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## Education

Ph.D. University of Virginia, Spring 2026 (Expected)  
Economics  
Primary Advisor: Sarah Turner  
M.A. University of Virginia, 2022  
Economics  
M.P.P. University of Connecticut, 2018  
Public Policy  
B.S. University of Connecticut, 2016  
Management, *Summa Cum Laude*

## Publications

Briones, D. A., Ruby, N., & Turner, S. (2024). Waivers for the public service loan forgiveness program: Who could benefit from take-up?. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 43, 1004–1033.  
- [JPAM version](#)  
- [NBER Working Paper #30208](#)

## Working Papers

“Labor, Loans, and Leisure: The Impact of the Student Loan Payment Pause,” with Sarah Turner.

## Work in Progress

“A Fresh Start for Borrowers? Impacts of Loan Rehabilitation for Defaulted Federal Student Borrowers”

“To Teach and to SAVE (or PAYE): Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Student Loans for Teachers in Virginia,” with Elizabeth Link, Eileen Powell, and Sarah Turner.

“Voting on a Promise: Did the Proposed Student Loan Forgiveness Impact Electoral Outcomes?,” with Arnav Dharmagadda and Jaden Shawyer.

“The Long Term Impacts of English Learner Programs: Evidence from Bilingual Education in Texas”  
*University of Houston Education Research Center Approved Project No. UH 037*

## Technical and Policy Papers

“Revitalizing PSLF: What’s Next After the Waiver.” (2023). *Third Way Policy Brief*.

“Student Loan Payment Pause Benefits High-Income Households the Most: With forgiveness uncertain, struggling borrowers are unprotected from risk,” with Eileen Powell and Sarah Turner. (2023). *Education Next*, 23(3), 40-47.

- EdPolicyWorks Working Paper Series version

“Performance Measures and Postsecondary Investments for Adult Students: Available “YardStick” and the Challenges of Institutional Comparisons,” with Sarah Turner. (2022). In *Student Outcomes and Earnings in Higher Education Policy*, edited by Jason D. Delisle, American Enterprise Institute

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2024-2025

Marshall Jevons Fund, 2024

Emerging Scholar, Student Borrower Protection Center, 2023-

[Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellow](#), 2023

Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 2022-2023

Mentee, AEA CSMGEP Mentoring Program, 2021-

New England Scholar Award, 2014 & 2015

## Professional Activities

### Membership

Non-faculty mentor, Ed Policy Associate program, University of Virginia

American Society of Hispanic Economists

Labor-Public Student Workshop, Department of Economics, University of Virginia

Global Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration (Pi Alpha Alpha)

### Presentations (including scheduled)

2024: APPAM Fall Research Conference, Southern Economic Association, AEA Mentoring Program Workshop, Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies, Quantitative Collaborative (UVA), Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellows Symposium

2023: U.S. Census Bureau Virtual SIPP Conference; Ed Policy Associate Workshop (UVA)

2022: Economics Research Colloquium (UVA); Labor-Public Workshop (UVA)

2021: Labor-Public Workshop (UVA)

## Research Assistance

University of Virginia

*Research Assistant* Sarah Turner, 2020-2023

University of Connecticut

*Research Assistant* Eric Brunner, 2016-2019

*Research Assistant* Joshua Hyman, 2016-2019

## Teaching

University of Virginia

*Teaching Assistant* ECON 2020: Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics, Spring 2025

*Teaching Assistant* ECON 2010: Principles of Economics: Microeconomics, Fall 2020

University of Connecticut

*Teaching Assistant* PP 5376: Applied Quantitative Methods, Fall 2018

## Pre-doctoral Positions

Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, Pomfret, CT

*Manager*, 2017-2019

*Analyst*, 2015-2017

*Research Assistant*, 2015

## Citizenship

United States, Chile

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