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CURRENT POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), July 2025 -
Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), March 2024 -
Faculty Affiliate, Health Economics and Policy Innovation Collaborative (HEPIC), August 2023 -
Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, August 2022 -

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Texas A&M University, Committee Chair - Jason M. Lindo, May 2022
- Dissertation Title: “Essays on the Economics of Reproductive Health Care”
B.A. Economics (with honors), Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, May 2015

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Gender Economics, Economic Demography, Development Economics

RESEARCH

Publications

1. McNamara, C. & Pineda-Torres, C. (2025). Medical Residency Subsidies and Provider Supply. *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 251.
2. Garcez, Lucas N., Padilla-Romo, M., Peluffo, C. & Pineda-Torres, M. (2025). Improvements in Schooling Opportunities and Teen Fertility. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 234.
3. Dench, D., Pineda-Torres, M., & Myers, C. (2024). The Effects of Post-Dobbs Abortion Bans on Fertility. *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 234.
4. Jones, K.M & Pineda-Torres, M. (2024). TRAP'd Teens: Impacts of abortion provider regulations on fertility & education. *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 234.
5. Pineda-Torres, M. & Rodgers, Y. (2024). Looking Back: The Changing Landscape of Abortion Care in Louisiana. *American Journal of Public Health*.
6. Andersen, M.S., Marsicano, C., Pineda-Torres, M., & Slusky, D. (2023, March). Texas Senate Bill 8 Significantly Reduced Travel to Abortion Clinics in Texas, *Frontiers in Global Women's Health*, Vol. 4.
7. Lindo, J. M., & Pineda-Torres, M. (2021). New evidence on the effects of mandatory waiting periods for abortion. *Journal of Health Economics*, 80, 102533.
8. Lindo, J. M., Pineda-Torres, M., Pritchard, D., & Tajali, H. (2020, May). Legal Access to Reproductive Control Technology, Women's Education, and Earnings Approaching Retirement. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 110, pp. 231-35).

Working Papers

1. Abortion Access and Intimate Partner Violence (with Aixa Garcia-Ramos) *Under review*
2. The Consequences of Abortion Funding Bans (with Nikita Dhingra and Lauren Hoehn Velasco) *Under review*
3. The Road Not Taken: How Driving Distance and Appointment Availability Shape the Effects of Abortion Bans (with Caitlin K. Myers and Daniel Dench) *Under review*

Work in Progress

1. Reproductive Healthcare Policy and Physician Career Decisions (with Cecilia Diaz-Campo)
2. Quantifying Public Policies: Lessons from TRAP Law Data Creation (with Kelly Jones)

3. What Drives Philanthropy for Health? (with Kelly Jones)
4. What is the potential for Dobbs to impact economic well-being? (with Kelly Jones)
5. Evolving Trends in Contraceptive Choice: Understanding the Role of Medical Providers and Public Policy (with Savannah Ellison, Melanie Guldi, and Sarah Rosenberg)
6. ACA Medicaid Expansion and Contraceptive Provision to Teens (with Savannah Ellison, Melanie Guldi, and Sarah Rosenberg)

EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

What is the potential for Dobbs to impact economic well-being? (with Kelly Jones) \$74,656. 2025
Who's trapped in post-Dobbs America? Society of Family Planning (with Daniel Dench and Caitlin Myers). \$249,814. 2024
Changemaker in Family Planning. Society of Family Planning. \$60,000. 2023

OTHER FUNDING

Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Grants to Enhance and Advance Research and Scholarship (GEARS). Georgia Institute of Technology. \$2,448. 2026
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Silver Star Award, Silver Star Award. Georgia Institute of Technology. \$500. 2024
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Short-term Opportunity for Professional Development and Scholarly Activities Award. Georgia Institute of Technology. \$4,998. 2024
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Small Grant for Research. Georgia Institute of Technology. \$14,100. 2023

