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EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY 2018

Ph.D. in Public Administration, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.
Fields: Public Finance, Budgeting and Financial Administration; Social Policy.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA 2013

Master of Public Administration. Field: Public Budgeting and Finance Administration.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY 2011

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Economics. *Cum laude*.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA 2018 - Present
Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public & International Affairs

RESEARCH ANALYST, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON 2016 - 2018
Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY 2013 - 2017
Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

PROJECT MANAGER, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY 2015 - 2016
County of San Diego, CA Project Under the Direction of Dr. Yilin Hou
Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA 2011 - 2013
Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public & International Affairs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Public Management (The University of Georgia, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Public Financial Administration (The University of Georgia, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020,
Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021; Spring 2022)

State and Local Taxation (The University of Georgia, Fall 2021)

Independent Study in Public Administration – Topic Taxation (The University of Georgia, Fall 2019)

Understanding Organizations (Seattle University, Autumn 2017, Spring 2018)

Economic Analysis (Seattle University, Summer 2017)

Stata Mini-Course (Syracuse University, Co-Instructor, Spring 2016)
Microsoft Excel Mini-Course (Syracuse University, Co-Instructor, Fall 2015)
Public Budgeting (Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant, 2014 - 2016)

PAPERS & REPORTS

PUBLISHED

Lofton, M. L., & Lueken, M. F. Distribution of Education Savings Account Usage Among Families: Evidence from the Florida Gardiner Scholarship Program. *Journal of School Choice*. 1-26.
doi:10.1080/15582159.2022.2039434

Buerger, C., Sandel, R. M., Reitano, V., **Lofton, M. L.**, & Jones, P. (2021). Extending Differences-in-Differences Frameworks to Granger Equations: Evidence from Cutback Management During Three Recessions. *International Journal of Public Sector Management*, 34(6), 688-705.
doi:10.1108/IJPSM-09-2020-0257

Kioko, S. N., & **Lofton, M. L.** (2021). Balanced Budget Requirements Revisited. *Public Finance Review*, 49(5), 635-672. doi:10.1177/10911421211054977

Lofton, M. L. (2021). The Impact of Excess Taxing Capacity on Short-Term Resources. *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 42(1), 2-27. doi:10.1111/pbaf.12286

Lofton, M. L. (2021). What Influences Working Capital Management? A Survey of New York Local Government Financial Officers. *Municipal Finance Journal*, 41(4), 61-86.

Lofton, M. L., & Ivonchyk, M. (2021). Financial Manager Professionalism and Use of Interfund Transfers: Evidence from Georgia Counties. *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 1-25.
doi:10.1111/pbaf.12301

Lofton, M. L., & Kioko, S. N. (2021). The Use of Short-Term Debt By General Purpose Governments. *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 41(4), 71-93. doi:10.1111/pbaf.12285

UNDER REVIEW

Yoon., N., & **Lofton, M. L.** Open for Economic and Community Activities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Factors Related to State Reopening Policies in a Federal Policy Vacuum. Revise and resubmit at *Public Performance & Management Review*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Buerger, C., & **Lofton, M. L.** The Interplay Between Fiscal Institutions and the Great Recession: Evidence from U.S. School Districts. Preparing for submission to *American Educational Research Association Open*.

Lofton, M. L. & Choi, S. Y. Policy Influencers: Who Decided to Establish State Reopening Business Policies? Preparing for submission to *The American Review of Public Administration*.

Lozano-Rojas, F. A. & **Lofton, M. L.** The Inequality Implications of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST): Evidence from Georgia Counties. Preparing for submission to *Public Budgeting & Finance*.

Lofton, M. L. & Kwon, D. The Use of Short-Term Debt by State Governments. Preparing for submission to *Public Budgeting & Finance*.

REPORTS

Hou, Y., **Lofton, M.**, Thomas, J., Carrier, B., Miao, Q., Zhang, P., and Zhang, P. (2016). Toward Long-Term Fiscal Sustainability: Identifying Successes and Potential Financial Uncertainties. Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Center for Policy Research.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Lozano-Rojas, F. A., & Lofton, M. L. (2021). The Inequality Implications of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST): Evidence from Georgia Counties. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Austin, Texas.
2. Lozano-Rojas, F. A., & Lofton, M. L. (2021). The Inequality Implications of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST): Evidence from Georgia Counties. National Tax Association. Virtual Conference.
3. Lofton, M. L. & Lozano-Rojas, F. A. (2021). Heterogeneous Responses of Collections to Changes in Local Sales Taxes: Evidence from Georgia Local Governments. Indiana University Public Administration Public Finance Workshop. Virtual Presentation.
4. Lofton, M. L. & Lozano-Rojas, F. A. (2021). Heterogeneous Responses of Collections to Changes in Local Sales Taxes: Evidence from Georgia Local Governments. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington D.C.
5. Burger, C., & Lofton, M. L. (2021). The Interplay Between Fiscal Institutions and the Great Recession: Evidence from U.S. School Districts. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington D.C.
6. Lofton, M. L., & Choi, S. Y. (2021). Policy Influencers: Who Decided to Establish State Reopening Business Policies? Public Management Research Conference. Virtual Conference.
7. Lozano-Rojas, F. A. & Lofton, M. L. (2021). The Inequality Implications of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST): Evidence from Georgia Counties. Western Social Science Association. Virtual Conference.
8. Lofton, M. L. & Choi, S. Y. (2021). Policy Influencers: Who Decided to Establish State Reopening Business Policies? American Society for Public Administration. Virtual Conference.
9. Yoon, N., Lofton, M. L., & Brudney, J. L. (2021). Open for Business: Determinants of State Reopening Policies in a Federal Policy Vacuum. American Society for Public Administration. Virtual Conference.

