policy Change. *Public Policy and Administration*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0952076720942822>.

Giordono, L., Boudet H., and Gard-Murray, A. (2020). Local Adaptation Policy Responses to Extreme Weather Events. *Policy Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11077-020-09401-3>

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Pierce, J., **Giordono, L.**, Peterson H., & Hicks, K. (2020). Common Approaches for Studying the Advocacy Coalition Framework: Review of Methods and Exemplary Practices. *Social Science Journal*, 59(1). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soscij.2019.06.005>

Rothwell, D., **Giordono, L.** and Robson, J. (2020). Public income transfers and wealth accumulation at the bottom: Within and between country differences in Canada and the United States. *Social Policy and Administration*.
<http://www.lisdatacenter.org/wps/lwswps/31.pdf>

2019:

Boudet, H., **Giordono, L.**, Zanocco, C., Satein, H., & Whitley, H. (2019). Event Attribution and Partisanship Shape Local Discussion of Climate Change after Extreme Weather. *Nature Climate Change*, 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-019-0641-3>

Giordono, L. (2019). Advocacy Coalitions in a Low Salience Policy Subsystem: Struggles under a Smooth Surface. *Policy Studies Journal*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/psj.12330>

Giordono, L., Jones, M., and Rothwell, D. (2019) Social Policy Perspectives on Economic Inequality in Wealthy Countries. *Policy Studies Journal Yearbook*.
<http://www.psjyearbook.com/content/article37-2019>

2018:

Giordono, L., Boudet, H., Karmazina, A., and Steel, B. (2018). Opposition “Overblown”? Renewable Energy Siting in the Western United States. *Energy Research and Social Sciences*, DOI <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2018.05.016>.

Giordono, L. and Edwards, M. (2018). Social Policy. In E. Weber, R. Clucas, P. Southwell and M. Henkels (Eds), *Oregon State and Local Politics: Change and Continuity*. OSU Press.

Taylor-Winney, J., **Giordono, L.**, Lesmeister, M., Fenn, M., & Krahn, G. (2018). Disability Inclusion in 4-H: Aligned with the Mission, Stopped Short by Methods. *Journal of Youth Development*, 13(3), 191–211. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jyd.2018.604>

2017:

Giordono, L., & Pugatch, T. (2017). Non-tuition Costs, School Access and Student Performance: Evidence from the Gambia. *Journal of African Economies*, 26(2), 140–168.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejw033>.

Works in Progress

Davis, E.J. and **Giordono, L.** A Qualitative Evaluation of the Extension Fire Program. (Current status: manuscript under preparation)

Giordono, L. and Dzianisava, M. Early Findings from a Small-Scale Pyrolysis Initiative in Eastern Oregon. (Current status: manuscript under preparation)

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Gwin, L., **Giordono, L.**, and Ditmore, G. A Case Study of the Oregon Food Systems Network. (Current status: manuscript under preparation)

Siddiqi, M.U.A, **Giordono L.**, Peterson, H., Zanicco, C., Stelmach, G., Flora, J., and Boudet, H. (in progress). Harm Experiences from Weather Events Shape Individual Actions but not Climate Change Policy Support. (Current status: manuscript under review)

Selected Applied Research Reports

Giordono, L. with members of YEA Evaluate! (2025). *Youth Innovators Empowering Agriculture Across America: Key Observations Brief No. 1*. Youth Empowering Agriculture: Coordinating Network Report. Corvallis, OR. <https://www.youth-ed-network.org/research-and-evaluation>

Giordono, L. (2022). *Following the Path to Policy Change: Oregon 2020 Wildfires as a Focusing Event*. Natural Hazards Center Quick Response Report. Boulder, CO: University of Colorado at Boulder <https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/following-the-path-to-policy-change>

Rothwell, D., **Giordono, L.** & Weber, B. (2020). *Findings from the Oregon Poverty Measure Project: 2014-2018*. Corvallis, OR: The Ford Family Foundation and Providence Health Foundation. <https://health.oregonstate.edu/sites/health.oregonstate.edu/files/research/groups/poverty/pdf/r02-oprm-5yearfindings-report-20201012-final.pdf>

Rothwell, D., **Giordono, L.** & Weber, B. (2020). *Initial Findings from the Oregon Poverty Measure Project: 2017*. Corvallis, OR: The Ford Family Foundation and Providence Health Foundation. <https://health.oregonstate.edu/sites/health.oregonstate.edu/files/research/groups/poverty/pdf/oprm-early-findings-draft-report.pdf>

Giordono, L., Lodewick, K. & Michon, S. (2013). *The National Fund for Workforce Solutions: Data Brief 2013*. Boston, MA: National Fund for Workforce Solutions.

