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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)

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## Education

**Indiana University Bloomington**  
Ph.D., Public Affairs, 2015 - 2020  
*Fields:* Public Finance, Policy Analysis. *Minor:* Data Science  
**National Taiwan University** **U. de los Andes - Colombia**  
M.B.A., Finance, 2008. B.A., Economics, 2005.

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## Peer-reviewed articles

J. Olvera, **F. Lozano-Rojas**, J. Ramos & S. Gupta. Opioids Prescribing Restrictions and Homelessness: Evidence from Hydrocodone Rescheduling. (*Conditional Acceptance*). *Journal of Housing Economics*.

W.D. Bradford, **F. Lozano-Rojas** (2024). Higher Rates of Homelessness Are Associated with Increases in Accidental Drug and Alcohol Mortality. *Health Affairs*.

**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. Negro, 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. Montenovov, 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. Montenovov, 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*.

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Peer-reviewed  
articles (cont.)

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*.

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*.

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, & M. Ivonchyk. The opioid epidemic and local fiscal choices. (*R&R*). *Public Budgeting & Finance*.

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Abraham, S. Gupta & D. Bradford. Unintended managerial responses: The COVID 19 Pandemic's impact on Sales Tax Collection across Georgia Counties. (*R&R*). *American Journal of Health Economics*.

M. Lofton & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. The Effect of Cannabis Laws on Access to Pain Medications among Commercially Insured Patients in the United States. (*R&R*). *Global Public Policy and Governance*.

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

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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, 2023-2024. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> nationwide among graduating students from BS/BA Economics (2004-2005)

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External  
Grants and  
Grant Work

The Effect of Medical Cannabis Laws on Health Care Use in Insured Populations with Pain (NIDA Research Grant No. R01DA047365-01, University of Georgia, PI: Bradford, 2019-2024), **Associated Researcher**

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

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## 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](#).

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## Other Publications

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

L. Montenovov, 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](#).

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## Working Papers

Bradford, D. & **F. Lozano-Rojas**. "The Effect of a Large Prescription Opioid Diversion Event on Opioid Mortality in The U.S.". [SSRN link](#). *Under review*.

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, A. Abraham. "Gateway to misuse? Synthetic opioid mortality and the rescheduling of hydrocodone in the United States". [SSRN link](#)

**F. Lozano-Rojas**, X. Jiang, L. Montenovov, 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.

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Professional  
Service  
& Relevant  
Experience

**Journal Reviewer**

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

**World Bank Colombia (2016-2019, 2023)**

Research Consultant for the Education Team lead by Pedro Cerdan-Infante.

**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.

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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)

**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

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Languages  
and Skills

Spanish (native), English (proficient user), Chinese (independent user)  
Stata, R & R-Studio, Python (webscrapping), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Risk-Simulator, Crystal Ball, Microsoft Office suit.

Nielsen Panels - Ailments, Scanner and Homescan, Burning Glass Technologies, Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse - CMS Medicare, Safegraph, Google Trends Health API

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References

[Katherine Willoughby, Ph.D.](#)

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