Biography

Brandon M. Rowland, MSW, MPA, LCSW, is a researcher, research administrator, and behavioral health professional whose work bridges higher education, mental health, disability, and public policy. He serves as Director of Research Administration at Florida State University's Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship, where he oversees a sponsored research portfolio exceeding $6,000,000 and leads the development, submission, and administration of competitive external funding. His work includes approximately $4,000,000 in annual grant submissions, including over $1,000,000 as Principal Investigator, supporting entrepreneurship education, workforce development, educational access, community engagement, and student-focused programming.

Rowland's scholarly research examines the intersection of mental health, student success, disability, and higher education policy, with particular emphasis on invisible and communication-related disabilities in postsecondary environments. His doctoral research examines the relationship between speech and language impairment, mental health, and academic outcomes using national higher education health data. His broader scholarship also addresses behavioral addictions, legalized online gambling, public policy, and the financial and behavioral health consequences of emerging gambling markets. His work has been presented at national, regional, and university-level conferences.

Rowland also brings clinical experience in behavioral health and social work, including work with individuals experiencing serious mental illness, crisis presentations, addiction, and complex psychosocial needs. He integrates this clinical perspective with quantitative research, higher education policy, and organizational leadership to examine systems affecting student well-being and access to opportunity.

He is pursuing an EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy at Florida State University and holds an MSW and MPA from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology from Georgia Southern University.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Research

- Doctoral researcher examining the intersection of mental health, student success, disability, and higher education policy, with a particular focus on invisible and communication-related disabilities in postsecondary education.
- Author of scholarly manuscripts addressing behavioral health, addiction, higher education, and public policy, including *The Hidden Harms of Convenience: Credit Card-Funded Online Sports Betting Through Hard Rock Bet in Florida* (in press, *Journal of Gambling Issues*).
- Conduct quantitative research using large-scale behavioral health datasets and statistical methods including descriptive analysis, chi-square tests, logistic regression, and ordinal logistic regression.
- Presented scholarly research and professional work at national, regional, state, and university-level conferences and research forums addressing mental health, higher education, gambling, research administration, and student well-being.

Research Administration

- Director of Research Administration at Florida State University's Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship, managing a sponsored research portfolio exceeding $6 million and overseeing pre-award and post-award administration.
- Coordinate approximately $3 million in new grant applications annually, including proposal development, budget preparation, sponsor compliance, institutional approvals, and submission.
- Provide strategic research administration and proposal-development support to JMC faculty, including funding identification, sponsor alignment, proposal strategy, budget development, compliance review, and submission coordination.
- Serve as Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator on competitive external grant proposals supporting Jim Moran College programs and initiatives, with approximately $900,000 in proposals submitted annually as PI across entrepreneurship, workforce development, educational access, community engagement, and student-focused programming.
- Develop research administration policies and systems that strengthen compliance, proposal development, sponsored-project management, and evidence-informed institutional decision-making.

Behavioral Health

- Clinically trained social work professional with experience in mental health, trauma-informed practice, behavioral health systems, addiction, and interdisciplinary care.

- Scholarly expertise in the intersection of behavioral health and higher education, including student mental health, invisible disabilities, speech and language impairment, and academic success.
- Integrate clinical social work practice, quantitative research, higher education policy, and research administration to develop evidence-informed approaches to student well-being and institutional practice.

EDUCATION

EdD	**Florida State University College of Education (Ant. 07/2027)** Dissertation Focus: Mental Health Outcomes Among College Students With Histories of Speech Sound Impairments (Dr. Shouping Hu, Chair) **Graduate Certificate: Institutional Research**
MPA	**Florida State University Askew School of Public Administration** Dissertation Focus: Policy Options for Limiting the Negitive Effects of Civil Asset Forfeitures in Georgia (Dr. Francis Berry, Chair) **Graduate Certificate: Emergency Management and Terrorism**
MSW	**Florida State University College of Social Work** **Graduate Certificate: Leadership in Executive Administrative Development (LEAD)**
BS	**Georgia Southern University School of Psychology** Major: Clinical Psychology Minor: Sociology

Academic and Professional Experience

2025 – present	Courtesy Appointment Florida State University College of Medicine
2025 – present	Assistant in Research Florida Blue Center for Rural Health Research and Policy Florida State University College of Medicine
2025 – present	Assistant in Research Spring Lab Department of Behavioral Science and Behavioral Medicine Florida State University College of Medicine Advisors: Dr. Bonnie Spring & Dr. Keri Gladhill
2024 – present	Director of Research Administration Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship Florida State University

