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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)
World Bank Colombia (2016-2019)
Research Consultant for the Education Team lead by Pedro Cerdan-Infante.

Education

Indiana University Bloomington
Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020
Fields: Public Finance, Policy Analysis. *Minor:* Data Science
Dissertation Project: Three Essays on the Unintended Consequences of Social Policies.
Committee: Maureen Pirog (*co-chair*), Justin Ross (*co-chair*), Kosali Simon & Bradley Heim.
National Taiwan University **U. de los Andes - Colombia**
M.B.A., Finance, 2008. B.A., Economics, 2005.

Peer-reviewed articles

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*.
C. Andrews, O. Hinds, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, W. Besmann, A. Abraham, C. Grogan, A. Silverman. (2023) "State funding for Substance Use Disorder treatment declined in the wake of Medicaid Expansion" *Health Affairs*.
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*.
F. Lozano-Rojas, P. Carlin (2022). "The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia". *Health Economics*.
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*.
S. Gupta, L. Montenovo, T.D. 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*.
S. Gupta, T.D. 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*.

Peer-reviewed
articles (cont.)

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*.

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*.

J.M. Ross & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. Consumer Incidence in Sales Tax Holidays: Evidence from Tennessee. (*R&R*). *National Tax Journal*.

W. Cheng, P. Carlin, J. Carroll, T. Nguyen, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, S. Gupta, et al. (*R&R*). Back to business and (re)employing workers? Labor market activity during COVID-19 reopenings. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

F. Lozano-Rojas, M.A. Pirog & P. Cerdan-Infantes. (*R&R*) "Equity and Sustainability in Higher Education Financial Aid: Analysis of Income Contingent Loans in Colombia". *Journal of Student Financial Aid*.

Awards and
Fellowships

UGA Faculty Seed Grant in the Sciences, 2021-2022

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

UGA SPIA 2020-2021 & 2022-2023. Faculty Seed Grant.

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

Michael Curro Award for best graduate student paper, 2020

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

Colombia-Colciencias Doctorate Scholarship 2015-2019

Colciencias, Bogota, Colombia. 2015-2019.

ROC Taiwan - Ministry of Education Masters Scholarship

Ministry of Education, Taipei, Republic of China-Taiwan. 2005-2008.

Best ECAES Scholarship (Higher Education Quality Exam)

Top score at Universidad de Los Andes and 2nd nationwide among graduating students from BS/BA Economics (2004-2005)

Other
Publications

F. Lozano-Rojas, P. Carlin (2021). Getting sugar back? Soda taxes beyond sodas. *AusTaxPolicy*.

L. Montenovio, 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](#)

F. Lozano-Rojas (2009). Evaluating an alternative to finance higher education: Human capital contracts in Colombia. *Revista de Economia del Rosario*.

In the Media

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 Overall 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](#).

Working Papers

F. Lozano-Rojas. "How do local government finances respond to the opioid epidemics? Evidence from Hydrocodone rescheduling". [SSRN link](#)

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 & J.M. Ross. "Are Back-to-School and Apparel Sales Tax Holidays Progressive or Regressive?". Draft available upon request.

F. Lozano-Rojas, S.M. Gopalan & M.A. Pirog. "Beyond Average Treatment Effects: The impact of a subsidized Student Loan Program on Postsecondary Student Outcomes in Colombia". Draft available upon request.

Professional Service & Relevant Experience

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Public Budgeting & Finance, Journal of Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Public Choice, Health Affairs, Nature Human Behavior, Local Government Studies, Nature Human Behavior, Nutrition Review, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science

Indiana University - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (2018)

Pro-bono designers of a new Discharged Worksheets for surgical procedures. Team lead by Gabriel Brat, MD, and executed with Timothy Whitson, MDS; Neha Rawat, MDS and Himani Bhatt, MDS.

Icetex - Colombia Student Loan Agency

Consultant, Researcher and Chief Planning Officer (2011-2015). I worked for the Planning Office in financial modeling, budgeting and impact evaluation.

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

Languages and Skills Spanish (native), English (proficient user), Chinese (independent user)
 Stata, R & R-Studio, L^AT_EX, Python, Risk-Simulator, Crystal Ball.

References [Katherine Willoughby, Ph.D.](#)
 M.H. & R.Golembiewski Prof. Pol Adm.
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