10. Lofton, M. L. & Choi, S. Y. (2021). Policy Influencers: Who Decided to Establish State Reopening Business Policies? Conference of Minority Public Administrators. Virtual Conference.
11. Lofton, M. L., Lueken, M. F., & Burke, L. (2021). How Florida Families Use Their Educational Savings Accounts. International School Choice and Reform Conference. Virtual Conference.
12. Lofton, M. L. & Ivonchyk, M. (2020) Financial Manager Professionalism and Use of Interfund Transfers: Evidence from Georgia Counties. Invited Presentation at New York University Wagner Graduate School.
13. Burger, C., Sandel, R., Reitano, V., Lofton, M. L., & Jones, P. (2020) Examining State Cutback Management Strategies Over Time. Conference of Minority Public Administrators. Peachtree City, GA.
14. Lofton, M. L. & Ivonchyk, M. (2019). Managerial Quality and Use of Interfund Transfers: Evidence from Georgia Counties. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Washington, D.C.
15. Burger, C. & Lofton, M. L. (2019). The Impacts of the Great Recession on School District Finances. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Washington, D.C.
16. Lofton, M. L. (2018). The Impact of Excess Taxing Capacity on Short-Term Resources. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Denver, CO.
17. Lofton, M. L. (2017). The Impacts of a New Tax and Expenditure Limit on New York Local Government Finances. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Chicago, IL.
18. Jones, P., Burger, C., Reitano, V., & Lofton, M. L. (2017). Have States Learned How to Use Budget Stabilization Funds to Reduce Fiscal Crises? Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Washington, DC.
19. Lofton, M. L. & Kioko, S. N. (2017). The Use of Short-Term Debt by General Purpose Governments. Western Social Science Association. San Francisco, CA.
20. Lofton, M. L. (2017). What Influences Working Capital Management. Western Social Science Association. San Francisco, CA.
21. Lofton, M. L. & Hou, Y. (2016). Benefit Generosity and Pension Obligation Bond Use: Evidence from California Local Governments. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Seattle, WA.
22. Lofton, M. L. & Kioko, S. N. (2015). The Use of Short-Term Debt by General Purpose Governments. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Washington, DC.
23. Lofton, M. L. & Kioko (2014). The Impacts of Deficits of Fund Balances and Liquidity: A Panel Study of New York County Governments. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. Grand Rapids, MI.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Busbee Endowment Seed Grant for Co-Authored Project \$13,200, University of Georgia: 2021

Busbee Endowment Seed Grant for Individual Project \$1,760, University of Georgia: 2021
Graduate Student Poster Award, Association for Budgeting & Financial Management: 2017
Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Public Administration & International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University: 2016-2017
Roscoe-Martin Fund Dissertation and Thesis Research Grant Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University: 2016
Summer Research Grant, Department of Public Administration & International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University: 2015, 2016
Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Syracuse University: 2014
Minority in Government Finance Scholarship, Government Finance Officers Association: 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

American Society for Public Administration Georgia Chapter Treasurer: 2021 - 2022
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Executive Committee Member: 2022-2024
Footsteps Review Committee, University of Georgia: 2022
Faculty Group Participant for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges on-site reaffirmation committee discussing active learning
Graduate Poster Award Committee, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management: 2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
ASPA – Georgia Chapter
ASPA – Section on Intergovernmental Administration & Management (SIAM)
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)
Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
Western Social Science Association (WSSA)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Lilly Teaching Fellow: 2021 – 2023
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference, University of Georgia: 2022
Faculty Women of Color in the Academy National Conference Attendee: 2021
Active Learning Summer Institute: 2019
Teaching Academy Fellows Program: 2018 - 2019
New Faculty Tour: 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

The University of Georgia's Public Administration and Policy Faculty Executive Committee Member: 2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022
The University of Georgia's Facilities Committee: 2021-2022
The University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs' Curriculum Committee: 2021-2022
Doctoral Committee Member (Yoon Cho (2021), Adam Burchfield (2022), and Su Young Choi (2022))

Doctoral Oral Examination Committee Member (Adam Burchfield (2020), Su Young Choi (2021), and Robert Hines (2020))

Trinity University's 2021 Reunion Committee Member: 2020-2021

The University of Georgia's Search Committee for Assistant or Associate Professor of Public Budgeting and Finance: 2019-2020

Georgia 4-H Program District Project Achievement Contest Judge: Feb. 2, 2019; Feb. 8, 2020; Feb. 12, 2022

Syracuse University's Search Committee for the Assistant to the Chair of the Public Administration & International Affairs Department: 2016

Trinity University's Seattle Alumni Chapter Board Member: 2017-2018

Trinity University's New York Alumni Chapter Board Member: 2014 – 2016

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The Red & Black (2018; 2020; 2022)

WUGA Athens News Matters (2020)

UGA Today and Columns (2019)

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