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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

<b>University of Notre Dame</b> – Notre Dame, IN	
Ph.D. in Economics	2025
M.A. in Economics	2020

<b>University of Alabama</b> – 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] [\[PDF\]](#)

## 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) [\[PDF\]](#)

‘How Risk Attitudes and Homeowners Insurance Literacy Impact Shopping and Switching Behaviors’ (with Sebastain Awondo)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

‘Source of Income Laws and Racial Discrimination’

‘The Effects of Moving to LIHTC-Subsidized Housing on Labor Market Outcomes’ (with Stephanie Karol, John Soriano, and George Zuo)

‘The Long Run Effects of Career Training: Evidence from Goodwill Employees’ (with Arik Zintel)

‘Union Membership and Wage Theft’

## TEACHING

### University of Georgia

Instructor Labor Economics (UG)

2025-

### 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; FSU-UF-UGA Critical Issues in Real Estate Symposium (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; North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

**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

**ACADEMIC REFEREEING**

*Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic History, Southern Economic Journal*

**PERSONAL**

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau