

# JPAE

Journal of Public Affairs Education

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# JPAE Overview

- **Four issues per year**

- 2025 - 42 articles
- 2026 – 13 articles

- **Types**

- Book reviews
- Editorials (by invitation)
- Pedagogical practice
- Research articles

(31-1) The Future of Public Affairs Education  
(31-2) SI: The Future of Nonprofit Education  
(31-3) Emerging Themes to Rethink How We Approach Public Affairs Education  
(31-4) Global Perspectives on Public Administration Values, Integrity, and Professional Formation

2025

2026

(32-1) Public Affairs Education as an Institutional Response to Complex Problems

# DEMYSTIFYING ACADEMIC LIFE: WHAT NO ONE TELLS YOU

A candid discussion about the realities of academic life—decoding the hidden curriculum of publishing, service, leadership expectations, work-life balance, and the path to promotion and tenure.

Friday, February 27, 2026 | 12:00 PM E.S.T.  
**FREE EVENT**



**K. Jurée Capers**  
Georgia State University



**Moderator:**  
**Meghna Sabharwal**  
The University of Texas at Dallas



**Cullen C. Merritt**  
University of Maryland



**David Van Slyke**  
Syracuse University

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**Nicole S. Diggs**  
North Carolina  
Central University



# JPAE Updates

- “Demystifying Academic Life: What No One Tells You”
  - Drs. Cullen Merritt, Nicole Diggs, K. Jurée Capers, David Van Slyke, and Meghna Sabharwal
  - 70+ registrants for the JPAE/NASPAA webinar
- Completed JPAE publisher transition:
  - New revenue sharing model
  - Increase journal editorial support
  - Improved searchability
  - New branding, logo, and website
  - All articles are free access until June

# JPAE Internal Metrics

- **2025** In Numbers
  - **140** manuscripts - (10% increase)
    - **42** articles published
  - **146** discrete reviewers
  - **54%** *desk* reject rate
  - **30%** overall acceptance rate
  - **28.5** days from submission to first post-review decision



# External Metrics

<b>2025 – JPAE’s External Metrics Summary Overview</b>		
<b>Metric System</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Standing</b>
Web of Science IF	<b>2.0</b>	Q2
JCI	<b>1.23</b>	Above field avg
Scopus CiteScore	<b>5.2</b>	Q1
SJR	<b>0.421</b>	Q2
H-Index	<b>36</b>	Mature journal
WoS Index	ESCI	Pre-SSCI stage

# JPAE's SCImago Data

## JPAE's External Cites Per Doc

2020	0.990
2021	1.869
2022	2.400
2023	2.279
2024	2.764

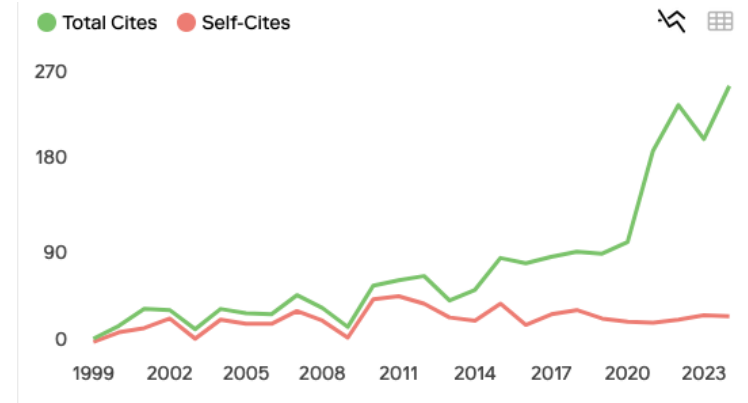
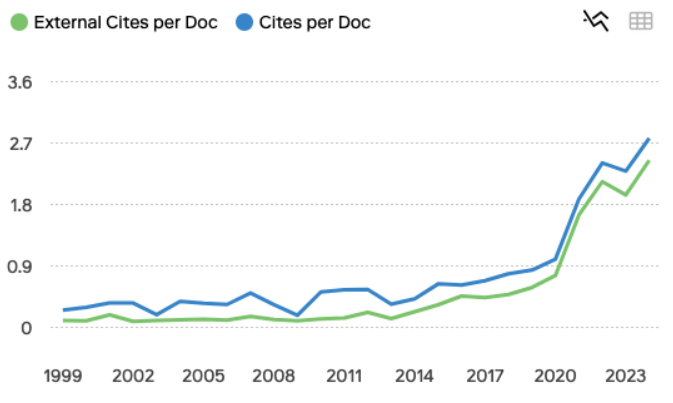
**SJR = 0.42 (Q2)**  
**H-Index = 36**

## JPAE's Estimated Financial Value

2020	\$ 181,904
2021	\$ 275,563
2022	\$ 351,537
2023	\$ 454,512
2024	\$ 475,818

## JPAE's Total Citations

2020	99
2021	185
2022	228
2023	196
2024	246



# Our Social Media Presence



**Twitter / X**

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**3,714**

followers (Jan 2026)

