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## Academic & Research Affiliations

**Assistant Professor Budgeting and Finance (2020-today)**  
**School of Public and International Affairs - University of Georgia**  
**O'Neill School, Indiana University Bloomington (2015-2020)**  
Research Assistant (J. Ross, K. Simon, M. Pirog & D. Duncan)  
**World Bank Colombia (2016-2019)**  
Research Consultant for the Education Team lead by Pedro Cerdan-Infante.

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## Education

**Indiana University Bloomington**  
Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020  
*Fields:* Public Finance, Policy Analysis. *Minor:* Data Science  
***Dissertation Project:*** Three Essays on the Unintended Consequences of Social Policies.  
***Committee:*** Maureen Pirog (*co-chair*), Justin Ross (*co-chair*), Kosali Simon & Bradley Heim.  
**National Taiwan University**                      **U. de los Andes - Colombia**  
M.B.A., Finance, 2008.                              B.A., Economics, 2005.

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## Peer-reviewed articles

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, P. Carlin (*Accepted*). "The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia". *Health Economics*.  
L. Montenovo, X. Jiang, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, I.M. Schmutte, K. Simon, B.A. Weinberg, & C. Wing. (Forthcoming, 2022). "Determinants of Disparities in Covid-19 Job Losses". *Demography*.  
S. Gupta, T.D. Nguyen, S. Raman, B. Lee, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Bento, K. Simon & C. Wing (2021). "Tracking Public and Private Responses to the Covid-19 Epidemic: Evidence from State and Local Government Actions". *American Journal of Health Economics*.  
A. Bento, T. Nguyen, C. Wing, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, Y. Ahn, and K. Simon (2020). Evidence from internet search data shows information-seeking responses to news of local COVID-19 cases. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.  
J.M. Ross & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. Consumer Incidence in Sales Tax Holidays: Evidence from Tennessee. (*R&R*). *National Tax Journal*.

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Peer-reviewed  
articles (cont.)

W. Cheng, P. Carlin, J. Carroll, T. Nguyen, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, S. Gupta, et al. (*R&R*). Back to business and (re)employing workers? Labor market activity during state COVID-19 reopenings. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, M.A. Pirog & P. Cerdan-Infantes. (*R&R*) "Equity and Sustainability in Higher Education Financial Aid: Analysis of Income Contingent Loans in Colombia". *Journal of Student Financial Aid*.

**F. Lozano-Rojas** (2012). Human Capital contracts in Chile: an exercise based on income data on Chilean higher education graduates. *Latin-American Journal of Economics*.

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Awards and  
Fellowships

**UGA Faculty Seed Grant in the Sciences, 2021-2022**

Awarded by the UGA Office of the Vice-President for Research

**UGA PADP Busbee Seed Grant**

Awarded by Prof. David Bradford, Busbee Chair in Public Policy.

**UGA SPIA 2020-2021. Faculty Seed Grant.**

Awarded by the Department of Public Administration and Policy (PADP)

**Michael Curro Award for best graduate student paper, 2020**

Awarded by the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM).

**O'Neill School - Indiana University PhD Fellowship 2015-2020**

O'Neill School - Indiana University Graduate funding, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Colombia-Colciencias Doctorate Scholarship 2015-2019**

Colciencias, Bogota, Colombia. 2015-2019.

**ROC Taiwan - Ministry of Education Masters Scholarship**

Ministry of Education, Taipei, Republic of China-Taiwan. 2005-2008.

**Best ECAES Scholarship (Higher Education Quality Exam)**

Top score at Universidad de Los Andes and 2<sup>nd</sup> nationwide among graduating students from BS/BA Economics (2004-2005)

**O'Neill School Sponsored - ICPSR Fellowship Summer 2016**

O'Neill School - Indiana University Graduate, Bloomington, Indiana.

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Other  
Publications

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, P. Carlin (2021). Getting sugar back? Soda taxes beyond sodas. [AusTaxPolicy](#).

