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Honors Outstanding TA Award, February 2022

Working Papers Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback

Practice What is Preached: Is FEMA Contracting Responsive to Advancing
Democratic Values

Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a
Determinant for Resource Allocation

Education **University of Georgia, Athens, GA**

Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy, 2024

Dissertation: How do States Budget for Disasters?

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

M.A. in Political Science, concentration in International Relations, 2016

Converse College, Spartanburg, SC

B.A. in Theater and Psychology, minor in Politics, 2014

Conferences **Papers Presented at**

ABFM:

- 2023:
 - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 – (*upcoming*)
- 2022:

- Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation
- 2021:
 - Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback
 - Practice What is Preached: Is FEMA Contracting Responsive to Advancing Democratic Values (coauthored with Katherine Willoughby)

APPAM:

- 2023:
 - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 – (*upcoming*)
- 2022:
 - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

ASPA:

- 2024:
 - How to Deal with the Worst of the Worst: The Case of the Cascadia Subduction Zone – (*submitted, not confirmed*)
- 2022:
 - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

SECoPA:

- 2023:
 - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19 – (*upcoming*)

WSSA:

- 2023:
 - How do States Budget for Disasters and Why Does it Matter?
- 2022:
 - Practice What is Preached? FEMA Contracting to Advance Democratic Values
 - Using Repeat Audit Findings to Analyze FEMA's Response to Feedback

Teaching

University of Georgia

Instructor of Record:

Public Administration and Budgeting (undergraduate), 2023

Introduction to Public Administration (undergraduate), 2022 - 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to American Government (undergraduate), 2019 - 2022

Research
Experience

University of Georgia

Research Assistant to Professor Katherine Willoughby, 2023 - 2024

Research Assistant to Professor Felipe Lozano-Rojas, summer 2021

Certificates

Emerging Leaders

Certificate of Diversity and Inclusion

Related Skills

R, Stata, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Qualtrics

Professional
Affiliations

ABFM, ASPA, APPAM, Infragard, NASPAA, NEMA, PRMC, SECoPA,
WSSA