Lodewick, K. & **Giordono, L.** (2009) *Human Services Plan for Lane County*. Eugene, OR: Program and Policy Insight.

Giordono, L. & Lodewick, K. (2007). *Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the Oregon Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services: Final Report*. Eugene, OR: Program and Policy Insight.

McNeal, N., **Giordono, L.**, & Lodewick, K. (2006) *Denver TANF Evaluation Project: Final Report*. Salem, OR: Public Knowledge.

Schimmenti, J., Gamse, B., **Giordono, L.**, Kupfer, A., & Smith, W.C., and Weiland, C. (2003). *Evaluation of the Equipped for the Future Reading Project Pilot: Final Report*. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates, Inc.

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Giordono, L., Checkoway, A., Koepnick, R., & Jastrzab, J. (2002) *Evaluation of the Hanley Career and Technical Program*. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates, Inc.

Hebert, S., **Giordono, L.**, & Dun Rappaport, C. (2002) *Initiative to Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness in Workforce Development: Year End Report of the Assessment Team*. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates, Inc.

Jastrzab, J., Bernstein, L., Litin, L., Braat-Campbell, S., Stickney, E., Artis, E., & **Giordono, L.** (2001) *A Profile of AmeriCorps Members at Baseline*. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates, Inc.

McGahey, R., Levin, M., Heald, A., & **Giordono, L.** (2001) *Evaluating the Workforce Innovation Networks (WINS): A Report to the Ford Foundation*. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates, Inc.

Social Media Contributions

Cairney, P., & **Giordono, L.** (2019, August 11). Policy Concepts in 1000 Words: how do policy theories describe policy change? Retrieved August 12, 2019, from Paul Cairney: Politics & Public Policy website: <https://paulcairney.wordpress.com/2019/08/11/policy-concepts-in-1000-words-how-do-policy-theories-describe-policy-change/>

Boudet, H., **Giordono, L.**, & Zanocco, C. (2019, March 15). Do Extreme Weather Events Spur Action on Climate Change? Evidence of Muted Mobilization in 15 U.S. Communities. Retrieved August 12, 2019, from Mobilizing Ideas website: <https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2019/03/15/do-extreme-weather-events-spur-action-on-climate-change-evidence-of-muted-mobilization-in-15-u-s-communities/>

Giordono, L., Boudet, H., & Zanocco, C. (2021, August 19). This Year's Extreme Fires and Floods May Change What Americans Think About Climate Change, Our Research Finds. Retrieved August 19, 2021, from Washington Post's Monkey Cage blog: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/08/19/this-years-extreme-fires-floods-may-change-what-americans-think-about-climate-change-our-research-finds/>

Conference Presentations and Posters

Presentation: Trial by Fire: Support for Mitigation and Adaptation Policy after the 2020 Oregon Wildfires. Natural Hazards Center Researchers' Meeting. July 2022.

Presentation: Trial by Fire: Support for Mitigation and Adaptation Policy after the 2020 Oregon Wildfires. Western Political Science Association. Online Conference. March 2022.

Presentation: Waiver Behavior: Explaining State-level Differences in ABAWD Waiver Adoption. Midwest Political Science Association. Online Conference. April 2021.

Presentation: Double Disasters: Responses to COVID and Wildfire Events. Midwest Political Science Association. Online Conference. April 2021.

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Presentation: Government Trust, Community Harm and Support for Climate Change Mitigation Following Extreme Weather. Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). Online Conference. November 2020.

Presentation: Face Validity of the Supplemental Poverty Measure in Rural America: The Role of Redistributive Institutions. Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). Denver, Colorado. November 2019.

Presentation: The Slow Road to Big Change: Extending the Advocacy Coalition Framework with the Theory of Gradual, Institutional Change. International Public Policy Association Meeting. Montreal, Canada. June 2019.

Presentation: Community Responses to Extreme Weather Events. International Public Policy Association Meeting. Montreal, Canada. June 2019.

Presentation: The Oregon Earned Income Credit's Impact on Child Poverty. Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference. Seaside, Oregon. May 2019.

Presentation: The Slow Road to Big Change: Extending the Advocacy Coalition Framework with the Theory of Gradual, Institutional Change. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Presentation: Community Responses to Extreme Weather Events. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Presentation: Renewable Energy Siting in the West: A fuzzy set Qualitative Comparative Analysis. Rural Sociological Society annual meeting. Portland, OR. July 2018.

