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- Education **University of Georgia, Athens, GA**
Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy, 2025
Dissertation: How do States Budget for Disasters?
Committee: Katherine Willoughby (chair), David Bradford, and Felipe Lozano Rojas
- 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
- Honors Outstanding TA Award, February 2022
- Publications Repeat Audit Findings: How FEMA Responds to Feedback
(International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Working Papers Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States in Budgeting for Disasters: The Case of Covid-19
- 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
- Conferences **Papers Presented at**
- ABFM:
- 2023:
- Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19

- 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
- 2022:
 - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

ASPA:

- 2024:
 - Examining the relationship between FEMA BRIC program, disaster mitigation, & PET (*upcoming – April 2024*)
- 2022:
 - Who Gets What in Disaster Funding? The Importance of State Brokers as a Determinant for Resource Allocation

PMRC:

- 2024:
 - How do States Budget for Disasters and Why Does It Matter? (*upcoming – June 2024*)

SECoPA:

- 2023:
 - Strategic Decision-Making by U.S. States to Respond to Disasters: The Case of COVID-19

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	<p>University of Georgia</p> <p><u><i>Instructor of Record:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PADP 4630: Public Administration and Budgeting (undergraduate), 2023 Approx. 20 students per class; 20 students total - PADP 3000: Introduction to Public Administration (undergraduate), 2022 – 2023 Approx. 40 students per class (10 for e-class); 90 students total <p><u><i>Teaching Assistant:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (undergraduate), 2019 – 2022 Approx. 60 students per semester; 360 students total
Research Experience	<p>University of Georgia</p> <p>Research Assistant to Professor Katherine Willoughby, 2023 – 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I collected data on state performance information identified in state audits. This ongoing research will be used in analyzing states' recurring problem areas. <p>Research Assistant to Professor Felipe Lozano-Rojas, summer 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I worked on collecting and organizing information for local sales tax rates. I was responsible for collecting Florida's sales taxes and county distances.
Certificates	<p>Emerging Leaders, presented by the Graduate School at UGA. EL is a competitively selected personal leadership development program.</p> <p>Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, presented by the Office of Institutional Diversity. CDI is designed to engage UGA faculty and staff in building capacity to contribute to and sustain diversity and inclusion across UGA campuses.</p>
Service	<p>Southeast Conference on Public Administration social media representative, Fall 2023</p>

Related Skills R, Stata, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Qualtrics

Professional Affiliations ABFM, ASPA, APPAM, Infragard, NASPAA, NEMA, PRMA, SECM, SECoPA, WSSA