**Jesús N. Valero, PhD**

Biography

Jesús N. Valero, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science within the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah. In this capacity, Jesus is responsible for teaching master-level courses on public and nonprofit management and engaging in research and community service.

Prior to joining the University of Utah, Jesus enjoyed a career in the public and nonprofit sectors. He has worked with a church ministry as a youth programs coordinator, as a case manager for a faith-based foster care agency, and as a program supervisor for the local mental health authority. Jesus completed a fellowship funded by the University of Michigan’s Population Fellows Program at Family Care International in New York City where he provided technical support to the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Program with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. He is also a former Emerging Scholar at the Urban Institute’s Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy in Washington, D.C.

Jesus is a published author, with research articles appearing in leading academic journals. His research efforts are focused on understanding factors that help organizations collaborate effectively, exploring the use and impact of social media by public and nonprofit organizations, and analyzing what effective leadership looks like in the public and nonprofit sectors. Jesus’s current research project, which is funded by the IBM Center for the Business of Government, investigates effective leadership in network collaboration within the context of continuum of care homeless programs across the United States.

Jesus was a recipient of the Emerging Scholar Award from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) as well as the Founders' Fellowship Award from the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

Jesus earned his PhD in public administration with a specialization in nonprofit management from the University of North Texas; Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American; and BA from the University of Texas-San Antonio.