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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

Working Papers

"If You Build It, Will They Come? Medical School Openings, Physician Supply, and Health" (JMP)

Work in Progress

"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 G. Salloum, Jennifer H. LeLaurin, Jesse Dallery, Jinhai Huo, Elizabeth A. Shenkman, and Graham W. Warren. *Preventive Medicine*, 2021, 146: 106469.

Professional Experience

Summer Research Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. Eli Liebman, 2025, 2026

Summer Research Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. Meghan Skira, 2024

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

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Summer Graduate Assistant, University of Georgia, Dr. David Mustard, 2023

Graduate Assistantship, University of Georgia, 2022-Present

Joseph & Lillian Damon Scholarship, University of Florida, 2021

Economics General Scholarship, University of Florida, 2020

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2026

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Journal of Economics Teaching's Symposium on Economics Teaching, Troy University, Southern Economic Association Meetings (upcoming)

2025

Southern Economic Association Meetings

Referee Activity

Health Economics

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, Fall 2026

Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2026

Honors Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022

Economics Analysis for Business Leaders (Graduate), University of Georgia, Fall 2022

Technical Skills

Programming: Stata, SAS, MATLAB, LaTeX

Dissertation Committee

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