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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, College of Public Health & School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia	August 2023 - Present
Research Assistant Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University	August 2021 - July 2023
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Missouri	August 2020 - July 2021
Research Assistant, Georgia Policy Labs (GPL)	January 2018 - July 2020
Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)	October 2012 - July 2015

EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA	
Ph.D. in Economics (Chair: James Marton, Ph.D.)	August 2020
Area of Concentration: Health Economics and Economics of Education	
Dissertation Title: "Essays on Health and Education Economics"	
University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
M.S.S. in Economics	May 2012
B.S.S. in Economics	May 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Economics of Education

PUBLICATIONS

Henry Woodyard, Tim R Sass, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2025). "Assessing the Benefits of Education in Early Childhood: Evidence from a Pre-K Lottery in Georgia." *Economic Inquiry*. ([Link](#))

Datta, Biplab Kumar, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, and Mahmud Khan. (2025). Long COVID and financial hardship: A disaggregated analysis at income and education levels." *Health Service Research*. ([Link](#))

Candelaria, Christopher, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, Cory Koedel, Kenneth A. Shores. (2024). "Weighting for Progressivity? An Analysis of Implicit Tradeoffs Associated with Weighted Student Funding in Tennessee." *Economics of Education Review*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons. (2024). "Measuring Family Income and Student Risk in Public Schools: A Conceptual and Empirical Comparison of Options." In Tom Downes and Kieren Killeen (Eds.) *What Comes After Lunch*. (pp.1-24) Information Age Publishing. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons. (2024). "Using Predicted Academic Performance to Identify At-Risk Students in Public Schools." *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*. ([Link](#))

Datta, B. K., Steven S Coughlin, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, Ajay Pandey. (2024). "COVID-19 and health care related financial toxicity in the United States: Evidence from the 2022 National Health Interview Survey." *American Journal of Infection Control*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons. (2023). "A Poor Poverty Measure: Look Beyond Free Lunch Data to Identify Children in Need." *Education Next*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons. (2023). "Free and reduced-price meal eligibility does not measure student poverty: Evidence and policy significance." *Economics of Education Review*. ([Link](#))

Arora, Puneet, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, and Tareena Musaddiq. (2023). Can Recognition Nudge for Teachers and Principals Improve Student Performance? Evidence from a Field Experiment in India." *Applied Economics Letters*. ([Link](#))

Datta, B. K. and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2022). “Role of Subsidized Coverage on Medication Adherence Among Hypertensive and Diabetic Patients: Evidence from the NHIS 2011-2018.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine-Focus*. ([Link](#))

Datta, B. K., Ashwini Tiwari, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2022). “Child Marriage and Risky Health Behaviors: Tobacco Use Among Child Brides in Adulthood in India.” *BMC Women’s Health*. ([Link](#))

Courtemanche, Charles, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, James Marton, Benjamin Ukert, Aaron Yelowitz, and Daniela Zapata. (2021). “The Affordable Care Act’s Coverage Impacts in the Trump Era.” *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, Eric Parsons, and Cheng Qian. (2021). “Estimating test-score growth with a gap year in the data.” *AERA Open*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Todd Jones, and Jonathan Smith. (2021). “College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking.” *Economics of Education Review*. ([Link](#))

Datta, B. K., Jami Husain, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2020). “Tobacco control and household tobacco consumption: A tale of two educational groups.” *Health Economics*. ([Link](#))

Courtemanche, Charles, James Marton, Benjamin Ukert, Aaron Yelowitz, Daniela Zapata, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2019). “The Three Year Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Disparities in Insurance Coverage.” *Health Services Research*. ([Link](#))

Courtemanche, Charles, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, James Marton, Benjamin Ukert, Aaron Yelowitz, and Daniela Zapata. (2018). “The Impact of the ACA on Insurance Coverage Disparities after Four Years.” Ch. 3 in *Current Issues in Medicaid: Enrollment, Eligibility, and Politics*. ([Link](#))

Note: Paper showcased in the November 2019 issue of NBER Digest. ([Link](#))

REPORTS & POLICY BRIEFS

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons (2024). “Predicted Academic Performance: A new approach to identifying at-risk students in public schools.” *Brookings Institute*. ([Link](#))

