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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)

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## Education

**Indiana University Bloomington**  
Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020  
*Fields:* Public Finance, Policy Analysis. *Minor:* Data Science

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## Peer-reviewed articles

20. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Abraham, S. Gupta & D. Bradford (Forthcoming). The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia. *American Journal of Health Economics* (Impact Factor: 3.1 - H index: 21).
  19. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, V. Bethel, S. Steuart, S. Gupta, D. Bradford & A. Abraham (2025). Cannabis laws and opioid utilization among commercially insured patients with cancer. *JAMA Health Forum* (IF: 11.3 - H: 25).
  18. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, & M. Ivonchyk (2025). The opioid epidemic and local fiscal choices. *Public Budgeting & Finance* (IM: 0.9 - H Index: 38).
  17. **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* (IF: N/A - H: 7).
  16. **F. Lozano-Rojas**, P. Carlin (2022). The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia. *Health Economics* (IF: 3.0 - H: 128).
  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* (IF: 1.6 - H: 7).
  14. W.D. Bradford, **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2024). Higher rates of Homelessness associated with increases in accidental drug and alcohol mortality. *Health Affairs* (IF: 9.7 - H: 212).
  13. J. Olvera, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, J. Ramos & S. Gupta (2024). Opioids Prescribing Restrictions and Homelessness: Evidence from Hydrocodone Rescheduling. *Journal of Housing Economics* (IF: 1.7 - H: 63).
  12. A. Bradford, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, H.B. Shone, D. Bradford & A. Abraham (2024). Cannabis Laws and utilization of medications for the treatment of Mental Health Disorders. *JAMA Network Open* (IF: 13.8 - H: 128).
  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* (IF: N/A - H: N/A).
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articles (cont.)

10. C. Andrews, O. Hinds, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, W. Besman, A. Abraham, C. Grogan, A. Silverman (2023). State funding for SUD treatment declined in the wake of Medicaid Expansion. *Health Affairs* (IF: 9.7 - H: 212).
9. 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* (IF: 3.9 - H: 122).
8. L. Montenovo, X. Jiang, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, I.M. Schmutte, K. Simon, B.A. Weinberg, & C. Wing. (2022). Determinants of disparities in early Covid-19 job losses. *Demography*. (IF: 3.6 - H: 151)
7. S. Gupta, L. Montenovo, T. 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* (IF: 1.7 - H: 59).
6. S. Gupta, T. 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* (IF: 3.1 - H: 21).
5. 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* (IF: 11.1 - H: 869).
4. S. Steuart, M. Estrada, C. Andrews, C. Grogan, O. Hinds, E. Lawler, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Westlake, C. Wing & A. Abraham (2025). Medicaid MCO Service Coverage and Diagnosis and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder. *Health Affairs Scholar* (IF: 2.4 - H: N/A).
3. S. Steuart, M. Estrada, C. Andrews, C. Grogan, O. Hinds, E. Lawler, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Westlake, C. Wing & A. Abraham (2025). Relationship between Medicaid coverage design and receipt of medication for alcohol use disorder. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports* (IF: 11.1 - H: 869).
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*. (IF: 0.5 - H: 11).
1. **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2009). Evaluating an alternative to finance higher education: Human Capital Contracts in Colombia. *Revista de Economia del Rosario* (IF: 0.28 - H: 8).

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Articles  
Under Review

- Bradford, D. & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. "The Effect of a Large Prescription Opioid Diversion Event on Opioid Mortality in The U.S.". *R&R at the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Abraham, S. Gupta & D. Bradford. The Effect of Cannabis Laws on Access to Pain Medications among Commercially Insured Patients in the United States. *R&R at the American Journal of Health Economics*.
- F. Lozano-Rojas**, L. Navarro. "Liquidity and Volatility in the Municipal Bond Market: Evidence from the Municipal Liquidity Facility". *Under Review at the Journal of Financial Markets*.
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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**, 2025-2026), **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**

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Awards and  
Recognitions

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

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

**Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2024**

Awarded by the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM).

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

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

**Top cited article at *Contemporary Economic Policy***

Among work published between 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2023 as of 2024.

**UGA SPIA 2020-2021, 2022-2023, 2023-2024. Faculty Seed Grant.**

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

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Working  
Papers

**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](#)

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

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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](#)

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Professional  
Service

**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.

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## 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](#).

*Sep 2023.* States Most Affected by Student Loan Payments Moratorium Ending. [WalletHub - WalletNews](#).

*Feb 2023.* 2023's Most Sinful States in America. [WalletHub - WalletNews](#).

*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 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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## 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 and Skills

Languages: Spanish, English, Chinese (independent user).

Software: Stata, R & R-Studio, Python (webscrapping), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SAS, Risk-Simulator, Crystal Ball, Microsoft Office suit.

Relevant Datasets: Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse - CMS Medicare, Medicaid MAX/TAF, Nielsen Panels - Ailments, Scanner and Homescan, Burning Glass Technologies, Safegraph, Google Trends Health API, Google Maps API, Survey of Local Government Finances

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References	<a href="#"><u>Katherine Willoughby, Ph.D.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>David Bradford, Ph.D.</u></a>
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Additional Experience	<b>World Bank Colombia (2016-2019, 2023)</b>
	Research Consultant for the Education Team lead by Pedro Cerdan-Infante.
	<b>Icetex - Colombia Student Loan Agency (2011-2015)</b>
	Consultant, Researcher and Chief Planning Officer (2014). I worked for the Planning Office in financial modeling, budgeting and impact evaluation.
	<b>Contraloria General de la Nacion - Colombia General Comptroller</b>
	Consultant. I worked in the team that developed the Congressional report on the state of the national and subnational governments' debt.

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