L. Montenovo, X. Jiang, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, I.M. Schmutte, K. Simon, B.A. Weinberg, & C. Wing (2020). Unequal Employment Impacts of COVID-19. *Econofact*. [Coronavirus](#)

J.M. Ross & **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2018). Are Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxes Regressive? Evidence from Household Retail Purchases. *Tax Foundation*. [Fiscal Fact 592](#)

**F. Lozano-Rojas** (2009). Evaluating an alternative to finance higher education: Human capital contracts in Colombia. *Revista de Economia del Rosario*.

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In the  
Media

*Sep 2022.* Do Taxes on Soda Really Lower Sugar Intake? By Steven Reinberg. [US News & World Report](#).  
*Sep 2022.* City Soda Taxes Do Not Cut Overall Sugar Intake. [Medical Xpress](#).  
*Sep 2022.* City-based soda pop taxes don't effectively reduce sugar consumption. [Health Day](#).  
*Aug 2021.* Momentum Stalls for Soda Taxes as Health Benefits Remain Scarce. By Carolina Vargas. [TaxNotes](#).  
*Dec 2020.* Joe Biden's Pick for Top Economic Adviser, Neera Tanden, Endorsed Bill Creating a National Soda Tax. By Eric Boehm. [Reason](#).  
*May 2020.* Businesses Are Reopening, But Customers May Not Be Ready To Go Back. By Jim Zarroli. [NPR](#).  
*May 2020.* Real Time Economics - What Else We're Reading. By Becky Bowers. [Wall Street Journal](#).

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Working  
Papers

**F. Lozano-Rojas.** "How do local government finances respond to the opioid epidemics? Evidence from Hydrocodone rescheduling". [SSRN link](#)  
**F. Lozano-Rojas**, X. Jiang, L. Montenovo, K. Simon, B.A. Weinberg, & C. Wing. "Is the Cure Worse than the Problem Itself? Immediate Labor Market Effects of Covid-19 Case Rates and School Closures in the U.S." [NBER link](#)  
S. Gupta, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M.A. Achkar, J. Mowry, K. Simon. "Out of prescriptions and into illicit opioids? The unintended consequences of stricter opioid prescribing laws on drug misuse".  
**F. Lozano-Rojas** & J.M. Ross. "Are Back-to-School and Apparel Sales Tax Holidays Progressive or Regressive?". Draft available upon request.  
**F. Lozano-Rojas**, S.M. Gopalan & M.A. Pirog. "Beyond Average Treatment Effects: The impact of a subsidized Student Loan Program on Postsecondary Student Outcomes in Colombia". Draft available upon request.

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Professional  
Service  
& Relevant  
Experience

**Journal Reviewer**

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Public Budgeting & Finance, Journal of Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Public Choice, Health Affairs, Nature Human Behavior, Local Government Studies, Nature Human Behavior, Nutrition Review, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science

**Indiana University - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (2018)**

Pro-bono designers of a new Discharged Worksheets for surgical procedures. Team lead by Gabriel Brat, MD, and executed with Timothy Whitson, MDS; Neha Rawat, MDS and Himani Bhatt, MDS.

**Icetex - Colombia Student Loan Agency**

Consultant, Researcher and Chief Planning Officer (2011-2015). I worked for the Planning Office in financial modeling, budgeting and impact evaluation.

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Teaching     **School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia**  
Instructor of Record, Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis (PADP6950)  
Instructor of Record, Introduction to Policy Analysis (PADP3100)  
Instructor of Record, Seminar in Public Debt Management (PADP8870)

**O’Neil School, Indiana University**  
Instructor of Record, Financial Management (V361)  
Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Research in Public Policy (V606/607)

**Department of Economics, Universidad del Rosario - Colombia**  
Instructor of Record, International Trade Theory, 2012-2014  
Instructor of Record, Contemporary Finance Studies, 2012-2014  
Instructor of Record, Financial Theory I, 2011

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Languages     Spanish (native), English (proficient user), Chinese (independent user)  
and Skills     Stata, R & R-Studio, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, Risk-Simulator, Crystal Ball.

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References     [Katherine Willoughby, Ph.D.](#)  
                  M.H. & R.Golembiewski Prof. Pol Adm.  
                  SPIA - University of Georgia  
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[David Bradford, Ph.D.](#)  
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[Maureen Pirog, Ph.D.](#)  
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