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EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia
2013	M.A., Economics, University of Virginia
2011	B.A., Economics with Honors, Wake Forest University

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Tulane University

2026-present	Associate Professor, Department of Economics
2018-2026	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
2019-present	Newcomb College Institute Faculty Fellow

IZA@LISER

2025-present	Research Fellow, IZA@LISER
2021-2024	Research Affiliate, IZA@LISER

FIELDS: *Primary fields:* Public Economics, Labor Economics
Secondary fields: Economics of Gender, Applied Microeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

Isaac, Elliott and Haibin Jiang. 2025. "Tax-Based Marriage Incentives in the Affordable Care Act." *National Tax Journal* 78 (2): 369-413.

Isaac, Elliott. 2025. "Suddenly Married: Joint Taxation and the Labor Supply of Same-Sex Married Couples After *U.S. v. Windsor*." *Journal of Human Resources* 60 (1): 1-36.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Isaac, Elliott. 2020. "Marriage, Divorce, and Social Safety Net Policy." *Southern Economic Journal* 86 (4): 1576-1612.

WORKING PAPERS

Isaac, Elliott. "Spousal Labor Supply: Decoupling Gender Norms and Earning Status."

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

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2024	National Tax Association Annual Conference (11/15)
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 rd Economics Research Colloquium (5/6)

TEACHING

Instructor

Tulane University

2026-present	Tax Policy in Practice (Service Learning), Undergraduate, Econ 4150
2023-2024	Labor Economics, Undergraduate, Econ 3810
2020-present	Public Finance I, PhD, Econ 7670
2020-2021	Intermediate Microeconomics, Undergraduate, Econ 3010
2019-present	Public Finance and Public Policy, Undergraduate, Econ 4540/6530
2019-present	Government and the Economy, Undergraduate, Econ 3340
2018-2019	Economics of Taxation, Undergraduate, Econ 4530/6530

University of Virginia

2015	Economics of the Public Sector, Undergraduate, Econ 4310
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Teaching Assistant

University of Virginia

2017-2018	Knowledge You Can Trust (The Engagements 1520/1540, UVA New College Curriculum)
2012-2017	Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 2010); Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 2020); Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 3010); Mathematical Microeconomics (Econ 3110); Introduction to Econometrics (Econ 3720); Economics of the Public Sector (Econ 4310)

POST-DOCTORAL SUPERVISION (Initial Placement)

2021-2023	Haibin Jiang (Boston College)
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DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (Initial Placement)

Ongoing	Ruipu Gao, Chenxi Li*, Peiran Luo, Maria Del Mar Zamora Flores, Nan Zhang
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2026 Lele Zhao
 2024 Truc Bui (University of Louisiana at Lafayette), Zehra Farooq* (Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan), Farah Khan (Brookings Institute), Alexander Siebert (Post-Doc, Tulane University)
 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

2025 Chenxi Li, Maria Del Mar Zamora Flores, Nan Zhang
 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

2025-2026 Aiyana Brumley, Emily Maran, Lily Wood*[†]
 2023-2024 Julian Bornstein
 2020-2021 Jonathan Ogawa*
 * = Chair or Co-Chair
[†] = Winner of Economics Department Best Honors Thesis Award

UNDERGRADUATE ECONOMICS MAJOR ADVISING

2 current major advisees, and 43 major advisees total over Fall 2018 through Fall 2025

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
 2024-2025 Labor/Education Faculty Search Committee Member
 2023-2024 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

2025 "Job Market Panel: Consulting Applications and Interviews" for job market candidates, Organizer
 2025 "Job Market Panel: Private Sector Jobs" for job market candidates, Organizer
 2024 Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion EDI – Professional Development Program, Participant
 2024 Center for Public Service Faculty Seminar on Service Learning, Participant
 2023 "Job Market Panel: Non-University Positions" for job market candidates, Organizer
 2023 "Job Market Panel: International Student Perspective" for job market candidates, Organizer
 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”
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026	Scientific Committee Member, National Tax Association Annual Conference
2021	Member of Bylaws Sub-Committee for AEA’s Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP)
2018-present	Peer Reviewer for: 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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, National Tax Association, International Institute for Public Finance, National Association for Business Economics

RESEARCH SUPPORT, EXTERNAL

2022	Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Grant	\$35,000
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RESEARCH SUPPORT, INTERNAL

2024	Newcomb Institute Grant	\$1,602
2023	Newcomb Institute Grant	\$779
2023	Supporting Impactful Publications Program	\$1,600
2022	Supporting Impactful Publications Program	\$2,200
2021	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant	\$1,706
2020	Kurzios Family Early Career Professorship	\$13,000
	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant	\$2,000
	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Spring)	\$800
2019	Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant	\$3,000
	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Summer)	\$900
	SLA Tenure Track International Conference Fund	\$500
2018	COR Faculty International Travel Grant (Summer)	\$500
	SLA Tenure Track International Conference Fund	\$1,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Student/Trainee Research Mentoring Award, Tulane University
2022, 2024	Lawrence M. v. D. Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics, Tulane University
2019	Best Referee Award, Contemporary Economic Policy
2018	Snively 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