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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS **Postdoctoral Fellow** 2026-
Georgia Institute of Technology
Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy

EDUCATION **Georgia State University**, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Exp. 2026
Ph.D, *Economics*
Dissertation: Essays on Education Policy and Childhood Food Security
Committee: David Ribar (Chair), Tim Sass, Dan Kreisman, Lindsey Bullinger

Georgia Institute of Technology
M.S. *Analytics (Computational Data Analysis)* 2022
B.S. *Economics* 2021

RESEARCH **AREAS OF INTEREST**
Public Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics, Child & Family Policy

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Teacher Effectiveness in Remote Instruction” (with Tim Sass). *Education Finance and Policy*, 2026.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Food Access and Student Achievement: Evidence from Federal Summer Meal Programs”. (*Job Market Paper*)
2. “Removing Barriers to College Credits: Where and for Whom AP Exam Fee Waivers Work” (with Toufiq Rahman). *Revise and Resubmit*. [Read Here](#).
3. “The Effect of Four-Day School Week Adoption on Teacher Retention and Sorting”. *Revise and Resubmit*. [Read Here](#).
4. “The Effect of Intensive Intervention for Children with Incarcerated Parents”. (with Lindsey Bullinger and David Phillips).

POLICY WRITING

1. “Characterizing Teachers in State-Identified Schools”. *Georgia Policy Labs Report*, 2025. [Read Here](#).
2. “Promoting Equitable Access to Effective Teachers” (with Tim Sass). *Georgia Policy Labs Report*, 2024. [Read Here](#).
3. “Teacher Effectiveness in Remote Instruction” (with Tim Sass). *Georgia Policy Labs Report*, 2024. [Read Here](#).

INTERDISCIPLINARY PUBLICATIONS

1. “Impacts of micromobility on car displacement with evidence from a natural experiment and geofencing policy” (with Omar Asensio, Camila Apablaza, Edward Chen, and Savannah Horner). *Nature Energy*, 2022.
2. “Electric vehicle charging stations in the workplace with high-resolution data from casual and habitual users” (with Omar Asensio and Camila Apablaza). *Scientific Data*, 2021.

3. “A field experiment on workplace norms and electric vehicle charging etiquette” (with Omar Asensio, Camila Apablaza, and Sarah Elizabeth Walsh). *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, 2021.

REFEREEING	Economics of Education Review (1x), Education Finance and Policy (1x)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM)	2022, 2024, 2025
	Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)	2024, 2025, 2026
	American Society of Health Economists	2025
	Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Wellbeing	2025
TEACHING	INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD	
	Georgia State University	
	Data Science for Economists (ECON 4970)	Spring 2026 (35 students)
	Course Evaluations: 4.9 / 5	
	The Global Economy (ECON 2100)	Fall 2024, Spring 2025
	Course Evaluations: 4.9 / 5	(100 students / section)
	TEACHING ASSISTANT	
	Georgia Institute of Technology	
	Big Data for Policy (PUBP 8751)	Spring 2022
	Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2105)	Spring 2021
	Cost-Benefit Analysis (ECON 4412)	Summer 2020
	The Global Economy (ECON 2101)	Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020
MEDIA/PRESS COVERAGE	Education Week — <i>Do 4-Day School Weeks Attract and Retain Better Teachers? What the Largest Study Yet Says.</i> (2026). Read Here.	
	Thomas B. Fordham Institute — <i>Should states cover AP exam costs for all students?</i> (2026). Read Here.	
	Education Week — <i>The 4-Day School Week: What Research Shows About the Alternative Schedule.</i> (2026). Read Here.	
EXPERIENCE	Graduate Research Assistant , Georgia Policy Labs	2022–
	Research Assistant , Data Science and Policy Lab at Georgia Tech	2019 – 2022
	Research Intern , Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	2021
	Research Intern , National Renewable Energy Laboratory	2019
SERVICE & LEADERSHIP	Student Ambassador , Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management	2025
	President/Vice President , Econ. Grad. Student Association (GSU)	2025-2026
	DE&I Core Team Representative , Georgia Policy Labs	2023-2025
	Review Committee Member , Engaged Research Competition	2024
	Judge , Georgia State University Undergraduate Research Conference	2024
	Member , GSU Strategic Planning Committee for Student Success	2023
	Student Ex Officio Member , Georgia Tech Advisory Board	2021-2022

GRANTS, AWARDS,
& HONORS

Georgia State University

Excellence in Teaching Economics Award	2026
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2022–2026
Stone PhD Student Visitor, Harvard Kennedy School	2025
E.D. Jack Dunn Fellowship & Research Award	2022, 2023, 2024

Georgia Institute of Technology

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, School of Economics	2021
Richard B. Inman, Jr. Scholarship	2020
Georgia Tech School of Economics Scholarship	2020
President's Undergraduate Research Award	2019