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Academic & Research	School of Public and International Affairs - University of Georgia Associate Professor Budgeting and Finance (2026-today) Assistant Professor Budgeting and Finance (2020-2026)
Affiliations	O'Neill School, Indiana University Bloomington (2015-2020) Teaching & Research Assistant

Education	Indiana University Bloomington Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020 <i>Fields:</i> Public Finance, Policy Analysis. <i>Minor:</i> Data Science
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Peer-reviewed articles	• W.D. Bradford, F. Lozano-Rojas (<i>Cond. Accepted</i>). The Effect of a Large Prescription Opioid Diversion Event on Opioid Mortality in the U.S.. <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> (IF: 5.6 - H index: 97). • F. Lozano-Rojas, A. Abraham, S. Gupta & D. Bradford (<i>Forth.</i>). The Effect of Medical Cannabis Laws on Use of Pain Medications Among Commercially Insured Patients in the United States. <i>American Journal of Health Economics</i> (Impact Factor: 3.1 - H: 21). • F. Lozano-Rojas & L. Navarro (2026). Liquidity and Volatility in the Municipal Bond Market: Evidence from the Municipal Liquidity Facility and other early interventions. <i>International Review of Finance and Economics</i> (IF: 5.6 - H: 87). • F. Lozano-Rojas, & M. Ivonchyk (2025). The opioid epidemic and local fiscal choices. <i>Public Budgeting & Finance</i> (IF: 1.0 - H: 38). • F. Lozano-Rojas, V. Bethel, S. Steuart, S. Gupta, D. Bradford & A. Abraham (2025). Cannabis laws and opioid utilization among commercially insured patients with cancer. <i>JAMA Health Forum</i> (IF: 11.3 - H: 25). • F. Lozano-Rojas, P. Carlin (2022). The effect of soda taxes beyond beverages in Philadelphia. <i>Health Economics</i> (IF: 3.0 - H: 128). • 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. <i>Municipal Finance Journal</i> (IF: N/A - H: 7). • W.D. Bradford, F. Lozano-Rojas (2024). Higher rates of Homelessness associated with increases in accidental drug and alcohol mortality. <i>Health Affairs</i> (IF: 9.7 - H: 212). • A. Bradford, F. Lozano-Rojas, H.B. Shone, D. Bradford & A. Abraham (2024). Cannabis Laws and utilization of medications for the treatment of Mental Health Disorders. <i>JAMA Network Open</i> (IF: 13.8 - H: 128).
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Peer-reviewed
articles (cont.)

- M. Lofton & **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2025). Differential Governance Capacity and the COVID-19 Pandemic's impact on sales tax collection: Evidence from Georgia counties. *Global Public Policy & Governance* (IF: 1.6 - H: 7).
 - J. Olvera, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, J. Ramos & S. Gupta (2024). Opioids Prescribing Restrictions and Homelessness: Evidence from Hydrocodone Rescheduling. *Journal of Housing Economics* (IF: 1.7 - H: 63).
 - S. Steuart, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, V. Bethel, H. Shone & A. Abraham (2024). Recreational Cannabis Laws and fills of pain prescriptions in the privately insured. *Cannabis* (IF: N/A - H: N/A).
 - W. Afonso (ed.), **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Su, P. Joyce, S. Kioko, Z. Mohr, J. Ross (2026). Fiscal foundations: Recentering public finance in public administration and management. *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance* (IF: 3.7 - H: 27).
 - A. Abraham, V. Bethel, **F. Lozano-Rojas** & D. Bradford (2026). The Impact of Recreational Cannabis Laws on Cannabis-related Disorders in Medicare. *American Journal of Public Health* (IF: 12.7 - H: 307).
 - C. Andrews, O. Hinds, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, W. Besman, A. Abraham, C. Grogan, A. Silverman (2023). State funding for SUD treatment declined in the wake of Medicaid Expansion. *Health Affairs* (IF: 9.7 - H: 212).
 - 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* (IF: 3.9 - H: 122).
 - L. Montenov, 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*. (IF: 3.6 - H: 151)
 - S. Gupta, L. Montenov, T. 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* (IF: 1.7 - H: 59).
 - S. Gupta, T. 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* (IF: 3.1 - H: 21).
 - 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* (IF: 11.1 - H: 869).
 - S. Steuart, M. Estrada, C. Andrews, C. Grogan, O. Hinds, E. Lawler, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Westlake, C. Wing & A. Abraham (2025). Medicaid MCO Service Coverage and Diagnosis and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder. *Health Affairs Scholar* (IF: 2.4 - H: N/A).
 - M. Estrada, S. Steuart, C. Andrews, C. Grogan, O. Hinds, E. Lawler, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, M. Westlake, C. Wing & A. Abraham (2025). Relationship between Medicaid coverage design and receipt of medication for alcohol use disorder. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports* (IF: 2.9 - H: NA).
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Working
Papers &
Under Review

