

**MPP Capstone Chairs**  
**Updated January 2026**

Please read first:

- It is your responsibility to identify and coordinate with a faculty member to serve as your Chair – both the graduate coordinators and MPP Director are willing to assist you in this effort.
- It is your responsibility to confirm your chair before emailing the MPP director and your Graduate Coordinator to enroll in Independent Study course. Please cc your chair on your email before the start of fall classes the semester before you take the Capstone course.
- It is your responsibility to contact your Graduate Coordinator or the MPP Director if you have any questions.
- If you intend to publish your paper or you are trying to establish a systematic generalizable outcome, you may need to obtain IRB approval.

Section	Professor	Research Areas/Focus	Faculty Page
PUBPL 6960 - 001	Park, Ju Won	Public management, human resource management, organizational behavior, and telework	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u6060573-JU_WON_PARK/teaching/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u6060573-JU_WON_PARK/teaching/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 002	Glick, Mark	Antitrust, Economics and policy, welfare economics	<a href="mailto:glick@economics.utah.edu">glick@economics.utah.edu</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 003	Kowaleski-Jones, Lori	Public Health, especially obesity, food purchasing; Family and Consumer Studies	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u0155464-LORI_KOWALESKI-JONES/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u0155464-LORI_KOWALESKI-JONES/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 004	Lyon Cotti, Morgan	Partisanship, Polarization, Foreign Aid	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u0013796-MORGAN_LYON_COTTI/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u0013796-MORGAN_LYON_COTTI/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 005	Benney, Tabitha	International Political Economy, firm behavior, global	<a href="https://profiles.faculty.utah.edu/u0906188">https://profiles.faculty.utah.edu/u0906188</a>



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		trade and finance, innovation systems, industrialization, global governance, capitalism, industrial systems, international relations, energy, air quality, environment, science policy	
PUBPL 6960 – 006	Carter, David	Policy Design, Program Administration, Organic food regulations, Child Welfare Services, Special Districts, Self-Governance among climbers	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u6006672-David_P._Carter/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u6006672-David_P._Carter/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 - 007	Fisk, Jon	Election Administration, Environmental and Sustainability Policy, Water Policy, Local Government, Energy Policy, Resiliency, Intergovernmental Relations, and Infrastructure.	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u6060570-JONATHAN_MARC_FISK/teaching/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u6060570-JONATHAN_MARC_FISK/teaching/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 008	Simon, Chris	Education, Criminal Justice, Foreign Aid, Land Use Management, Energy, Public Administration, American Politics	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u0722430-CHRISTOPHER_A_SIMON/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u0722430-CHRISTOPHER_A_SIMON/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 – 009	Rideout, Sandi	Education, social services, non-profit, general administrative policy	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u0239907-SANDRA_J_RIDEOUT/teaching/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u0239907-SANDRA_J_RIDEOUT/teaching/index.html</a>



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PUBPL 6960 - 011	Curtis, David	Lifespan Developmental Science, Population Health, Community Health	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u0407311-DAVID_STUART_CURTIS/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u0407311- DAVID STUART CURTIS/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 - 012	Pace, Levi	Industrial banking, racial economic disparities, and national park visitor spending, fintech, health care, public lands, education outcomes, access to childcare, income inequality, and veterans	<a href="https://gardner.utah.edu/people/levi-pace-phd/">https://gardner.utah.edu/people/levi-pace- phd/</a>
PUBPL 6960 - 013	Valero Enriquez, Jesus	Homelessness, social entrepreneurship, NGOs	<a href="https://faculty.utah.edu/u6006652-Jesus_N._Valero/research/index.html">https://faculty.utah.edu/u6006652- Jesus N. Valero/research/index.html</a>
PUBPL 6960 - 014	Staff	NA	
	Robinson, Jennifer  Can connect students with a variety of experts at the Kem C. Gardner Institute. Please contact her for further information.		<a href="https://gardner.utah.edu/people/jennifer-robinson/">https://gardner.utah.edu/people/jennifer- robinson/</a>



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PUBPL 6960 - 016	Yavuz, M. Hakan	International organizations, comparative bureaucracy, comparative public policy, civilizational state, Middle East politics, ethnic and national conflicts, religion and politics, foreign policies of the Middle East, Turkish politics, Islamic movements	<a href="https://profiles.faculty.utah.edu/u0084559">https://profiles.faculty.utah.edu/u0084559</a>
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