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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Assistant Professor, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (2019- present)

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Assistant Professor, Economics Department (2017-2019)

EDUCATION University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Ph.D., Economics (2017)

Florida International University, Miami, FL

B.A., Economics (2011)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (2024-present)

The Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity, Duke University (2023-present)

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame (2021- present) Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University (2019- present)

Community Development Research Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (2023-2025)

Emerging Poverty Scholar, Institute of Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-

Madison (2022-2024)

RCMAR Fellow, Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, University of Southern California (2019–2020)

RESEARCH Interests

Health, Crime, and Education

PUBLICATIONS

(Students are marked with an asterisk (*))

- [19] "Worker-Driven Social Responsibility and Infant Health" (with Joaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubal-caba)(Accepted) **Demography**
- [18] "Black Lives: The High Cost of Segregation," (with Robynn Cox, Jamein Cunningham, and Kenneth Whaley) (Accepted) American Economic Journal: Economic Policy
- [17] "Behavioral Health Treatment Centers and Police Officer Safety," **Journal of Human Resources** (Accepted) (with Monica Deza, Catherine MacLean, Thanh Lu)
- [16] "Disparities in Court Orders to Relinquish Firearms for Civil Domestic Violence Protection Order Cases," Criminology & Public Policy (2025) (with Julie M Kafka, Alice M Ellyson, Jeanie Santaularia, Avanti Adhia, Kim Dalve, Sandra Shanahan, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, Dierdre Bowen)
- [15] "DOJ Intervention and the Checkpoint Shift: Profiling Hispanic Motorists Under the §287(g) Program," AEA Papers & Proceedings (2024) (with Prentiss A. Dantzler and Joaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba)
- [14] "The Effect of the Opioid Crisis on Patenting," Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2023) (with Zachary Cohle)
- [13] "The Highs and the Lows: Recreational Marijuana Laws and Mental Health Treatment," **Health Economics** (2023)
- [12] "Medicaid Expansion and Mental Health Treatment: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act," **Health Economics** (2023)
- [11] "Immigrant English Proficiency, Children's Educational Performance, and Parental Involvement," Review of Economics of the Household (2022) (with Tyler Ludwig*)

- [10] "Institution of Higher Education Substance Use Amnesty Policies and Sexual Violence Reporting,"

 Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2022) (with Alice Ellyson and Michele Bedard-Gilligan)
- [9] "Substance Use Disorders among Older Populations: What role does race and ethnicity play in treatment and completion?," **Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment** (2022) (with Jevay Grooms)
- [8] "Flipping the Script: The Effect of Opioid Prescription Monitoring on Specialty-Specific Provider Behavior," **Health Economics** (2021) (with Alice Ellyson and Jevay Grooms)
- [7] "Life of the Party: The Polarizing Effect of Foreign Direct Investment," **European Journal of Political Economy** (2021) (with Zachary Cohle)
- [6] "Racial and Ethnic Disparities: Essential Workers, Mental Health, and the Coronavirus Pandemic," Review of Black Political Economy (2021) (with Jevay Grooms, Joaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba, and Edward Vargas)
- [5] "Distance Learning and Parental Mental Health During COVID-19," Educational Researcher (2020) (with Cassandra Davis, Jevay Grooms, Joaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba, and Edward Vargas)
- [4] "Trade Liberalization and Racial Animus," Contemporary Economic Policy (2020) (with Ema Di Fruscia* and Bryn Louise*)
- [3] "State Partisanship and Higher Education," Economics of Education Review (2020)
- [2] "Examining Medicaid Expansion and the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders." **AEA Papers & Proceedings** (formerly **American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings**) (2019) (with Jevay Grooms)
- [1] "Business Cycles and HBCU Appropriations," **Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy** (2018) (with Omari Swinton)

In Progress

(Students are marked with an asterisk (*))

(Conditionally Accepted) "The Impact of Affirmative Action Litigation on Police Killings of Civilians," (with Robynn Cox and Jamein Cunningham) American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

"Losing Medicaid and Crime" (with Monica Deza, Catherine Maclean, Thanh Lu)

"Federal Oversight and Sexual Violence Reporting" (with Alice Ellyson)

"Paid Sick Leave and Maltreatment" (with Monica Deza and Johanna Catherine Maclean)

"Politics of the Professoriate: Longitudinal Evidence from a State Public University Systems Universe of Faculty" (with Mark Chin, Matthew Shaw, and Daniel Yoo*)

"Does Paid Sick Leave Facilitate Reproductive Choice? (with Johanna Catherine Maclean, Ioana Popovici, and Christopher Ruhm)

"Staying Connected: Experimental Effects of Weekly Text Messages in an Adult High School" (with Pietro Pellerito* and Patrick Turner)

"Vulnerability of the U.S. Public Safety System: Evidence from Micro-Shocks" (with Shooshan Danagoulian, Monica Deza, and Johanna Catherine Maclean)

"Reading Wars: May the Phonics Be With You" (with Alex Hollingsworth and Nikolaos Zirogiannis)

