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EDUCATION

Rutgers University–Newark, School of Public Affairs and Administration 2021—Present

Newark, New Jersey

Ph.D. Candidate, Public Administration

GPA: 3.92

Rutgers University–Newark, School of Public Affairs and Administration Class of 2021

Newark, New Jersey

Master's in Public Administration (M.P.A.)

GPA: 3.9

Syracuse University, Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics Class of 2019

Syracuse, New York

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Food Studies

GPA: 3.8, Dean's List, Honors Graduate (Top 15%)

United States Army, National Guard, HHC 42nd CAB Enlisted 2015

Latham, New York

Sergeant (SGT), Behavioral Health Specialist Non-Commissioned Officer

MOS: 68-X; Honor Graduate: Graduated Top 2% of Class in Basic Training

State University of New York at Morrisville, Morrisville State College Class of 2014

Morrisville, New York

Associates in Applied Science (A.A.S.), General Studies

Dietetic Technician / Nutrition Care Focus

PUBLISHED WORKS

Curinga, Z. (2025) American Czar. *ASPA PA Times*. <https://patimes.org/american-czar/>

Curinga, Z. (2024) The Current Conundrum of Democracy: A Survey of the Global Political Landscape. *ASPA PA Times*. <https://patimes.org/the-current-conundrum-of-democracy-a-survey-of-the-global-political-landscape/>

Curinga, Z. (2024) The Role of Storyteller: What Data is Left Out? *ASPA PA Times*. <https://patimes.org/the-role-of-storyteller-what-data-is-left-out/>

Curinga, Z. (2024) Connection and Common Roots. *ASPA PA Times*. <https://patimes.org/connection-and-common-roots/>

Curinga, Z. (2022) National Service in Times of Crisis. *ASPA PA Times*. <https://patimes.org/national-service-in-times-of-crisis/>

Curinga, Z. (2018) The Creation of Masculine Spaces in the Army. *Citizen Sociologists*. <https://citizensociologists.wordpress.com/>

PEER WORK

REVIEWED

In Press: Curinga, Z., O'Donnell, A. (2025) The New Red Tape. Administration & Society.

Under Review: Curinga, Z. (2025) The Maine Course: The Right to Food in Vacation Land. Voluntas

Invited to Submit: Voluntary Sector Review Special Issues on smaller voluntary organizations (Summer, 2025)

TEACHING: RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK

Public Service as Responsible Citizenship (undergraduate)

Research in Public Administration (undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)

International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)

American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)

School Service: School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark

PhD Club Vice President

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

PhD Club Secretary

Fall 2022-Spring

2023

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Mendhams Stigma Free Task Force

Spring 2024

Mendham Township Library Board of Trustees

Fall 2024

SELECTED SUBMISSIONS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS

ARNOVA Annual Conference: Dreaming for a Bright Nonprofit Future

Fall 2024

Washington, D.C.

Presenter: "Online Aesthetics: Nonprofit Discourse and Identity Online"

ASPA 8th International Young Scholars Workshop

Summer 2024

Budapest, Hungary

Presenter: "A Framework for Understanding Disability Equity in the Context of Public Administration"

ASPA Annual Conference: Building Resilient Communities

Spring 2024

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Presenter: "Terms of Engagement: How People with Long COVID Moderate Service Usage"

NECoPA Annual Conference: Flexible Governance and Public Service in a Post-Pandemic World

Fall 2023

Virtual

Presenter: "Terms of Engagement: How People with Long COVID Moderate Service Usage"

ARNOVA Annual Conference: Advancing the Public Good in an Era of Disinformation, Mistrust, and Democratic Backsliding

Fall 2023

Orlando, Florida

Panelist and Presenter: "The Maine Course: The Right to Food in Vacationland"

Accepted Work: "Terms of Engagement: How People with Long COVID Moderate Service Usage"

ASPA Annual Conference: Protecting Democracy for the Next Generation

Spring 2023

Virtual

Presenter: "The Maine Course: The Right to Food in Vacationland"

91st Annual Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference

Winter 2020

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Panelist and Presenter: "There's Something in the Water: People vs. Newark"

2019 Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD)

Fall 2019

New York, New York

Presenter: "Across the Pond: Comparative Analysis of Lead Pipes and Government Intervention between EU and Newark"

Awards & Recognition

ASPA 8th International Young Scholars Workshop

Summer 2024

Budapest, Hungary

Recipient of the Falk College Research Award

Spring 2019

Syracuse, New York

Honorable Mention for the Roseane do Socorro Gonçalves Viana Human Rights Award

Spring 2019

Syracuse, New York

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Organizational theory
- Civil society responses to social issues
- Institutional work and institutional logic
- Disability equity
- Social Capital
- The political determinants of health
- Urban food systems
- Linguistic research methods
- Emotion

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey

Summer 2020

Trenton, New Jersey

Volunteer Coordinator for Jewish Family Services of Cape May & Atlantic Counties

- Streamlined process as to organize volunteers and elderly residents with the Shop-at-Home Program
- Managed and scheduled volunteers as to coordinate distribution of groceries
- Built toolkit for the next individual to assume this role

RU-N Food Pantry

Fall 2019

Newark, New Jersey

Graduate Assistant

- Supervised undergraduate students and delegated tasks
- Wrote standard operating procedures for the pantry
- Drafted memorandum addressed to the Dean of Students regarding the creation of a campus hunger task force
- Edited and contributed to a white paper aimed to generate comprehensive efforts to combat student hunger

City of Newark, NJ, Office of Sustainability

Summer 2019

Newark, New Jersey

Food Policy Coordinator

- Researched implementation strategies as it relates to Food Policy Councils
- Built strong communication skills among team members, analyzed policy issues, and communicated to stakeholders
- Held meetings with officials within the city government regarding food policy

Rutgers University—Newark Learning Center

Spring 2019

Newark, New Jersey

Academic Coach

- Counseled students as to improve their academic skills
- Practiced mentoring and interpersonal communications
- Held workshop seminars on various methods to improve academic habits

Syracuse University

Fall 2018

Syracuse, New York

NCAA Tutor

- Counseled students as to improve their academic skills
- Held workshop seminars on various methods to improve academic habits

Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeons

Summer 2017

Florham Park, New Jersey

Dietetic Intern

- Handled patient paperwork as it related to surgery and management of

- dietary needs
- Conducted research into weight management products for patients' surgeries
- Updated and refined educational material to ensure patients understood nutritional status and needs

AnyThyme Farm

Summer 2017

Bedminster, New Jersey

Field Intern

- Maintained Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) standards for organic certification
- Daily farm operations: weeding, pest management, harvesting, guest interaction

San Antonio State Hospital

Summer 2016

San Antonio, Texas

Behavioral Health Technician

- Performed intake and treatment analysis for patients
- Observed technicians, nurses, and doctors through all aspects of their duties
- Learned the process of patient recovery and overall behavioral healthcare

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & HOBBIES

- Work in Progress: "The Patriot Papers: A Modern-Day Federalist," Collaboration with Addison O'Donnell, Esq. (Status: data preparation and literature review)
- Guest speaker at Syracuse University, Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics, Food Studies Program: Contemporary Food Problems, taught by Dr. Rick Welsh (Nov. 2020)
- Guest speaker at University of Pennsylvania, Weitzman School of Design, City & Regional Planning: Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium, taught by Diana Negron, Ph.D. student (UURC) (Feb. 2023)
- Gardening