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2025 Faculty Excellence in Research Award (\$10,000), 2025
National Abortion Federation, Carole Joffe and Stanley Henshaw Early Achievement in Social Science Research Award, 2023
Texas A&M University, S. Charles Maurice Fellowship in Economics, 2020
Texas A&M University, Department of Economics Research Fellowship, 2020
ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship, 2019 and 2020
IWPR Doctoral Fellow in Economics & Reproductive Health, 2020 Texas A&M University, Private Enterprise Research Center, Summer Fellowship, 2018, 2019
Texas A&M University, Department of Economics Graduate Assistantship, 2016-2021
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, La Flecha al Aire Award, Best Undergraduate Thesis, 2016
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Academic Scholarship, 2008-2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

The Economics of Risky Health Behaviors, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
Health Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
Health Economics, Texas A&M University, Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant (Texas A&M University)

Program Evaluation, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
Ph.D. - level Applied Microeconometrics (with recitations), Spring 2019
Public Finance, Spring 2017 and Fall 2018
Introduction to Econometrics (with recitations), Spring 2018
Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, Fall 2016

PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Ph.D. Research Intern, Bank for International Settlements, Monetary and Economic Department, Summer 2017
Economic Research Assistant, Bank of Mexico, Directorate of Economic Research, 2013-2016

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SCHEDULED*)

2025: Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being (PPCW), Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) at Duke University, Electronic Health Economics Colloquium, ASHEcon Annual Conference, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference.

2024: Eastern Economic Association Conference, ASHEcon Annual Conference, Ridge 2024 May Forum (WELAC (LACEA) Gender and Household Economics and LACEA's Health Economics Network), European Health Economics Association, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) at Duke University, HEPIC Mini-Conference.

2023: Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being (PPCW), South-East Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS), ASHEcon Annual Conference, 2023 Institute for Poverty Research Summer Research Workshop, International Health Economics Association (IHEA) World Congress, Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Research Conference, GATech Health Systems - The Next Generation Forum, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference, 2023 Economics of Violence and Harassment Against Women Conference, NBER Economics of Health Program.

2022: APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference.

2021: Economic Demography Workshop, ASHEcon Annual Conference, Electronic Health Economics Colloquium (EHEC), WELAC (LACEA) Workshop on Gender Inequality, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference.

2020: ASSA Allied Social Sciences Association, Stanford GSB Rising Scholars Conference, APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference.

2019: Eastern Economic Association Conference, Applied Economics Research Symposium (Texas A&M University), WEAI Western Economic Association International Conference, ASHEcon Annual Conference, ASHE Annual Conference (Texas A&M University), APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference, SEA Southern Economic Association Conference.

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS/CLASSES (*SCHEDULED)

2026: Department of Health Policy and Management at Emory University*

2025: Queens College, University of West Georgia

2024: American University, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

2023: Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies at San Diego State University, Emory University, Vanderbilt University

2022: Montclair State University, University of Colorado Denver, University of Delaware, Georgia Institute of Technology, The University at Buffalo, RAND Corporation, Carleton University, Bentley University, San Jose State University, Birmingham Southern College

2021: Sam Houston State University, The University of Passau

PANELS AND FORUMS PARTICIPATION (*SCHEDULED)

From Contraception to Abortion in Economic Thought, February 24, 2023, History of Economics Society

Public Health Law Research and Abortion, January 23, 2023, Collaborative for Reproductive Equity at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Reproductive and Labor Rights in the US, January 5, 2023, Lunch Plenary at the Conference of the International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics

The Economic Risks of Overturning Roe: What Are the Implications for Smart Cities, November 3, 2022, Berkeley Research Group (BRG)

Economic Implications of Overturning Roe vs Wade, November 1, 2022, Sarah Lawrence College

Economics of Reproductive Healthcare Policy, September 8, 2022, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

Perspective on the Roe Reversal: Implications for Texas, July 20, 2022, LBJ Presidential Library

The Economics of Abortion, June 28, 2022, Economic Policy Institute and Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Joint Feminist Reflection on the Economic Impact of Overturning Roe v. Wade, June 6, 2022, International Association for Feminist Economics

PH.D. STUDENT ADVISING

Roshani Bulkunde (Georgia Tech, ongoing)

Lucas Nogueira Garcez (UT Knoxville, Summer 2024) Mary Motolenich (Georgia Tech, Spring 2024)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE (*SCHEDULED)

