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Languages: Bilingual (English & Spanish)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, The University of Texas at Dallas	Aug 2020 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University	Oct 2020 – present
Visiting Fellow, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University	Sep 2022 – Jun 2024
Research Director, UT Dallas Education Research Center	Aug 2023 – present

EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA	
Ph.D. in Economics (Chair: Tim Sass)	2020
B.S. in Economics (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	2013

RESEARCH FIELDS

Education Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Immigration

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[Do Refugee Students Affect the Academic Achievement of Peers? Evidence from a Large Urban School District.](#) *Economics of Education Review* (2022), Volume 89, 102283.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The “Missing English Learner” in Higher Education: How Identification, Assessment, and Placement Shape the Educational Outcomes of English Learners in Community Colleges. *Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research* (forthcoming), Volume 39. (Joint with Holly Kosiewicz and Kalena Cortes).

WORKING PAPERS

Effects of an Intensive English Program on the Academic Achievement of English Learners. (Joint with Monica Mogollon). Revision requested by *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Immigration Enforcement and Labor Supply: Hispanic Youth in Mixed-Status Families. (Joint with Joaquin Rubalcaba and Jose Bucheli). Available as a [CGO Working Paper](#). Revision requested by *Journal of Population Economics*.

The Effect of Dual Language Immersion Programs on Student Achievement in Early Elementary Grades. Revision requested by *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Impact of DACA on Occupation Choices Among Undocumented Migrants (Joint with Aimee Chin and Kalena Cortes).

Distance to Opportunity: Higher Education Deserts and Community College Enrollment (Joint with Riley Acton and Kalena Cortes). *In preparation: Book chapter for the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Financing Higher Education"*

The Academic Outcomes of English Learners Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic (Joint with K. Juree Capers)

POLICY PAPERS

[K-8 Pandemic Learning Trends: Reading & Math](#). *Center for Educational Efficacy, Excellence, and Equity (E4), Northwestern University*, 2023. (with Sofia Bahena).

[The Effect of Dual Language Immersion Programs on Student Outcomes](#). *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2021. (with Tim Sass).

[Effects of an Intensive English Program on Students' Math and English Scores](#). *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2021. (with Tim Sass).

[Refugee Students and Peer Effects](#). *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020. (with Tim Sass).

[Grade Retention Policies and Student Success](#). *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2019. (with Kate Canton and Daniel Kreisman).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lead Graduate Research Assistant 2018-2020
Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE)

Graduate Research Assistant to Tim Sass 2018-2020
Georgia State University

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant to Alberto Chong 2016-2018
Georgia State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Immigration Economics, UT Dallas	Spring 2022
Principles of Macroeconomics, UT Dallas	Spring 2022
Graduate Labor Economics II, UT Dallas	Spring 2021
Economic Development, UT Dallas	Fall 2020, Fall 2021
Economic Development, Georgia State University	Summer 2018, Fall 2018
Principles of Macroeconomics, Georgia State University	Fall 2016

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (INCLUDES SCHEDULED)

- 2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Western Michigan University, AEFP Annual Conference
SOLE Annual Meeting, APPAM Research Conference
- 2022 APPAM Research Conference, ASHE Monthly Seminar Series, SEA Annual Meeting,
Northwestern University, University of North Texas
- 2021 WEAI Annual Conference, AEFP Annual Conference, NBER Immigrants and the US
Economy Conference, ASHE Monthly Seminar Series, SEA Annual Meetings
- 2020 SEA Annual Meetings (virtual), Williams College Summer Series (virtual), AEFP Annual
Conference (virtual) Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Annual Meeting
- 2019 University of Delaware, UT Dallas, APPAM Fall Research Conference, AEA Summer
Mentoring Pipeline Conference, WEAI Annual Conference, AEFP Annual Conference,
ASSA Annual Meetings
- 2018 SEA Annual Meetings, APPAM Fall Research Conference, NBER Summer Institute
- 2017 SEA Annual Meetings, PIAAC Training Workshop, Missouri Valley Economic Association
Conference

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

- 2021 Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award *Honorable Mention*, Association for Education
Finance and Policy
- 2020 New Scholar Award, Association for Education Finance and Policy; Jack Blicksilver Award,
Georgia State University; Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow
- 2019 Outstanding Dissertation Award, American Society of Hispanic Economists; Excellence in Teaching
Award, Georgia State University
- 2017 AEA Summer Training Program Teaching Fellowship, Michigan State University; AEA
Summer Training Program Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Michigan State University
- 2016 Second Century Initiative (2CI) University Doctoral Fellowship, Georgia State University;
Adult Literacy Research Center Research Support Grant, Georgia State University
- 2013 AEA Summer Training Program, University of New Mexico; The Economics Student
Achievement Award, Georgia State University
- 2012 Excellence in Microeconomics Award, Georgia State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

AEA Summer Training Program: Application Review Committee Member (2021, 2023)

Center for Economic Growth and Opportunity: Contributing scholar, reviewer

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: Program Committee Review Member (2023),
session chair, discussant

Association for Education Finance and Policy: Program Committee Member (2022), session chair, discus-
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*Referee: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Eco-
nomics, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis,*

Educational Researcher, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Southern Economic Journal

Member: American Society of Hispanic Economists, National Economic Association, American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Southern Economic Association