**Established**



**LinkedIn**

JPAE on LinkedIn

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**2,591**

followers (Jan 2026)

**Established**



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**113**

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**Launched 2024**



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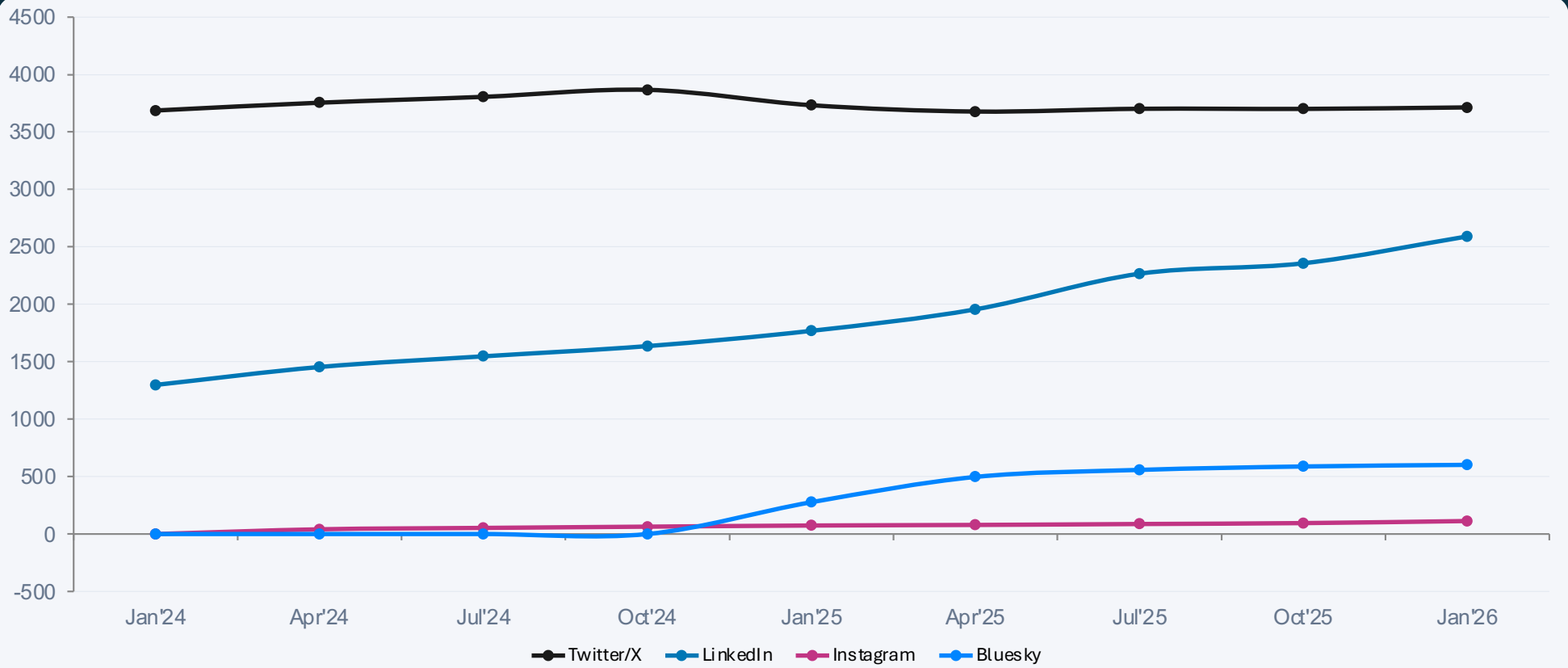
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**602**

followers (Jan 2026)

**Launched 2024**

# Followers Growth: January 2024 – January 2026



CFP!!!



## Special Issues Updates

- **Leadership on Pedagogy of the Emotionally Exhausted**  
*Staci M. Zavattaro, Rachel Emas, Nicole Humphrey, & Sean McCandless*
  - 15 manuscripts in process
- **AI in Public Affairs Education – Bolstering the Bridge to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
*Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto, Robert Richards, & Songkhun (Sunny) Nillasithanukroh*
  - 10 manuscripts in process
- **Public Affairs Teaching in the Middle East and North Africa**  
*Kim Moloney, Rana Hendy, & Mohamad Alkadry*
  - 11 manuscripts in process
- **Advancing the Discipline and Profession: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Emergency Management and Homeland Security**  
*Claire Knox, Qian Hu, Tom Haase, & Scott Robinson*
  - Proposal due **April 3, 2026**
  - Manuscripts due **September 25, 2026**

# The Future for JPAE

- The path to SSCI indexing
  - Prioritize highly citable manuscripts
  - Increase cross-journal citations
  - Increase internationalization
- What can you do to support JPAE?
  - Cite relevant JPAE articles when publishing in SSCI-indexed journals
  - Recruit high impact articles
  - Amplify JPAE Scholarship Across Professional Networks

# Thoughts, questions, suggestions?

Thank you!

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