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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Georgia	2025-
Faculty Affiliate, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO)	2025-
Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau	2023-

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN	
Ph.D. in Economics	2025
M.A. in Economics	2020
University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL	
B.A. in Economics, Political Science, and History, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2015
Visiting Student at Universität Mannheim	2013

PUBLICATIONS

Downes, H., Phillips, D. C. and Sullivan, J. X. (2022), ‘The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Healthcare Use’, *Journal of Public Economics* **208**, 104626. [[Published Version](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

‘Did Organized Labor Induce Labor? Unionization and the American Baby Boom’ (Job Market Paper) [[PDF](#)]
‘Can Moves to Opportunity be Constructed? Evidence from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit’ (with John Soriano and George Zuo) [[PDF](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

‘Jim Crow in Federal Labor Law? The Davis-Bacon Act and Black Economic Mobility’
‘The Effects of Moving to LIHTC-Subsidized Housing on Labor Market Outcomes’ (with Stephanie Karol, John Soriano, and George Zuo)

TEACHING

University of Georgia

Instructor	Labor Economics (UG)	2025-
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University of Notre Dame

Instructor	Principles of Microeconomics (UG)	2023
Instructor	Moreau College Initiative (UG)	2023
TA	Statistics for Economists (UG)	2022-2023
Tutor	Econometrics (UG)	2022
Tutor	Statistics for Economists (UG)	2021

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2026: LERA @ ASSAs (scheduled)

2025: University of Georgia; University of California, Davis; Florida State University; University of Florida; Ohio State University; Texas A&M University; College of William & Mary; Tilburg University; University of Alabama

2024: Mountain West Economic History Conference; Northwestern University; NBER Summer Institute; Economic History Association; Miami University; Southern Economic Association

2023: Midwest Economic Association (session organizer, chair, and presenter); World Congress of Cliometrics; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2022: Young Economist Symposium; Social Science History Association

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

Economic History Association, Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)	2024-2025
Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Program (\$268,091)	2023-2025

University of Notre Dame

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Sciences	2025
Graduate School, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Winner	2024
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award	2024
Graduate Student Government, Conference Presentation Grant	2024
Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, Graduate Fellowship	2023-2024
Center for Social Concerns, Graduate Fellowship	2022-2023
Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Graduate Research Grant	2022
Graduate School, Professional Development Grant	2021

University of Alabama

College of Arts & Sciences, Most Outstanding Junior	2014
Department of Economics, Special Achievement Award	2014

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Organizer, Graduate Student Research Workshop	2021-2022
Co-Chair, Economics Department Graduate Student Council	2021-2022
Ambassador, Economics Department	2019-2025

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.