Department and University Service

Georgia Institute of Technology:

- Stamps Fellowship Program interviewer, Spring 2025 -
- Ph.D. committee member, Spring 2025 -
- ODE undergraduate advisor, Fall 2023 - 2025
- Faculty search committee member, 2022-2023

Texas A&M University: Graduate Instruction Committee Representative, 2020

Service to the Profession

- Referee (in alphabetical order): American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (3), American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (5), American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Public Health (3), Applied Economic Letters, BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, BMC Public Health, Caribbean Policy Research Institute, China Economic Review, Demography (2), Economic Inquiry (2), Economic Journal, European Journal of Population, Health Economics (2), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Health Economics (6), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (4), Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics (3), Oxford Economic Papers, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Public Health, Quarterly Journal of Economics (2), Review of the Economics of the Household, The Oxford Research Encyclopedia, Women's Health Issues.
- Maternal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Program Chair, ASHEcon Annual Conference, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Conference Session Organizer: ASHEcon Annual Conference (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026), SEA Southern Economic Association Conference (2022, 2025)
- Conference Discussant: ASHEcon Annual Conference (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026), SEA Southern Economic Association Conference (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025), ASSA Annual Meeting (2023)
- ASHEcon's Diversity Scholars program, application reviewer (2025, 2026)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Fall Conference, abstract reviewer, 2024
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Latin American Health Economics Network (LAHEN) workshop, 2026

Expertise Service

- Participant of the Technical Expert Panel for the Reproductive Health Experiences and Access (RHEA) Survey, 2023-2027
- Member of the Priority Roadmap for Policy-Ready Research on Youth Abortion Access' expert panel, 2023

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

Abortion bans could reverse decline in teen births, experts warn, November, 2024

Economic Report of the President, March, 2024

New research analyzes how abortion bans in Kentucky and Midwestern states affected birth rates, January, 2024

"Births have increased in states with abortion bans, research finds," 11/21/2023, CNNhealth

"Abortion Bans Raised Annual US Births by 32,000, Study Shows," 11/22/2023, Bloomberg Law

"About 32,000 More Babies Being Born Annually In U.S. Since Roe V. Wade Overturned, New Analysis Suggests," 11/22/2023, Forbes

“Birth Rates Have Risen in States With Abortion Bans,” 11/22/2023, HealthDay

“How Many Abortions Did the Post-Roe Bans Prevent?,” 11/22/2023, The New York Times

“After the Dobbs decision, birth rates are up in states with abortion ban states,” 11/24/2023, All Things Considered, NPR

“Overturning of Roe v. Wade led to 32,000 additional births, study finds,” 11/25/2023, Fox News, The New York Post

“Study reveals major abortion ban impact on US birth rates,” 11/29/2023, Independent

“Study: Births in TN increased 3% after Roe v. Wade reversal,” 11/30/2023, News 2 (ABC-WKRN)

“UW professors: Dobbs forced at least 1,500 unintended births, causing harm to Wisconsin communities,” 12/14/2023, Wisconsin State Journal

“Rise in Forced Pregnancies Shows the Need for an Independent Movement for Abortion Rights,” 12/19/2023, Left Voice

“Study finds 32,000 more births than expected in states that banned abortion treatments,” 11/29/2023, 10 News WBIR

“Nursing Home Visits, Abortion and Intimate Partner Violence: More from ASHEcon,” 6/13/2023, Tradeoffs

“Health Economics Research and the Implications of Overturning Roe v. Wade,” 6/28/2022, ASHEcon Newsletter

“Expert Focus: The economic impacts of access to abortion and contraception,” 6/28/2022, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

“America’s middle class is deteriorating. The death of Roe will make it worse,” 6/25/2022, NBC.com

“Tennessee’s abortion wait period law faces court arguments,” 9/20/2019, Associated Press (reprinted worldwide)

“Mandatory waiting periods can make abortions nearly \$1,000 more expensive,” 9/10/2019, MarketWatch

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Participant of the Faculty Success Program of the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD), Spring 2025
- Participant of the GT IAC Early Career Grant Academy, Spring 2025

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Spanish (native)

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