2020 – present	Contracted Pediatric Clinical Social Worker (PRN)
2023 – 2024	Senior Grants Specialist College of Communication and Information, Florida State University
20022 – 2023	Grants Compliance Specialist College of Communication and Information, Florida State University
2020 – 2022	Graduate Research Assistant Stoops Center for Communities, Children, and Families Florida State University College of Social Work
2017 – 2019	Undergraduate Research Assistant Georgia Southern University
2014 – 2017	Case Manager Unison Behavioral Health Waycross, Ga

Service to the Profession

2025 – present	Manuscript Reviewer (ad hoc) Research Management Review
2026 – present	Research Administration Mentor Florida State University Research Administration Insight, Support, and Engagement (RAISE) Mentor Program
2025 – present	Manuscript Reviewer (ad hoc) Interdisciplinary Journal of Student Success
2025 – present	Manuscript Reviewer (ad hoc) Journal of Gambling Disorders
2025 – present	Member, Board of Directors National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Tallahassee Chapter
2025 – present	Manuscript Reviewer (ad hoc) Journal of American College Health
2020 – 2022	Vice President and Chair of Professional Development Macro Social Work Student Network Florida State University
2020 – 2022	President Student Association of Social Workers

Florida State University

2017 – 2019 Vice President
Southern Sociological Society
Georgia Southern University

Publications

1. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Social Work, Christian Ethics, and Moral Pluralism: Reconsidering Professional Identity, Human Flourishing, and Ethical Dialogue in Contemporary Practice.* Manuscript accepted for publication. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work.* DOI: *10.1080/15426432.2026.2734564.*
2. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *The Hidden Harms of Convenience: A Critical Analysis of Credit Card-Funded Online Sports Betting Through Hard Rock Bet in Florida*. *Journal of Gambling Issues*. DOI: 10.4309/AMBL9794
3. **Rowland, B. M.** (under contract). *Letters from an Angry Social Worker: Frontline Reflections on Mental Health, System Failures, and Their Impact on Children and Families.* Springer Nature, Advances in Mental Health and Addiction Series**.**
4. **Rowland, B. M.** (under contract). *Betting on Inequality: Race, Risk, and the Unequal Consequences of Legalized Online Gambling.* Vernon Press.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER JOURNAL REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

1. **Rowland, B. M**. "Depathologisation and Diagnostic Neglect: The Ethical Case for Retaining Psychiatric Recognition of Gender-Related Distress." Manuscript submitted for publication, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2026.
2. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Trauma-Informed Leadership in Research Administration: Advancing Psychological Safety, Organizational Resilience, and Workforce Sustainability.* Manuscript submitted for publication to Research Management Review.
3. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *The House Always Wins: Credit card–funded online gambling and its impact on postsecondary student success*. Manuscript submitted for publication to the Journal of Interdisciplinary Student Success.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PROCEEDINGS

1. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). Rethinking Student Success: Speech and Language Disorder's as an Invisible Barrier in Higher Education[Poster presentation]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *The House Always Wins: Credit Card–Funded Online Gambling and Its Implications for Postsecondary Student Well-being and Academic Success.* [Conference presentation]. Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction Annual Meeting, Society of Addiction Psychology (American Psychological Association, Division 50).

3. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *The Hidden Harms of Legalized Online Gambling: Financial Exploitation, Normalization, and Risk Pathways for Children and Adolescents*. [Conference presentation]. Krimes Against Kidz Conference, Orlando, FL.
4. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *The House Always Wins: Credit Card Funded Online Gambling and Postsecondary Student Success*. [Conference presentation]. Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
5. Rowland, B. M. (2026). *Trauma-Informed Leadership in Research Administration: Advancing Psychological Safety, Organizational Resilience, and Workforce Sustainability.* Presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA AM68), New York, NY.
6. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *Mental Health Outcomes Among College Students with Histories of Speech and Language Impairments: A Descriptive Analysis* [Poster presentation]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
7. **Rowland, B.M** (2025). Mental Health Outcomes in Students with Communication Disorder Histories: A Descriptive Analysis. [Poster presentation]. Ann Spencer Dave's College of Education Research Showcase, Tallahassee, Fl.
8. **Rowland, B.M** (2025). HEAR: Hearing Disorders and Elevated Anxiety Research. [Poster presentation]. Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA.
9. Schueths, A. M., Brimeyer, T., **Rowland, B. M.,** Phillips, M., Collins, J., Gallegos, R., Harris, N., Hester, M., & Stewart, S. (2019). The American Dream Down South. [Conference presentation]. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
10. Brimeyer, T., Rogers, B., Walsh, C., Schueths, A. M., **Rowland, B. M.,** Phillips, M., Collins, J., & Gallegos, R. (2018). Promises of The American Dream and the Realities of Race: Black College Students Views of Social Mobility in the Age of Trump. [Conference presentation]. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

AWARDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS

1. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). Launching the Jacksonville Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program (JaxEAP). [Awarded Grant Proposal, $100,000] PNC Foundation
2. Liguori, E., **Rowland, B. M** (2026). Mandela Washington Fellowship Program Resubmission [Awarded Grant Proposal, $250,000]. U.S. Department of State.
3. Liguori, E., **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Driving Veteran Entrepreneurship Success in Bay and Leon Counties* [Awarded grant proposal, $85,000]. Veterans Florida.
4. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Global Consortium of Entreprenurship Centers (GCEC) conference sponsorship proposal* [Awarded grant proposal, $29,999]. Visit Tallahassee.
5. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Experiential Classroom (ECXXVI) sponsorship proposal* [Awarded grant proposal, $12,999]. Visit Tallahassee.
6. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Expansion of LEAP program in Tallahassee* ($75,000) [Pending]. Knight Foundation.
7. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Advancing workforce readiness and economic mobility through entrepreneurship education* ($50,000) [Grant Awarded]. Bank of America Foundation.
8. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026, Spring). *College of Education Travel Grant* [Grant awarded, $2,000]. Ann Spencer Daves College of Education, Florida State University.

9. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026, Spring). *Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Conference Presentation Support Grant* [Grant awarded, $300]. Florida State University.
10. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *Society for American Arts Entrepreneurship (SAEE) Conference sponsorship proposal* [Awarded grant proposal, $9,900]. Visit Tallahassee.
11. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025, Fall). *COGS Conference Presentation Support Grant* [Grant awarded, $300]. Council of Graduate Students, Florida State University.
12. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025, Fall). *College of Education Travel Grant* [Grant awarded, $2,500]. Ann Spencer Daves College of Education, Florida State University.
13. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *College of Education Travel Grant* [Grant awarded, $2,000]. Ann Spencer Daves College of Education, Florida State University.
14. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *COGS Conference Presentation Support Grant* [Grant awarded, $300]. Council of Graduate Students, Florida State University.

PENDING and PAST GRANTS & CONTRACTS

1. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). Building Career Pathways to Economic Mobility and Strengthening Small Businesses. ($80,650) [Grant application under review]. Truist Foundation.
2. **Rowland, B. M.** (2026). *Empowering Leon County Through Workforce Development.* ($5,000) [Grant application under review]. Capital City Bank Foundation.
3. Liguori, E., **Rowland, B. M** (2025). Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. [Unfunded Grant Proposal, $250,000]. U.S. Department of State.
4. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *Enhancing the EBV/EBV-F programs at the Jim Moran Institute: Grant proposal for program support* [Unfunded grant proposal, $200,000]. Bob Woodruff Foundation.
5. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *Mind over market: How psychological barriers limit economic freedom in poor communities* [Unfunded grant proposal, $545,000]. John Templeton Foundation.
6. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *Unseen struggles: Investigating the relationship between speech and language impairments and mental health in higher education* [Unfunded dissertation fellowship proposal]. National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation.
7. **Rowland, B. M.** (2025). *THRIVE: Targeted Holistic Resilience Interventions Via Education* [Unfunded grant proposal, $100,000]. Florida State University IGNITE Seed Grant Program.
8. Misra, V., Ahmadisharaf, E., Broder, J., Densmore, M., **Rowland, B. M.,** Zhang, X., Zhao, T., & Ai, A. L. (2023). *Unraveling and mitigating compounded impacts of environmental events on Florida's seniors (TACOS)* [Unfunded grant proposal]. Florida State University.

Teaching

1) Guest Lecturer. Jim Moran Institute Nonprofit Executive Program (NEP), Florida State University. 2026.

2) Guest Lecturer. Jim Moran Institute Annual Retreat, Florida State University. 2026.
3) *Guest Lecturer*, SPA 2001: Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders**,** Florida State University. Instructor of Record: Mary Allison Moody, M.Ed., CF-SLP. 2026.
4) *Guest Lecturer***,** Grant Writing for Academic Research. Florida State University Instructor of Record: Dr. Vashalice Kaaba. 2025.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. National Alliance on Mental Illness (2025 – present)
2. National Council of University Research Administrators (2023 – present)
3. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2024 – present)
4. Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2024 – present)
5. Florida Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2024 – present)
6. National Association of Social Workers (2020 – present)
7. Southern Sociological Society (2016 – present)