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## Education

Ph.D. University of Georgia, Economics, 2022-Present (expected completion May 2027)  
M.A. University of Florida, Economics, 2021  
B.A. University of Florida, Economics, 2020  
B.S. University of Florida, Health Science, 2020

## Research Fields

Health Economics, Labor Economics

## Second-year Field Coursework Completed

Health Economics - Dr. Eli Liebman and Dr. Meghan Skira  
Labor Economics - Dr. Matt Knepper and Dr. Greg Caetano  
Econometrics - Dr. Carol Caetano and Dr. Josh Kinsler  
Macroeconomics - Dr. Svetlana Pashchenko and Dr. Martin Gervais

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Summer Research Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. Eli Liebman, 2024  
Summer Research Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. Meghan Skira, 2023  
Summer Graduate Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. David Mustard, 2022  
Graduate Assistantship, University of Georgia, 2022-Present  
Joseph & Lillian Damon Scholarship, University of Florida, 2021  
Economics General Scholarship, University of Florida, 2020

## Teaching Experience

### *Instructor of Record*

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Spring 2026

### *Teaching Assistant*

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2024, Spring 2025  
Fall 2025  
Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025  
Honors Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022  
Economics Analysis for Business Leaders (Graduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022

## Research in Progress

“Training the Shortage Away: Medical School Growth and Physician Supply”  
“Addressing Shortages: The Effect of Mental Health HPSA Designation”  
“Provider Location Dynamics: Insights from the Colorado Health Service Corps”

## Publications

“Cost evaluation of tobacco control interventions in clinical settings: A systematic review”, with Ramzi Salloum, Jennifer LeLaurin, Jesse Dallery, Jinhai Huo, Elizabeth Shenkman, and Graham Warren. Published 2021 in Preventive Medicine.

“Describing the Clinical Characteristics of Children with Traumatic Brain Injury and the Role of Nutrition in the Pediatric ICU”, with Maria Kerrigan, Charlene Leonard, Kevin Wang, Zhihui Yang, Suman Ghosh, and Jennifer Munoz-Pareja. Published 2020 in UF Institutional Repository.

## Professional Experience

Research Coordinator, Tampa VA Research and Education Foundation Inc., July 2021-July 2022

Research Associate, Shands Hospital Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Research Unit, April 2018-May 2021

Research Assistant, University of Florida Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics, January 2018- June 2019

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

2026

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists

Journal of Economics Teaching’s Symposium on Economics Teaching (upcoming)

Southern Economic Association Meetings (upcoming)

2025

Southern Economic Association Meetings

## Conferences and Workshops Attended

2026

UGA Health Economics Mini-Conference

2025

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists

2024

Godfrey Conference

Atlanta/Athens Health Economics Research Conference

## Dissertation Committee

**Eli Liebman** (Chair)

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