Curriculum Vitae September 2023

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Honors Outstanding TA Award, February 2022

Working Papers Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback –

(Revise and Resubmit at International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction)

Practice What is Preached: Is FEMA Contracting Responsive to Advancing

Democratic Values

Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a

Determinant for Resource Allocation

Education University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy, 2024 Dissertation: How do States Budget for Disasters?

Committee: Katherine Willoughby (chair), David Bradford, and Felipe

Lozano Rojas

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

M.A. in Political Science, concentration in International Relations, 2016

Converse College, Spartanburg, SC

B.A. in Theater and Psychology, minor in Politics, 2014

## Conferences Papers Presented at

ABFM:

- 2023:
  - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 (*upcoming*)
- 2022:

- Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation
- 2021:
  - Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback
  - Practice What is Preached: Is FEMA Contracting Responsive to Advancing Democratic Values (coauthored with Katherine Willoughby)

#### APPAM:

- 2023:
  - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 (*upcoming*)
- 2022:
  - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

#### ASPA:

- 2024:
  - Examining the relationship between FEMA BRIC program, disaster mitigation, & PET (*submitted*, *not confirmed*)
- 2022:
  - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

## SECoPA:

- 2023:
  - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 (*upcoming*)

#### WSSA:

- 2023:
  - How do States Budget for Disasters and Why Does it Matter?
- 2022:
  - Practice What is Preached? FEMA Contracting to Advance Democratic Values
  - Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback

## Teaching University of Georgia

## <u>Instructor of Record:</u>

- PADP 4630: Public Administration and Budgeting (undergraduate), 2023

Approx. 20 students per class; 20 students total

- PADP 3000: Introduction to Public Administration (undergraduate), 2022 – 2023

Approx. 40 students per class (10 for e-class); 90 students total

## <u>Teaching Assistant:</u>

- POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (undergraduate), 2019 – 2022

Approx. 60 students per semester; 360 students total

## Research Experience

## University of Georgia

Research Assistant to Professor Katherine Willoughby, 2023 – 2024

- I collected data on state performance information identified in state audits. This ongoing research will be used in analyzing states' recurring problem areas.

Research Assistant to Professor Felipe Lozano-Rojas, summer 2021

- I worked on collecting and organizing information for local sales tax rates. I was responsible for collecting Florida's sales taxes and county distances.

## Certificates

**Emerging Leaders**, presented by the Graduate School at UGA. EL is a competitively selected personal leadership development program.

**Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion**, presented by the Office of Institutional Diversity. CDI is designed to engage UGA faculty and staff in building capacity to contribute to and sustain diversity and inclusion across UGA campuses.

#### Related Skills

R, Stata, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Qualtrics

## Professional Affiliations

ABFM, ASPA, APPAM, Infragard, NASPAA, NEMA, PRMC, SECoPA, WSSA