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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware
• Dissertation: State-level determinants of EB-5 Investment: A cross-sectional analysis
2009 M.S. in Urban Policy and Management, New School University
2005 B.A. Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies** Spring 2017 – Present
- Visiting Assistant Professor
 - Adjunct Professor
- PMAP 4451: Economic Development Policy
PMAP 8321: Economic Development Policy
PMAP 2000: Citizenship in the Local Community
PMAP 3081: Public Administration and Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- University of Delaware, School of Public Policy and Administration**
- Research Assistant
- Center for Community Research and Service Fall 2011 - Spring 2013
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GRANTS

City of Atlanta Economic Development Authority

- 2019 Rockefeller Foundation, *Community Capacity Building Grant* (\$1,000,000)
2019 Casey Foundation, *Support Equitable Implementation of the OZ Tax Incentive* (\$75,000)
2019 Americorps VISTA, *Guiding Opportunities Grant* (\$25,000)
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Smith, E. Revitalizing Urban America through the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. In Liu, C. (ed.) *Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: A Comparative Perspective*. Springer Nature.
2017 EB-5 and the Immigrant Growth Machine. *EB5 Investors Magazine*, volume(4).
2016 Best way to EB5 success-A strong team of professionals. *EB5 Supermarket*, 24.
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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 International Economic Development Council, *Opportunity zone stakeholder engagement*
2019 University of Chicago, *Inclusive economic development via opportunity zones*
2019 Social Capital Markets (SOCAP), *Opportunity zone stories from the field*
2019 Novogradac, *How communities can capitalize on opportunity zones*
2019 Smart City Expo, *Opportunity zones: Opportunity for equity or private equity?*
2018 Clemson University, *Revitalizing America through the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program*
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY EXPERIENCE

- Pixel Recess, Head of Strategic Partnerships* 2020 – 2021
Invest Atlanta, Chief Opportunity Zones Officer 2019 – 2020
Boost Analytics LLC, Consultant 2018
City of Fairburn, GA, Director of Economic Development 2017
Wright Johnson LLC, Policy Analyst 2014 – 2017
Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, Deputy Director of Planning 2006 – 2010
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Urban Land Institute Center for Leadership, Atlanta, GA.* 2021
Opportunity Zone Briefing & Strategy Session (NYSA Capital LLC), Atlanta, GA. 2018
Union City Development Authority Training, Union City, GA. 2018
City of Warner Robins Development Authority Training, Warner Robins, GA. 2018
Central Baptist Community Development Corporation Briefing, Wilmington, DE. 2016
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AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 Recognized by the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council
2019 Named nation's first Chief Opportunity Zones Officer by the Rockefeller Foundation
2019 Recognized by Forbes.com as an Opportunity Zone Catalyst
2011 Milton & Mary Edelman Award for Public and Community Service
2008 Con Edison Scholar
2005 Coro Fellow: Coro NY Leadership Center