

# Steven T. Thompson

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Tennessee** at Knoxville  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019  
Concentrations: Public Administration and American Government

**The University of South Carolina** at Columbia, 1980  
M.P.A., 1980 Public Administration and Local Government

**The College of Charleston, SC**  
B.A., Political Science, 1977  
Internship: Richland County Administration

### Professional Training and Certifications

- Best Practices in Teaching - 2019
- ICMA Certified Local Government Manager
- Emergency Management Incident Command System Training IS 00100-00300
- Senior Executive Institute – University of Virginia
- Menninger Institute for Local Government Managers, Topeka, Kansas

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tennessee State University  
Adjunct Instructor  
PADM 6290: Intergovernmental Relations (Remote) Summer 2021  
PADM 6440: Urban Management (Remote) Fall 2021

University of Tennessee  
Adjunct Instructor  
POLS 240: Introduction to Public Administration Spring 2020  
Guest Lecturer  
Financial Administration 560 2015 – 2018  
GFOA and Public Budgeting/Accounting 2018  
Human Resources 2015 – 2018  
Public Ethics 2017 – 2018  
“Without Fear or Favor” – Accountability and Ethics 2018 – 2019

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UT Institute for Public Service (IPS)  
Assistant Vice President 2012 – Present  
Executive Director, Municipal Technical Advisory Service 2010 – 2012  
City of Marco Island, FL – City Manager 2008 – 2010  
City of Deltona, FL – City Manager 2006 – 2008  
City of Virginia Beach, VA – Assistant City Manager/CFO/CDO 2000 – 2005  
City of Greenville, SC – City Manager 1998 – 2000  
City of Aiken, SC – Assistant Manager and City Manager 1982 – 1998  
Richland County – Director of Administrative Services 1980 – 1982  
Bureau of Governmental Research and Service at USC – Research assistant 1979 – 1980

## INVITED SPEAKER/MAJOR PRESENTATIONS

State association address – Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association Annual Meeting and Conference – “Using the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to Develop Alternatives and Manage Florida’s Fiscal Crisis (July, 2009).

State association address – Florida Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference – Development Financing and Development Incentives (August, 2008)

## PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS (*Non-peer reviewed*)

Dissertation: “Defined Adequacy: Developing a Standards-Based Framework for Evaluation of Municipalities and Municipal Services”

Contributor – *Ethics Moments in Government*, Donald C. Menzel, American Society for Public Administration.

Thompson, Steven T. and Charlie C. Tyer. "Interlocal Service Agreements in South Carolina." University of South Carolina: The Bureau of Governmental Research and Service.

Pylant, Jill T., Henry S. Domeracki, and Steven T. Thompson. "A Personnel Classification and Compensation Study for the Riverbanks Zoological Park Commission." University of South Carolina: The Bureau of Governmental Research and Service.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Consortium of University Public Service Organizations. President (2016) of the organization supporting the outreach efforts of university-based public service institutes on a range of contemporary issues and challenges, including local government consulting and economic development.

Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council, the national advisory board to GASB. Member, 2008-2014.

Tennessee Department of Transportation, Project Stakeholders Group for the Tennessee Transportation Reform Demonstration Project: Removing Barriers to Smarter Transportation Project (2010-2012).

Florida League of Cities – Urban Planning Council (2006-2008).

Blueprint Commission for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, reviewing changes to a major state agency (2007-2009).

International City Management Association (ICMA) – Life Member, Credentialed Manager. Governmental Affairs Planning Committee (2015-2017).

SC City-County Management Association (SCCMA) – Life Member.

Metropolitan Area Projects Strategy Team under the Hampton Roads Partnership (2002).

Carolina Innovations Group (1997-1999): Chairman and Executive Committee member.

Palmetto Municipal Benchmarking Project (1997-1999) – Founding member and Steering Committee, formed under the Institute of Public Affairs, University of South Carolina.

## AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Extensive local, state and national awards, including Volusia Council of Governments – City Manager of the Year (2008).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Extensive record of service and awards through community service organizations, Chambers of Commerce and charitable support groups.

REFERENCES

**Institute for Public Service, University of Tennessee**

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