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## EDUCATION

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### Georgia State University

*Ph.D. in Economics, expected*

*Summer 2020*

Committee: Tim Sass (chair), Garth Heutel, Dan Kreisman, and Dajun Dai

Fields: Environmental Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics

*M.A. in Economics*

*Spring 2016*

### University of Georgia

*B.A. in Economics, History*

*Spring 2013*

Concentration in Public Policy, Minor in French, *cum Laude*

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## RESEARCH

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### Publications

- Austin, W., Heutel, G., & Kreisman, D. (2019) “School Bus Diesel Emissions, Student Health, and Academic Performance: Evidence from Georgia.” *Economics of Education Review*.

### Working Papers

- Austin, W. (2019) “Throwing the Baby out with the Ashwater? Coal Combustion Residuals, Water Quality, and Fetal Health” (**Job Market Paper**)
- Austin, W. (2019) “School Bus Diesel Retrofits, Air Quality, and Academic Performance: National Evidence Using Satellite Data.”
- Austin, W., Chen, B., Goldhaber, D., Hanushek, E., Holden, K., Koedel, C., Ladd, H., Luo, J., Parsons, E., Phelan, G., Rivkin, S., Sass, T., Turaeva, M. (2019) “Path to the Principalship and Value Added: A Cross-state Comparison of Elementary and Middle School Principals.” *CALDER Working Paper* No. 213-0119-1.
- Austin, W. (2019) “Farm-to-School Programs and Local Agricultural Revenues.”
- Sass, T., Austin, W. (2017) “An Analysis of the Effects of Implementing Personalized Learning Connections in Broward County Schools.” *The National Center on Scaling up Effective Schools: Working Paper*.

### Works in Progress

- Academic Mobility, CALDER Working Paper (co-authors: Cory Koedel, Dan Goldhaber, Eric Hanushek, Tara Killbride, Jaeseok Lee, Jin Luo, Umut Ozek, Eric Parsons, Steve Rivkin, Tim Sass, and Katherine Strunk).
- Municipal Water Quality and Fetal Health (co-author: Mike Pesko).

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## POSITIONS

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### Georgia State University

Research Assistant, Georgia Policy Labs

Fall 2018 – Present

2nd Century Initiative Research Fellow

Fall 2016 – Present

Research Assistant, Urban Studies Institute

Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Research Assistant, Economics Department

Fall 2014 – Fall 2016

### Georgia Department of Education

Research Assistant, State Charter Schools Commission

Fall 2015 – Fall 2016

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Department of Economics, Georgia State University

ECON 8720: Data Science, Dual Instructor with Jon Smith

Spring 2020

ECON 2105: Introductory Macroeconomics, Instructor of Record

Spring 2018

ECON 4300: Economics of Cities, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

### Certifications and Training

Policy Viz Data Visualisation Workshop, Jon Schwabish

Spring 2019

Proficiency in Teaching Class and Exam, Economics Department, GSU

Spring 2017

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## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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**2020** (*anticipated*): American Economic Association Conference, Georgia State University Sustainability Speaker Series.

**2019**: American Economic Association Conference, Association for Environmental and Resource Economics, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Georgia State University Summer Labor Series, Association for Public Policy and Management, Southern Economics Association, CenREP Camp Resources, Colorado University Agricultural and Resource Economics Workshop.

**2018**: Association for Education Finance and Policy, Southern Economics Association, Georgia State University Summer Labor Series.

**2017**: Southern Economics Association.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

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## RELEVANT SKILLS

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Data Analysis

Stata, R, SAS, Python

Software

Latex, ArcGIS

## FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

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Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Dissertation Fellowship  
Second Century Initiative University Doctoral Fellowship

*\$10,000*  
*Fall 2016 – Present*

## REFERENCES

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