We are very proud to announce the first issue of the Journal of Behavioral Public Administration!

In this newsletter, you will learn more about the journal, its mission, and the content of the first issue.

The Journal

The Journal of Behavioral Public Administration (JBPA) is ...

- interdisciplinary
- open access
- peer-reviewed
• nonprofit

JBPA focuses on behavioral and experimental research in public administration, broadly defined.

JBPA publishes ...

• research articles (up to 4,000 words)
• research letters (up to 2,000 words)
• perspectives and practices (up to 4,000 words)
• research syntheses (up to 8,000 words)

on a range of substantive topics that reflect the application of behavioral science and experimental methods to questions of theoretical or practical relevance to the field of public administration.

JBPA welcomes ...

• behavioral and experimental work that advances theory;
• applied research about nudge tactics or other practical reforms;
• replications of previous experimental work;
• studies with null findings (provided they are well designed and sufficiently powered).

JBPA invites researchers and practitioners from across the behavioral sciences, including

• Economics
• Public policy
• Political science
• Psychology
• Sociology
• Law
• Communication
• Biology
• ...
provided they have relevance for public administration theory or practice.

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**The editors**

**Sebastian Jilke**  
*Rutgers University*

"*We turn over a new leaf of open access in PA research. No article processing charges, nonprofit, and the highest scientific standards!*"

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**Kenneth J. Meier**  
*Texas A&M University*

"*We will develop JBPA into a premier outlet for behavioral research conducted within PA settings that will be on-par in terms of scholarly rigor with the best journals in the field.*"

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**Gregg G. Van Ryzin**  
*Rutgers University*

"*It is especially important to us that JBPA serves as a role model for open and transparent scientific research.*"
The first issue

It is with great excitement that we publish the inaugural issue of JBPA. Based on a series of invited, peer-reviewed contributions, JBPA's inaugural issue reflects the broad scope of a behavioral approach to public administration. The following articles are part of the first issue and can be accessed on the journal's website.

Sebastian Jilke, Kenneth Meier & Gregg Van Ryzin
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Peter John & Toby Blume
How best to nudge tax payers? The impact of message simplification and descriptive social norms on payment rates in a central London local authority

Sharon Gilad, Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom & Michaela Assouline
Bureaucrats' processing of organizational reputation signals

Robert Christensen & Bradley Wright
Public service motivation and ethical behavior: Evidence from three experiments

Michal Livnat-Lerer, Ranaan Sulitzeau-Kenan & Tehila Kogut
Foresighted outcome effect: A micro-foundation of agents’ risk aversion in principal-agent relations

Stephan Grimmelikhuijsen, Femke de Vries & Wilte Zijlstra
Breaking bad news without breaking trust
Claudia N. Avelaneda & Johabed G. Olvera
Chief executives’ approval of immigrants: Evidence from a survey experiment of 101 Latin American and Caribbean mayors

Syon Bhanot, Gordon Kraft-Todd, David Rand & Erez Yoeli
Putting social rewards and identity salience to the test: Evidence from a field experiment with teachers in Philadelphia

Asmus Leth Olsen
Precise performance: Do citizens rely on numerical precision as a cue of confidence

Donald Moynihan
A great schism approaching? Towards a micro and macro public administration

Asbjørn Sonne Nørgaard
Human behavior inside and outside bureaucracy: Lessons from psychology