D. Frisvold & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. “Short-Run Impacts of SNAP Restriction Waivers on Beverage Purchases”. [NBER link](#).

F. Lozano-Rojas, A. Shoulders, S. Malone, O. Hinds, A. Abraham, C. Andrews. “Impact of Medicaid Expansion on the Availability of Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs”. *R&R at Health Economics*.

F. Lozano-Rojas, J. Cawley & D. Frisvold. “The Cook County Tax on Sweetened Beverages: The impact on purchases of its Announcement, Implementation and Repeal”. *R&R at Health Economics*. [NBER link](#).

F. Lozano-Rojas, P. Sanabria, A. Rodas-Gaiter, I. Bonnet- “What Doesn’t Kill You Makes You Stronger: Fiscal Federalism, Decentralization, and Local Government Financial Performance during COVID-19”. At *IJPA*.

Awards and
Recognitions

Michael Curro Award for best graduate student paper, 2020

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

Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2024

Awarded by the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM).

UGA Faculty Seed Grant in the Sciences, 2021-2022

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

External
Grants and
Grant Work

The Effects of Diaper Taxes on Maternal Employment (RSF Grant No.: 2405-49023, PIs: Bullinger, **Lozano-Rojas**, 2025-2026), **Co-PI**

The Effect of Medical Cannabis Laws on Health Care Use in Insured Populations with Pain (NIDA Research Grant No. R01DA047365, PI: Bradford, 2019-2026), **Associated Researcher**

Opioid Prescribing in Medicaid: Healthcare Utilization and Deaths from Overdose (NIDA Research Grant No. R01DA039930, PIs: Jayawardhana and Perri, funded 2016-2019), **Co-Investigator**

Other
Publications

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

L. Montenovo, 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](#)

In the Media

Aug 2026. Some States Banned the Use of Food Stamps to Buy Soda. Did It Work?. By Ben Blatt. [The New York Times](#).

Jan 2025. With more Americans able to access marijuana, fewer are picking up prescriptions for anti-anxiety medications. [The Conversation](#).

Sep 2024. Cannabis laws and utilization of medications for the treatment of mental health disorders. [ASAM Weekly](#).

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 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](#).

Professional Service

Journal Reviewer

J. of Policy Analysis and Management, American Economic Review, Nature Human Behavior, J. of Health Economics, Health Economics, Health Affairs, Public Budgeting & Finance, J. Development Economics, J. Public Administration Research and Theory, Economics and Human Biology, Public Choice, Local Government Studies, Int. J. of Public Administration, Nutrition Review, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Other Service

- NTA Fall 2025 - Program Committee.
 - ABFM Fall 2025 - Student Poster Reviewer.
 - ABFM 2024 - Membership Committee.
 - ASHEcon 2024 - Abstract Reviewer.
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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)

Additional
Experience

World Bank Colombia (2016-2019, 2023-2024, 2026)

Short-Term Research Consultant for the Education Team following the project to provide finance for higher education in Colombia.

Icetex - Colombia Student Loan Agency (2011-2015)

Consultant, Researcher and Chief Planning Officer (2014). I worked for the Planning Office in financial modeling, budgeting and impact evaluation.

CGN - Republic of Colombia General Comptroller (2015)

Consultant. I worked in the team that developed the Congressional report on the state of the national and subnational governments' debt.

DANE - Republic of Colombia Statistics Bureau (2015)

Consultant. I advance a study on the viability to use administrative registrars for advance business demographics statistics.

References

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