Presentation: Explaining Policy Change in a Low-Salience Subsystem: State-level Prioritization of Competitive, Integrated Employment for Working-Age Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Presentation: Applicability of the ACF in a Low-Salience Subsystem: Evidence from Day and Employment Services for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disability. Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Meeting. Seattle, WA. October 2017.

Presentation: Renewable Energy Siting in the West: A fuzzy set Qualitative Comparative Analysis. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Portland, OR. April 2017.

Poster: Employment First: Policy Design by the Rules. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Portland, OR. April 2017.

Presentation: Employment First: Policy Design by the Rules. Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) annual meeting. Washington, DC. December 2016.

Presentation: Employment First: Policy Design by the Rules. Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Portland, OR. November 2016.

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Presentation: Non-tuition Costs, School Access and Student Performance: Evidence from the Gambia. Northwest Development Workshop. Seattle, WA. April 2016.

Poster: Impacts of Employment First Policy on Vocational Rehabilitation Outcomes. *Celebrating 40 Years of Progressive Leadership*. TASH Annual Conference. Portland, OR. December 2015.

Presentation: Exploring the Contributions of Site-specific and Cross-site Evaluations in Multi-Site Human Service Initiatives. American Evaluation Association Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. October 2014.

Presentation: What have We Learned from Local Evaluators? National Fund for Workforce Solutions Fourth Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. June 2014.

Presentation: Data Collection, Data Use and Reporting Efforts. National Fund for Workforce Solutions Third Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. June 2013.

Campus Lectures

Local Adaptation Policy Responses to Extreme Weather Events. Oregon State University People and Nature Series; May 5, 2020.

The Policy Process. Oregon State University, Presidential Student Legislative Advocacy Leadership (PPOL 002); March 4, 2020.

Policy Paradox. Oregon State University, Family Policy (HDFS 460); Oregon State University; May 29, 2019.

The Oregon Poverty Measures: Creation and Preliminary Findings. Oregon State University, College of Public Health and Human Sciences Seminar; February 22, 2019. With Dr. David Rothwell.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Training and Initiatives

Search Advocate Training (Winter 2024)

An Introduction to Inclusive Excellence in Extension (August 2023)

Assignment and Assessment Design with Academic Integrity in Mind (Spring 2023)

BEACoN Program Cal Poly BEACoN Mentor for Underrepresented Students (Wint/Spr 2023)

Social Justice Education Initiative Training, Tier Two, Oregon State University (May 2021)

Inclusive Teaching Online Training, Oregon State University (Summer 2020)

Disability Services Accommodation Training, Oregon State University (June 2020)

Social Justice Education Initiative Training, Tier One, Oregon State University (June 2020)

Computer and Technical Skills

Statistical analysis and visualization (STATA, R, SPSS, SAS, mPlus); mapping (GIS ARCMAP); qualitative analysis (Dedoose; fsQCA); web-based survey implementation (Qualtrics, Survey Gizmo, Survey Monkey); relational database (Access); spreadsheet (Excel); presentation (Powerpoint; markdown); and word processing (Word; LaTeX)

Professional Affiliations

American Evaluation Association (AEA)

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Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Department and University Service

California Polytechnic State University:

Selection committee for Full-time Lecturer, Fall 2022
Chair of Department Diversity Committee, 2022-23

Oregon State University:

Selection committee for SPP Executive Assistant, Fall 2018
Coordinator of student input for Michael Jones Promotion and Tenure Committee, Fall 2017
Coordinator of student input for Todd Pugatch Promotion and Tenure Committee, Fall 2016
PhD Cohort Representative, Oregon State University School of Public Policy, 2015-2018

Professional Community Service

Peer Reviewer:

Climatic Change (Spring 2025)
Climate Policy (Fall 2023)
Energy Research and Social Science (Winter 2018; Summer 2020; Fall 2021; Spring 2022)
Environmental Politics (Fall 2021)
Global Environmental Change (Winter 2022; Fall 2023; Winter 2025)
Journal of Energy Research and Social Science (Fall 2021)
Journal of Environmental Planning and Management (Fall 2021)
Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (Spring 2021)
Journal of Public Policy and Administration (Fall 2016)
Journal of Society of Natural Resources (Spring 2021)
PLOS One (Fall 2023)
Policy & Politics (Fall 2021; Fall 2023)
Policy Studies Journal (Fall 2021; Spring 2023; Spring 2024; Spring 2025)
Policy Sciences (Fall 2022)
Public Policy & Administration (Summer 2019)
Risks, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy (Spring 2025)
Society & Natural Resources (Spring 2021)