Woodyard, Henry, Tim Sass, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul**. (2022). “The Efficacy of School-Based Georgia Pre-K Program Sites.” *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE), Georgia Policy Labs*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Cory Koedel, Eric Parsons, and Cheng Qian. (2021). “Bridging the Covid Divide: How States Can Measure Student Achievement Growth in the Absence of 2020 Test Scores.” Washington D.C.: *Thomas B. Fordham Institute*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Todd Jones and Jonathan Smith. (2020). “Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam.” *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE), Georgia Policy Labs*. ([Link](#))

WORKING PAPERS

Fazlul, Ishtiaque and Benjamin Scafidi “The Heterogeneous and Longer-Term Effects of the Great Recession on Public School District Finances.” *R&R*. ([Link](#))

McFarlane, SJ, Harper Nicolls, M, and **Ishtiaque Fazlul** “Community-engaged Environmental Scan for Black Maternal Health.”

Sengupta, Sohawm, **Ishtiaque Fazlul** and Biplab Datta “Annual wellness-visit utilization before and after the COVID-19 pandemic: Advancing, recovering, or falling behind?.” *Under Review*.

Datta, B. K. and **Ishtiaque Fazlul** “Child marriage and tobacco initiation in adulthood.”

Datta, B. K. and **Ishtiaque Fazlul** “Psychosocial wellbeing and current e-cigarette use among former cigarette smokers: An analysis by generations and socioeconomic status.” *Under Review*.

Datta, B. K. and **Ishtiaque Fazlul** “The Role of child marriage on women’s nutritional status in adulthood.” *Under Review*. ([Link](#))

Fazlul, Ishtiaque “Inter-generational Effects of Education on Health: Evidence from a Secondary School Stipend Program.” ([Link](#))

EXTERNAL GRANTS

PI (with Co-I Suhang Song). **Georgia Clinical Translational Research Alliance (CTSA) Pilot Grant.** Turning Policy into Health: Translating Insurance Affordability Subsidies into Better Healthcare Access. (\$61,000). 2026-2027

Multi-PI (with Soroya McFarlane). **NIH AIM-AHEAD Program for Artificial Intelligence Readiness training grant.** THRIVE AI: Community-Engaged AI for Health (\$100,000). 2025-2026

Co-PI (with Rachel Anderson, Alexandra Ball, Cory Koedel, and Eric Parsons). **Walton Family Foundation.** Measuring Student Disadvantage in the Era of the Community Eligibility Provision (\$146,000). 2020-2021

COMPETITIVE AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Georgia Translational Education and Mentoring in Science (TEAMS) Fellow, CTSA	2024- 2025
Department of International Affairs Seed Grant, University of Georgia (\$2,000)	2024
SPIA Seed Grant, University of Georgia (\$6,000)	2024- 2025
Department of International Affairs Seed Grant, University of Georgia (\$2,000)	2024- 2025
Center for Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) Fellowship, Georgia State University (\$10,000)	2018- 2020
Dean's Fellowship, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University (\$24,000)	2015- 2017
Ramsey Chair Travel Grants, Georgia State University (\$5,000)	2018- 2020
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Ramsey Chair Summer Research Grant, Georgia State University (\$2,000)	2018

OTHER MEDIA

My research portfolio featured in UGA Today article "Assistant professor uses data to improve well-being." January 2026. ([Link](#))

Featured in Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (OIBR) blog "Harnessing AI to Advance Maternal Health" for grant funded project "THRIVE AI: Community Engaged AI for Maternal Health." October 2025. ([Link](#))

Featured in Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (OIBR) Newsletter Director's letter and featured spotlight for grant funded project "THRIVE AI: Community Engaged AI for Maternal Health." October 2025. ([Link](#))

Georgia Public Pre-K work "Assessing the Benefits of Education in Early Childhood: Evidence from a Pre-K Lottery in Georgia." was featured in UGA Today, Wiley Research Headlines, and several news outlets. March 2025. ([Link](#))

Edited a press release titled "Long COVID-19 is costing Americans money" at UGA Today based on my related publications. December 2024. ([Link](#))

