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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)
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Education

Indiana University Bloomington
Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020
Fields: Public Finance, Policy Analysis. *Minor:* Data Science
National Taiwan University **U. de los Andes - Colombia**
M.B.A., Finance, 2008. B.A., Economics, 2005.

Peer-reviewed articles

16. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, & M. Ivonchyk (2025). The opioid epidemic and local fiscal choices. *Public Budgeting & Finance*.
 15. M. Lofton & **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2025). Differential Governance Capacity and the COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on Sales Tax Collection: Evidence from Georgia Counties. *Global Public Policy & Governance*.
 14. A. Bradford, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, H.B. Shone, D. Bradford & A. Abraham. Cannabis Laws and utilization of medications for the treatment of Mental Health Disorders (2024). *JAMA Network Open*.
 13. J. Olvera, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, J. Ramos & S. Gupta. Opioids Prescribing Restrictions and Homelessness: Evidence from Hydrocodone Rescheduling. (2024). *Journal of Housing Economics*.
 12. W.D. Bradford, **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2024). Higher rates of Homelessness associated with increases in accidental Drug and Alcohol Mortality. *Health Affairs*.
 11. S. Steuart, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, V. Bethel, H. Shone & A. Abraham (2024). Recreational Cannabis Laws and fills of pain prescriptions in the privately insured. *Cannabis*.
 10. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Lofton (2023). "A structural change in the power to tax: The COVID pandemic's impact on sales tax collections across Georgia counties". *Municipal Finance Journal*.
 9. C. Andrews, O. Hinds, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, W. Besmann, A. Abraham, C. Grogan, A. Silverman. (2023) "State funding for Substance Use Disorder treatment declined in the wake of Medicaid Expansion" *Health Affairs*.
 8. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, P. Carlin (2022). "The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia". *Health Economics*.
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7. S. Harris, A. Abraham, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, S. Negaro, C. Andrews, C. Grogan (2023). "Allocation of federal funding to address the opioid overdose crisis in the criminal legal system". *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*.
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 5. S. Gupta, L. Montenovo, T.D. Nguyen, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, I.M. Schmutte, K. Simon, B.A. Weinberg, & C. Wing. (2022). "Effects of social distancing policy on labor market outcomes". *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
 4. S. Gupta, T.D. Nguyen, S. Raman, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Bento, K. Simon & C. Wing (2021). "Tracking Public and Private Responses to the Covid-19 Epidemic". *American Journal of Health Economics*.
 3. 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. *PNAS*.
 2. **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*.
 1. **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2009). Evaluating an alternative to finance higher education: Human Capital Contracts in Colombia. *Revista de Economia del Rosario*.
- F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Abraham, S. Gupta & D. Bradford (*R&R*). The Effect of Cannabis Laws on Access to Pain Medications among Commercially Insured Patients in the United States. *American Journal of Health 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 SPIA 2020-2021, 2022-2023, 2023-2024. 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).

External
Grants and
Grant Work

The Effects of Diaper Taxes on Maternal Employment (RSF Grant No.: 2405-49023, Georgia Tech & The University of Georgia, PIs: Bullinger, **Lozano-Rojas**, 2019-2024), **Co-PI**

The Effect of Medical Cannabis Laws on Health Care Use in Insured Populations with Pain (NIDA Research Grant No. R01DA047365-01, University of Georgia, PI: Bradford, 2019-2024), **Associated Researcher**

Opioid Prescribing in Medicaid: Healthcare Utilization and Deaths from Overdose (NIDA Research Grant No. R01DA039930, University of Georgia; PIs: Jayawardhana and Perri, funded 2016-2019), **Co-Investigator**

In the Media

Sep 2024. With more Americans able to access marijuana, fewer are picking up prescriptions for anti-anxiety medications. [The Conversation](#).

Sep 2024. Cannabis laws and utilization of medications for the treatment of mental health disorders. [ASAM Weekly](#).

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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](#).

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Other Publications

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L. Montenovio, 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*.

Working Papers

Bradford, D. & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. "The Effect of a Large Prescription Opioid Diversion Event on Opioid Mortality in The U.S.". [SSRN link](#). *Under review*.

F. Lozano-Rojas, A. Abraham. "Gateway to misuse? Synthetic opioid mortality and the rescheduling of hydrocodone in the United States". [SSRN link](#)

F. Lozano-Rojas, X. Jiang, L. Montenovio, 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](#)

F. Lozano-Rojas & J.M. Ross. "Are Back-to-School and Apparel Sales Tax Holidays Progressive or Regressive?". Draft available upon request.

<hr/> Professional Service & Relevant Experience	<p>Journal Reviewer J. of Policy Analysis and Management, American Economic Review, Nature Human Behavior, J. of Health Economics, Health Affairs, Public Budgeting & Finance, J. Development Economics, J. Public Administration Research and Theory, Economics and Human Biology, Public Choice, Local Government Studies, Nature Human Behavior, Nutrition Review, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.</p> <p>World Bank Colombia (2016-2019, 2023) Research Consultant for the Education Team lead by Pedro Cerdan-Infante.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <hr/>
Teaching	<p>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)</p> <p>O'Neil School, Indiana University Instructor of Record, Financial Management (V361) Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Research in Public Policy (V606/607)</p> <p>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</p> <hr/>
Languages and Skills	<p><u>Languages</u>: Spanish (native), English (proficient user), Chinese (independent user).</p> <p><u>Software</u>: Stata, R & R-Studio, Python (webscrapping), L^AT_EX, SAS, Risk-Simulator, Crystal Ball, Microsoft Office suit.</p> <p><u>Relevant Datasets</u>: Nielsen Panels - Ailments, Scanner and Homescan, Burning Glass Technologies, Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse - CMS Medicare, Medicaid MAX/TAF, Safegraph, Google Trends Health API</p> <hr/>

References

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