"Sports Gambling Legalization and Maltreatment" (with Kabir Dasgupta, Keshar Ghimire, Alexander Heinke, Rebecca Hsu, Johanna Catherine Maclean, and Keisha Solomon)

"Juvenile Detention Alternatives, Arrests, and Disciplinary Outcomes"

"Racial Protests and Credit Access" (with Raffi Garcia)

"Controlled Substance Designation and Medical Substitution: Evidence from Gabapentin Monitoring and Upscheduling" (with Sumedha Gupta and Nicole Siegal)

"The Difference a Day Makes: Can Changes to US Criminal Misdemeanor Sentencing Influence Deportation and Crime?" (with Ernesto Tiburcio, Caitlin Patler, and Joaquín Rubalcaba)

"Blades of Despair? The Impact of Wind Farms on Crime" (with Nikolaos Zirogiannis and Jaehyun Choi*)

OTHER PUB-LICATIONS

"New research documents the high cost of residential racial segregation in Northern cities of the United States," Washington Center for Equitable Growth. May 29 (2022) (with Robynn Cox, Jamein Cunningham, and Kenneth Whaley)

"Racial Disparities in Accessing Treatment for Substance Use Highlights Work to Be Done," *The Evidence Base.* April 29 (2022) (with Jevay Grooms)

"The telling connection between affirmative action litigation, the racial composition of U.S. police forces, and the level of police killings of civilians," Washington Center for Equitable Growth. December 2 (2021) (with Robynn Cox and Jamein Cunningham)

"The COVID-19 public health and economic crises leave vulnerable populations exposed," *The Hamilton Project.* August 13 (2020) (with Jevay Grooms and Joaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba)

Grants & Fellowships

Research Grants on Criminal Justice (2025-2030)

Arnold Ventures Foundation

Title: "An Advocate Intervention Aimed at Improving Crime, Arrest, and Nonfatal Violent

Crime Clearance Rates"

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Lauren Magee)

Research Grants on Criminal Justice (2025-2028)

Arnold Ventures Foundation

Title: "The difference a day makes: Can changes to US criminal misdemeanor sentencing influence deportation and crime?"

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Caitlin Patler and Joaquín Rubalcaba)

Research Grants on Education (2023-2028)

Spencer Foundation

Title: "The Educational Consequences of Excess Emissions" Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Nikolaos Zirogiannis)

RSF Pipeline Grant (2023-2024)

Russell Sage Foundation

Title: "Juvenile Detention Alternatives, Arrests, and Disciplinary Outcomes"

Role: Principal Investigator

Emerging Poverty Scholars Fellowship (2022-2024)

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Substance Use Research Grant (2022-2023)

Indiana University

Social Sciences Research Grant (2021-2022)

Indiana University

USC Resource Center for Minority Aging Research Pilot Grant (NIA P30AG043073) (2019-2020)

University of Southern California

Title: "Racial and Ethnic Differences in Substance Use Treatment Across Age Groups"

Role: Sub-award Principal Investigator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University (2019–Present)

Public Management Economics, Contemporary Economic Issues in Public Affairs, Financing Public Affairs, Math Camp for PhD in Public Affairs

Whitman College (2017–2019)

• Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Economics

University of Florida (2014–2017)

o Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Economics

Michigan State University (2016)

• Research Fellow for AEA Summer Training Program

AWARDS AND DISTINC-TIONS 3 of 4 Faculty Fellowship for Research in the Social Sciences (2022-2023) Indiana University

Rising Stars in Health Related Sciences Symposium (2019) Indiana University, School of Public Health

Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) (2017-2018) National Science Foundation

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2017) Florida Education Fund (FEF) R.F. Lanzillotti Economics Dissertation Award (2014) University of Florida

University of Florida Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science Award (2014) *University of Florida*

Florida Board of Education Summer Fellowship (2011) University of Florida

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship (2007-2011) Florida International University

Conferences and Presentations

2025: Indiana Suicide Research Symposium, Southern Economic Association Conference (SEA), Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM)

2024: Federal Reserve Bank of St.Louis, Department of Health and Human Services

2023: University of Louisville, Ball State University, Montana State University, University of South Florida, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference

2022: AEA-ASSA Annual Meeting, Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior, Southern Economic Conference, Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2021: Population Association of America Annual Meeting, IU Education, Health, and Inequality Mini-Conference (organizer), IU Risky Behaviors Mini-Conference (organizer), Southern Economic Conference, Western Michigan University (Research Panel)

2020: RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting, Southern Economic Association Conference

2019: Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference, Southern Economic Conference

Pre-2019: AEA-ASSA Annual Meeting, Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference

SERVICE

American Society for Hispanic Economists: Communications Committee (Chair) (2020-2023)

AEA Summer Training Program: Application Review Committee (2021-present); Mentor (2020)

Indiana University: CRRES Undergraduate Research Program Faculty Mentor (2021-2023); Addictions Grand Challenge Advisory Council on Racial and Ethnic Disparities (2020-2022)

Reviewer: American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, Applied Economics, Economics of Education Review, Health Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, Review of Black Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Problems, Quarterly Journal of Economics