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## EDUCATION:

- 2018 Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia  
Dissertation: "The Tax Treatment of Marriage and its Impact on Family Formation and Labor Supply"  
Committee: Leora Friedberg (chair), Amalia Miller, Jonathan Colmer  
Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics
- 2013 M.A., Economics, University of Virginia
- 2011 B.A., Economics with Honors, Wake Forest University

## EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics  
2019-present Newcomb College Institute Faculty Fellow, Tulane University  
2018-present Assistant Professor of Economics, Tulane University

## ARTICLES, PEER REVIEWED

- [1] **Isaac, Elliott**. "Suddenly Married: Joint Taxation and the Labor Supply of Same-Sex Married Couples After *U.S. v. Windsor*." Forthcoming. *Journal of Human Resources*.
- [2] Friedberg, Leora and **Elliott Isaac**. 2024. "Same-Sex Marriage Recognition and Taxes: New Evidence about the Impact of Household Taxation." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 106 (1): 85-101.
- [3] Friedberg, Leora and **Elliott Isaac**. 2023. "Marriage in Old Age: What Can We Learn About Policy Impacts on Same-Sex Couples?" *National Tax Journal* 76 (3): 679-706.
- [4] Ge, Suqin, **Elliott Isaac**, and Amalia Miller. 2022. "Elite Schools and Opting-In: Effects of College Selectivity on Career and Family Outcomes." *Journal of Labor Economics* 40 (S1): S383-S427.
- [5] Button, Patrick, LaPorchia A. Collins, Augustine Denteh, Mónica García-Pérez, Ben Harrell, **Elliott Isaac**, and Engy Ziedan. 2021. "Teaching Controversial and Contemporary Topics in Economics Using a Jigsaw Literature Review Activity." *Journal of Economic Education* 52 (4): 286-295.
- [6] **Isaac, Elliott**. 2020. "Marriage, Divorce, and Social Safety Net Policy." *Southern Economic Journal* 86 (4): 1576-1612.

## MANUSCRIPTS, UNDER REVIEW

**Isaac, Elliott** and Haibin Jiang. "Tax-Based Marriage Incentives in the Affordable Care Act." (Revise and resubmit at *National Tax Journal*)

## MANUSCRIPTS, IN PROGRESS

**Isaac, Elliott**. "Spousal Bargaining Power: Decoupling Gender Norms and Earning Status."

Augustine Denteh and **Elliott Isaac**. "Safety Net Substitution and Implications for Cash Transfers: Evidence from EITC and TANF."

Alm, James, **Elliott Isaac**, Matthias Kasper, and Erich Kirchler. "Improving the Effectiveness of the IRS' Automated Substitute for Return Program."

#### CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023	Southern Methodist University (4/14), Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference (5/13), NTJ Forum: Gender and Public Policy Webinar (9/19)
2022	Tulane-LSU Applied Microeconomics Conference (4/18)
2021	IZA Junior/Senior Symposium (10/15)
2020	Authors Conference in Honor of Alan Krueger (10/16), Southern Economic Association (11/21), CSQIEP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Early Career Workshop (12/4)
2019	ASSA Annual Meeting (1/5), Tulane-LSU mini conference (3/29), Economic Demography Workshop (4/10), University of Virginia (5/24), National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute (7/22), International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress (8/21), National Tax Association Annual Conference (11/21)
2018	Joint Committee on Taxation (1/19), Tulane University (1/22), Vanderbilt University (1/25), Cornerstone Research (1/30), Texas Tech University (2/19), International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress (8/23), National Tax Association Annual Conference (11/15)
2017	Association of Public Policy and Management (11/3, poster)
2016	UVA-Richmond Fed Research Jamboree (5/13, poster), University of Virginia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Economics Research Colloquium (5/6)

#### TEACHING AT TULANE

Spring 2024	Econ 3810-01 Labor Economics (CRN 58528) Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 58534) Econ 4540-02 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 58549) Econ 6540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 58550)	
Fall 2023	Econ 3810-01 Labor Economics (CRN 37751)	Enrollment: 58
Spring 2023	Econ 7670-01 Public Finance I (CRN 55834)	Enrollment: 5
Spring 2022	Econ 3340-01 Government and the Economy (CRN 50988) Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 46852) Econ 4540-02 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 47751) Econ 6540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 46853)	Enrollment: 47 Enrollment: 15 Enrollment: 6 Enrollment: 2
Fall 2021	Econ 3340-02 Government and the Economy (CRN 30759) Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96720) Econ 6540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96721) Econ 7990-71 Independent Studies (CRN 51883) Sean Larkin	Enrollment: 33 Enrollment: 18 Enrollment: 2 Enrollment: 1
Spring 2021	Econ 3010-03 Intermediate Microeconomics (CRN 46846) Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 46852) Econ 4540-02 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 47751) Econ 5000-37 Honors Thesis (CRN 51183) Econ 7990-71 Independent Studies (CRN 51883) Sean Larkin	Enrollment: 48 Enrollment: 27 Enrollment: 2 Enrollment: 1 Enrollment: 1
Fall 2020	Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96720) Econ 4540-02 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 30203) Econ 4990-37 Honors Thesis (CRN 30484) Econ 6540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96721)	Enrollment: 24 Enrollment: 1 Enrollment: 1 Enrollment: 2

