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## Research and Teaching Interests

Health Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Public Finance

## Education

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| Ph.D. | Georgia State University<br>Economics                                               | Atlanta, GA                                                                             | Expected May 2010 |
|       | Dissertation Title:                                                                 | “Essays in Health Economics: A Focus on the Built Environment”                          |                   |
| M.A.  | Columbia University<br>Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences                  | New York, NY                                                                            | 2005              |
|       | Thesis Title:                                                                       | “Differences in Mechanisms Influencing African-American and Non-Hispanic White Suicide” |                   |
| B.S.  | The George Washington University<br>Economics and Statistics <i>magna cum laude</i> | Washington, DC                                                                          | 2003              |

## Publications

“Trends in U.S. Food Prices, 1950-2007” (with Inas Rashad), *Economics and Human Biology*, Vol. 7(1), 113-120, (March 2009).

## Working Papers

“Opportunity Costs Surrounding Exercise and Dietary Behaviors: The Effect of Commuting Time Costs on Health-Related Activities”  
“Associations with Urban Sprawl, Food Insecurity, and the Joint Insecurity-Obesity Paradox”

## Awards

Andrew Young School Dean’s Fellowship	2005-2008
Dan E. Sweat Dissertation Fellowship	2009

## Conference Presentations

“Effects of Commuting on Health Related Activities”	
Eastern Economics Association	2009
Southern Economic Association	2009

## Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant 2003  
Department of Statistics (The George Washington University)

## Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant Department of Economics (Georgia State) 2005-Present  
Survey Statistician U.S. Census Bureau 2003-2004

## References

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