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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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

EDUCATION

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| 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.

[Dual Language Immersion Programs and Student Achievement in Early Elementary Grades.](#) *Educational Evaluation & Policy Analysis*. (2024).

[Immigration Enforcement and Labor Supply: Hispanic Youth in Mixed-Status Families.](#) (with Joaquin Rubalcaba and Jose Bucheli) *Journal of Population Economics*. (2024).

The Effects of a Newcomer Program on the Academic Achievement of English Learners. (with Monica Mogollon). Accepted at *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

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* (2024), Volume 39. (Joint with Holly Kosiewicz and Kalena Cortes).

WORKING PAPERS

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

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

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

Exploring the Long-Term Outcomes of Students in Bilingual Education Programs (with T. Miller and G. Zamarro)

English Learners in Community Colleges. (with Holly Kosiewicz)

POLICY PAPERS

[Academic Outcomes of English Learners Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2024. (with K. Juree Capers).

[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

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| Lead Graduate Research Assistant Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE) | 2018-2020 |
| Graduate Research Assistant to Tim Sass Georgia State University | 2018-2020 |
| Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant to Alberto Chong Georgia State University | 2016-2018 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

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| 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)

- 2024 University of Pennsylvania, AEFPP Annual Conference, Financing Higher Education NBER Conference
- 2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Western Michigan University, AEFPP 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, AEFPP 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), AEFPP 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, AEFPP 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 Blinksilver 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, 2024).

Center for Economic Growth and Opportunity: Contributing Scholar, Reviewer.

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: Co-Chair of the Population and Migration Issues sub-Committee (2024), Program Committee Review Member (2023), Session Chair, Discussant.

Association for Education Finance and Policy: Program Committee Member (2022), Session Chair, Discussant.

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *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.