	Econ 7670-01 Public Finance I (CRN 98434)	Enrollment: 9
	Econ 7990-71 Independent Studies (CRN 30033)	Enrollment: 1
	Sean Larkin	
Spring 2020	Econ 3010-02 Intermediate Microeconomics (CRN 10440)	Enrollment 43
	Econ 3340-01 Government and the Economy (CRN 39105)	Enrollment 46
Fall 2019	Econ 3340-01 Government and the Economy (CRN 85613)	Enrollment: 46
	Econ 4540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96720)	Enrollment: 11
	Econ 6540-01 Public Finance & Public Policy (CRN 96721)	Enrollment: 4
Spring 2019	Econ 3340-01 Government and the Economy (CRN 39105)	Enrollment: 48
	Econ 4530-01 Economics of Taxation (CRN 39111)	Enrollment: 10
	Econ 6530-01 Economics of Taxation (CRN 39112)	Enrollment: 1
Fall 2018	Econ 4530-01 Economics of Taxation (CRN 86574)	Enrollment: 15
	Econ 6530-01 Economics of Taxation (CRN 86575)	Enrollment: 7

#### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (Initial Placement)**

2023-present	Ruipu Gao
2021-present	Truc Bui, Zehra Farooq*, Farah Khan
2019-present	Alexander Siebert
2019-2022	Sean Larkin (US Census Bureau), Mary Penn (Analysis Group)
2019	Stephanie Fortune-Taylor (US International Trade Commission)
	* = Chair or Co-Chair

#### **DOCTORAL FIELD PAPER COMMITTEES**

2023	Ruipu Gao, Barbara Lundebjerg
2021	Zehra Farooq, Farah Khan, Jingyi Zhang
2019	Sean Larkin, Valentina Martinez-Pabon, Mary Penn
	* = Chair or Co-Chair

#### **UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES**

2023-2024	Julian Bornstein
2020-2021	Jonathan Ogawa*
	* = Chair or Co-Chair

#### **UNDERGRADUATE ECONOMICS MAJOR ADVISING**

8 current major advisees, and 35 major advisees total over Fall 2018 through Fall 2023

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

2021	Member of Bylaws Sub-Committee for AEA's Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP)
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#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

2023-present	Physical Facilities Committee Member, Tulane University Faculty Senate
2020-2022	Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy Faculty Review Board
2019-2020	Part-time assistant coach of Tulane University women's club ultimate team

#### **ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SERVICE:**

2023-present	Graduate Placement Director
2023	Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Econometrics
2019-2022	Seminar Series Co-Organizer

2020-2021 Public Finance Faculty Search Committee Member  
 2020 Murphy Institute Post-Doc Hiring Committee Member  
 2019-2020 Computing Resources Committee Member

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMING AT TULANE**

2023 Organizer of “Job Market Panel: Non-University Positions” for job market candidates  
 2023 Organizer of “Job Market Panel: International Student Perspective” for job market candidates  
 2022 Tulane-LSU Economics Mini-Conference, Presenter “Tax-Based Marriage Incentives in the Affordable Care Act”  
 2020 Murphy Institute and Tulane Economics Conference on Economic and Behavioral Dimensions of Tax Compliance, Discussant  
 2019 Tulane-LSU Economics Mini-Conference, Presenter “Elite Schools and Opting-In: Effects of College Selectivity on Career and Family Outcomes”  
 2019 Fridays at Newcomb, Presenter “Elite Schools and Opting-In: Effects of College Selectivity on Career and Family Outcomes”

**JOURNAL REFEREE SERVICE:**

*Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Economics Letters, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal*

**RESEARCH SUPPORT, EXTERNAL**

2022 Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant \$35,000

**RESEARCH SUPPORT, INTERNAL:**

2023	Supporting Impactful Publications Program, Tulane University	\$1,600
2022	Supporting Impactful Publications Program, Tulane University	\$2,200
2021	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant, Tulane University	\$1,706
2020	Kurzus Family Early Career Professorship, Tulane University	\$13,000
	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant, Tulane University	\$2,000
2019	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Spring), Tulane University	\$800
	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant, Tulane University	\$3,000
	COR Research Fellowship, Tulane University	Not funded
2018	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Summer), Tulane University	\$900
	SLA Tenure Track International Conference Fund, Tulane University	\$500
	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Summer), Tulane University	\$500
	SLA Tenure Track International Conference Fund, Tulane University	\$1,000
2017	Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Virginia	\$20,000
2016	Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia	Declined

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

2022 Lawrence M. v. D. Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics  
 2019 Best Referee Award, *Contemporary Economic Policy*  
 2018 Snavely Prize for Best Dissertation, University of Virginia  
 2014 Certificate of Excellence in Graduate Teaching, University of Virginia  
 2011 Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, Wake Forest University  
 2011 Omicron Delta Kappa, Leadership Honor Society, Wake Forest University