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## EDUCATION

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### Georgia State University

*Ph.D. in Economics, expected*

*Summer 2020*

Committee: Tim Sass (chair), Garth Heutel, Dan Kreisman, and Dajun Dai

Fields: Environmental Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics

*M.A. in Economics*

*Spring 2016*

### University of Georgia

*B.A., Economics and History*

*Spring 2013*

Concentration in Public Policy, Minor in French, *cum Laude*

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## RESEARCH

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### Publications

- Austin, W., Heutel, G., & Kreisman, D. (2019) “School Bus Diesel Emissions, Student Health, and Academic Performance: Evidence from Georgia.” *Economics of Education Review*.

### Working Papers

- Austin, W. (2019) “Throwing the Baby out with the Ashwater? Coal Combustion Residuals, Water Quality, and Fetal Health” (**Job Market Paper**)
- Austin, W. (2019) “School Bus Diesel Retrofits, Air Quality, and Academic Performance: National Evidence Using Satellite Data.”
- Austin, W., Chen, B., Goldhaber, D., Hanushek, E., Holden, K., Koedel, C., Ladd, H., Luo, J., Parsons, E., Phelan, G., Rivkin, S., Sass, T., Turaeva, M. (2019) “Path to the Principalship and Value Added: A Cross-state Comparison of Elementary and Middle School Principals.” *CALDER Working Paper* No. 213-0119-1.
- Austin, W. (2019) “Farm-to-School Programs and Local Agricultural Revenues.”
- Sass, Tim R. and Wes Austin. (2017) “An Analysis of the Effects of Implementing Personalized Learning Connections in Broward County Schools.” *The National Center on Scaling up Effective Schools: Working Paper*.

### Works in Progress

- CALDER Academic Mobility Project (led by a multi-state research team).
- Municipal Water Quality and Fetal Health (with Mike Pesko).

## POSITIONS

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### **Georgia State University**

Research Assistant, Georgia Policy Labs

*Fall 2018 – Present*

2nd Century Initiative Research Fellow

*Fall 2016 – Present*

Research Assistant, Urban Studies Institute

*Fall 2017 – Spring 2019*

Research Assistant, Economics Department

*Fall 2014 – Fall 2016*

### **Georgia Department of Education**

Research Assistant, State Charter Schools Commission

*Fall 2015 – Fall 2016*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Department of Economics, Georgia State University**

Instructor, Introductory Macroeconomics

*Spring 2018*

Teaching Assistant, Economics of Cities

*Fall 2015 – Spring 2016*

### **Certifications and Training**

Policy Viz Data Visualisation Workshop, Jon Schwabish

*Spring 2019*

Proficiency in Teaching Class and Exam, Economics Department, GSU

*Spring 2017*

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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**2020:** American Economic Association Conference

**2019:** American Economic Association Conference, Association for Environmental and Resource Economics, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Georgia State University Summer Labor Series, Association for Public Policy and Management, Southern Economics Association, CenREP Camp Resources, Colorado University Agricultural and Resource Economics Workshop.

**2018:** Association for Education Finance and Policy, Southern Economics Association, Georgia State University Summer Labor Series.

**2017:** Southern Economics Association.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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Data Analysis  
Software

*Stata, R, SAS, Python  
Latex, ArcGIS*

## FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

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Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Dissertation Fellowship  
Second Century Initiative University Doctoral Fellowship

\$10,000  
Fall 2016 – Present

## REFERENCES

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