Long COVID-19 related work "Long COVID and financial hardship: A disaggregated analysis at income and education levels." was featured in 15 news outlets, including U.S. News. December 2024. ([Link](#))

Work featured in a webinar arranged by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) titled "Re-thinking the Poverty Indicators in the Education System." August 2022. ([Link](#))

Op-ed published at Atlanta Journal Constitution's (AJC) education blog "Georgia should pay for more AP exams for students." March 2022. ([Link](#))

Work featured in a Podcast at Fordham Institute's "The Education Gadfly Show" titled "Another reason we need to test students in 2021." January 2021. ([Link](#))

Paper titled "The Impact of the ACA on Insurance Coverage Disparities after Four Years" showcased in NBER Digest. November 2019 ([Link](#))

TEACHING

Politics of Disease Control (INTL4615), University of Georgia	Fall 2025
Data Analytics for International Policy (INTL4004), University of Georgia	Fall 2024, 2025
Doctoral Dissertation Seminar II (HPAM9200), University of Georgia	Spring 2024, 2025, 2026
Business Statistics (ECON2300), Kennesaw State University	Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021
Health Economics (ECON4357/7357), University of Missouri	Spring 2021

Principles of Microeconomics, Georgia State University
 Principles of Macroeconomics (Online Course), Georgia State University

Summer 2018
 Fall 2017

WORK IN PROGRESS

Fazlul, Ishtiaque, Biplab Datta, and Rifat Haider “Role of spousal age difference on adolescent childbearing among women married as children in South Asia”

Datta, Biplab, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, and Monira Farin “The effect COVID-19 on Obesity in Different Income Groups.”

Datta, Biplab, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, and Monira Farin “The Effect of Soda Tax on BMI in India.”

Courtemanche, Charles, **Ishtiaque Fazlul**, James Marton, Benjamin Ukert, Aaron Yelowitz, and Daniela Zapata “The Effect of Repealing ACA’s Individual Mandate on Coverage.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX	Nov. 2026
NIH AIM AHEAD Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA	Jul. 2026
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL	Nov. 2025
NIH AIM AHEAD Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX	Jul. 2025
Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Atlanta, GA	Feb. 2025
Dhaka Winter Conference on Economics Research, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Dec. 2024
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	Nov. 2024
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA	Nov. 2023
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Atlanta, GA	Nov. 2023
American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA	Nov. 2023
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO (Declined)	June 2023
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Denver, CO	March 2023
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL	Nov. 2022
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Denver, CO	March 2022
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Virtual	March 2021
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Virtual	Nov. 2020
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Virtual	Nov. 2020
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, Virtual	June 2020
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX, Virtual	March 2020
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO	Nov. 2019
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL	Nov. 2019
American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA	Nov. 2019
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Washington, DC	June 2019
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO	Mar. 2019
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	Nov. 2018
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC	Nov. 2018
CEAR-Huebner Summer Risk Institute, Atlanta, GA	July 2018
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Portland, OR	March 2018

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Global Health Institute, College of Public Health, University of Georgia	September 2026
Department of Economics, School of Business and Economics, North South University	December 2023
Health Economics and Modeling Division, Medical College of Georgia; Augusta University	March 2022
Department of Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis; Kennesaw State University	June 2021
Social and Decision Analytics Division; Biocomplexity Institute; the University of Virginia	Feb. 2020
Department of Economics; the University of Missouri	Feb. 2020
Institute of Public Policy, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs; the University of Missouri	Feb. 2020

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Chair, Discussant, and Panel Organizer at Conferences

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL	Nov. 2025
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	Nov. 2024
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA	Nov. 2023
American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA	Nov. 2023
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Denver, CO	March 2022
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Virtual Conference	Nov. 2020
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, Virtual Conference	June 2020
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Virtual Conference	March 2020
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL	Nov. 2019
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO	Nov. 2019
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO	March 2019
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC	Nov. 2018
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA	June 2018

Referee

Health Affairs, Southern Economic Journal, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Public Administration Review, The American Journal of Managed Care, American Journal of Public Health, Demography, Education Finance and Policy, Preventive Medicine Report, Public Budgeting and Finance, Contemporary Economic Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics Letters, BMC Public Health,

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Health Economists; Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association; Association for Education Finance and Policy