

Brian Ohl

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EDUCATION

Syracuse University, PhD, Public Administration August 2023
Fields: Public Management and Environmental Policy
Dissertation: "Sustainability, Strategy, and Potential: A Framework for Organizations"
Committee: Tina Nabatchi (chair), Peter Wilcoxon, David Popp, Saba Siddiki

Cornell University, MPA May 2005
Field: Environmental Policy
Thesis: "Utilizing Ecological Footprinting Methodology to Achieve Global Sustainability and Equity"

Ithaca College, BA May 2003
Major: Philosophy and History | Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Vermont, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics
Lecturer (Full-Time)
Human Resource Management Fall 2026
Public and Nonprofit Budgeting Fall 2026

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Adjunct Professor, Online EMPA Program
Master's Project Course Summer 2026, Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Summer 2025
Public Budgeting Fall 2025

Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow (Full-Time)
Critical Issues for the United States, Undergraduate Programs Spring 2025
Master's Project Course, Online EMPA Program Spring 2025
Public Budgeting, Online EMPA Program Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024
Environmental Management, Undergraduate Policy Studies Program (developed & taught) Fall 2024
Public Budgeting, MPA Program (Three Week Intensive) Summer 2024
The Politics of U.S. Public Policy, Undergraduate Political Science Program Spring 2024

Adjunct Professor, Online EMPA Program
Public Budgeting Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021,
Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Winter 2019,
Fall 2018, Summer 2018

Adjunct Professor, MPA Program
Public Budgeting Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant (TA) of International Management and Leadership Spring 2016

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Kim, Jiho, Brian Ohl, Nara Yoon, and Tina Nabatchi. 2026. Blueprint or Sketches: State Laws for Collaborative Governance. *Policy and Society*, 1-26
2. Ohl, Brian. 2025. The Potential of Organizations to Advance Public Value Goals. *Public Management Review*, 1-31

3. Ohl, Brian, Steven Wolf, and William Anderson. 2008. A Modest Proposal: Global Rationalization of Ecological Footprint to Eliminate Ecological Debt. *Sustainability: Science, Practice, and Policy* 4 (1), 5-16

Book Chapter

4. Ohl, Brian. 2025. The New York City Solid Waste Management Plan: Political Rubbish or a Path to Sustainability? In *Public Administration and Nonprofit Management in Practice: A Case Study Collection*, ed. Aimee Williamson and Marc Holzer. Routledge

Working Papers

5. Ohl, Brian, Catherine Annis, Bryce Barthuly, Bobby Cochran, and Tina Nabatchi. Learning from Practice: Practitioner Perceptions of Collaborative Governance
6. Ohl, Brian. The Role of Meta-Organizations in Advancing Sustainability at Scale
7. Ohl, Brian, Joanne Kim, and Tina Nabatchi. Budget Allocation Processes for Collaborative Governance

CONFERENCES

Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Seattle, WA June 2024
Presented: Budget Allocation Processes for Collaborative Governance

Social Outcomes Conference 2023, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, Oxford, England September 2023
Presented: Budgeting for Collaborative Governance: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Budget Allocation Processes

International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Conference, Budapest, Hungary April 2023
Co-presented: Budgeting for Collaborative Governance: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Budget Allocation

Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA), Virtual November 2022
Presented: Organizational Goal Potential: A Framework for Sustainability and Other Public Value Goals

Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD) Conference, Roskilde, Denmark June 2022
Co-presented: Blueprint for Collaborative Governance: How Legal Mandates Shape Collaborative Governance Platforms and Regimes

Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Phoenix, AZ May 2022
Presented: Organizational Purpose and Sustainability Potential: A Goal Framework Approach

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference, Jacksonville, FL March 2022
Presented: Blueprint for Collaborative Governance: How Legal Mandates Shape Collaborative Governance Platforms and Regimes

AWARDS

Best Student Paper Award November 2022
Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA) award for manuscript of: Organizational Goal Potential: A Framework for Sustainability and Other Public Value Goals

Excellence in Teaching Award, Syracuse University May 2022
The Excellence in Teaching Award honors outstanding achievement in teaching through instruction, including considering an instructor's capacity to inspire students, as part of the Executive Education program at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Vermont, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics

Lecturer (Full-Time)

August 2026 to Present

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow (Full-Time)

January 2024 to May 2025

- Conducted research on sustainability, strategic management, and collaborative governance
- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Office of the Mayor, New York City Office of Management and Budget

Assistant Director, Infrastructure Task Force

January 2012 to June 2013

- Managed a team of three unit heads (managers) and fifteen analysts, and a portfolio of city organizations including the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Taxi and Limousine Commission, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the three library systems, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Involved in the development and implementation of key master planning programs across New York City, including citywide policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote resilience, adopt green infrastructure, optimize real estate, and advance sustainable transportation. These innovative policies transformed New York City's environmental landscape and serve as models for cities around the world
- Collaborated with key organizational leaders across New York City to advance new policies
- Oversaw \$3.2 billion in agency operating budgets and \$20.8 billion in capital programs

Unit Head, Sanitation Unit

August 2010 to January 2012

- Managed a team of three analysts and provided oversight for the Department of Sanitation
- Involved in implementation of key agency initiatives such as the twenty-year solid waste management plan for New York City, an initiative focused on environmental justice, reducing greenhouse gas emissions of agency operations, and new recycling programs
- Oversaw \$1.3 billion in agency operating budgets and \$2 billion in capital programs

Supervising Analyst, PlaNYC Energy

March 2009 to August 2010

- Provided analysis and implementation support for the climate change mitigation component of PlaNYC, the Bloomberg Administration's ambitious sustainability plan for the city, which aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from New York City government 30% by 2017
- Collaborated with key leaders and agencies to conduct innovative energy planning and facilities management across 4,000 city-owned buildings
- Oversaw \$21 million in agency operating budgets and \$800 million in capital programs

Inform, Inc., Environmental Nonprofit

Director of Programs

April 2008 to December 2008

- Managed a team of two research associates and the programmatic activities of the organization
- Advanced research that aimed to impact policymakers and the public
- Secured grant funding to advance organizational mission

Office of the Mayor, New York City Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Analyst, Senior Analyst, & Supervising Analyst, Sanitation Unit

October 2005 to April 2008

- Provided analysis of the Department of Sanitation's environmental policies, including recycling and composting programs, export of waste, twenty-year solid waste management plan, and closure/park development of the Fresh Kills Landfill
- Oversaw \$360 million of agency operating budgets and \$1 billion in capital programs

SERVICE

The Village of Potsdam, New York

Member of Climate Smart Communities Task Force

October 2025 to Present

Member of Zoning Board of Appeals (Five-Year Term)

August 2024 to August 2029

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)

Advisory Council Member

January 2022 to December 2027

Syracuse University

Facilitator, Enterprise Risk Management, Syracuse University

Spring 2021

Facilitator, Participatory Budgeting in Syracuse City Schools

Winter 2021

Coordinator of Energy and Environmental Policy Workshop Series

Fall 2015

Student Member of Climate Change Adaptation Committee

Fall 2014 to Spring 2016