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Education

Georgia Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Economics (expected) 2028

Honors College at College of Charleston

Magna Cum Laude

B.S. in Economics (minor in Math) 2021

B.A. in International Studies (minor in Russian) 2021

Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Moscow, RU (Study Abroad) 2018

CofC International Scholars Summer School, Ghana (Study Abroad) 2018

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Gender Economics, Development Economics

Research

Publications

1. Lifchez, K. & Maldonado, B. (2022). Health Consequences of the Mexico City Policy. *Economics Bulletin*, vol. 42, pp. 1249-1256
2. Lifchez, K., Maldonado, B. Mexico City Policy ('global gag rule') entry in Sage Publishing's upcoming *International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*, Forthcoming

Working Papers

1. Are People Fleeing States with Abortion Bans? (with Daniel Dench, Jason Lindo, and Jancy Liu). *NBER Working Paper No. 33328*.
2. Polling Place Matters: How Voting Location Influences Election Fraud (with Tannishtha Ghosh and Robert Gonzalez)

Works in Progress

1. The Role of Nuclear Power in the Clean Energy Transition (with Matthew E. Oliver and Paul Turner)

Conference Presentations

2025: ASHEcon Annual Conference; Development Economics in the South Workshop (DevSouth)

2024: 2nd Annual Health Economics and Policy Innovation Collaborative Conference

External Grant Funding

Society for Family Planning, Co-Investigator, 2024

Selected Media Appearances and Coverage of Research

“How Abortion Bans Are Affecting Where Women Live and Work,” 7/6/25, Wall Street Journal
“People are leaving red states over abortion bans, studies find,” 3/14/25, Axios
“The population exodus from antiabortion states is underway,” 1/30/25, LA Times
“Abortion bans linked to people moving out of state, study says,” 1/10/25, CBS News
“Large exodus from states with abortion bans, data show,” 1/6/25, Washington Examiner
“The Economic Impact of US Abortion Bans,” 1/6/25, Financial Times

Additional Research Experience

Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Jason Lindo

Summer 2024 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Olga Shemyakina

Spring 2024

UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

Intern for Migration and Development Research Group

2019

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Advanced Macroeconomics

Spring 2025

Macroeconomics

Spring 2025

Machine Learning for Economics (undergraduate/graduate)

Fall 2024

Strategic Economics for Global Enterprise

Fall 2023

The Global Economy

Fall 2023

Honors and Awards

Georgia Tech President’s Fellowship

2023 – Present

Fanchon Morrow Condon Memorial Outstanding Economics Student Award

2021

Critical Language Scholarship Participant and Recipient

2021 - 2022

Legacy of Liberty Fellowship

2021 – 2022

McConnell, Mood, Mohrman Student Government Association Service Award

2020

Career Center Internship Award

2018 – 2019

James F. Snyder European Studies Award

2018

Student Activism and Leadership Achievement Award

2018

Harry and Reba Huge Scholar (full tuition + stipend)

2017 – 2021

Related Experience

International Model United Nations Association (IMUNA) NY, NY

2017 – 2020

Substantive Director at National High School Model UN Conference

Student Government Association College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

2017 – 2020

SGA Vice President

Skills and Languages

Programming: STATA, R, SAS, LaTeX | **Languages:** English (Native fluent), Russian (Conversational)