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Academic Appointments

2026– **UCLA**

Postdoctoral Scholar, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS)
Lecturer, Department of Urban Planning
Affiliated Researcher, Los Angeles Education Research Institute (LAERI)

Education

2026 **PhD, Urban Planning, UCLA**

Major Field: Urban Transportation Planning | Outside Field: Education Policy
Dissertation: *The Journey to School: K-12 Student Transportation Policies and Travel Behavior*
Committee: Evelyn Blumenberg (Co-Chair), Brian D. Taylor (Co-Chair), Michael Lens, Meredith Phillips; Additional Adviser: Martin Wachs (deceased)

2020 **MURP, Urban and Regional Planning, UCLA**

Concentration: Transportation Policy and Planning
Adviser: Evelyn Blumenberg
Applied Planning Research Capstone Project: *School Transportation Equity through Ridehailing: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive and Other Trips in Los Angeles County**

* Awarded the Neville A. Parker Award by CUTC for top master's capstone project in transportation policy and planning in the United States in 2020.

2011 **AB, Urban Studies with Honors, Brown University**

Adviser: Patrick M. Malone
Senior Thesis: *Before the Big Dig: Boston's 1948 Highway Master Plan and Its Fortunate Failure*

Refereed Publications

Journal Articles

2026 (11) Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni**, and Brian D. Taylor. "People Who Work From Home Are Happier—Aren't They?" *Journal of Time Use Research*. In Press.

2026 (10) **Speroni, Samuel**, Evelyn Blumenberg, and Sophia Balkovski. "Racial-Ethnic Inequality in Geographic Access to Choice Schools in California." *AERA (American Educational Research Association) Open*. In Press.

2026 (9) **Speroni, Samuel**, Evelyn Blumenberg, Jesus Barajas, and Tierra Bills. "No Car, No Choice: Transportation Resources and School Choice in California" *Transportation*. DOI: 10.1007/s11116-026-10776-0.

2024 (8) Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni**, and Brian D. Taylor. "Going Nowhere Faster: Did the Covid-19 Pandemic Accelerate the Trend Toward Staying Home?" *Journal of the American Planning Association*. DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2024.2385327.

2024 (7) Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni**, Fariba Siddiq, and Jacob Wasserman. "Putting Automobile Debt on the Map: Race and the Geography of Automobile Debt in California." *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*. DOI: 10.1016/j.tra.2024.104230.

2024 (6) Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Driving A-Loan: Automobile Debt, Neighborhood Race, and the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Transport Policy*. DOI: 10.1016/j.tranpol.2024.07.007.

2024 (5) Blumenberg, Evelyn, and **Samuel Speroni**. "Employment Concentration, Dispersion, and the Changing Commute in the San Francisco Bay Area." *Journal of Transport and Land Use*. DOI: 10.5198/jtlu.2024.2456.

2024 (4) **Speroni, Samuel**, Fariba Siddiq, Julene Paul, and Brian D. Taylor. "Peaked Too Soon? Analyzing the Shifting Patterns of PM Peak Period Travel in Southern California." *Travel Behaviour and Society*. DOI: 10.1016/j.tbs.2024.100787.

2023 (3) Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni,** and Brian D. Taylor. "Going Nowhere Fast: Might Changing Activity Patterns Help Explain Falling Travel?" *Journal of Transport Geography*. DOI: 10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2023.103620.

2023 (2) **Speroni, Samuel.** "Who Takes the School Bus? The Roles of Location, Race, Gender, and Parents in Choosing Travel-to-School Mode in Georgia." *Transportation Research Record*. DOI: 10.1177/03611981231164388.

2023 (1) Siddiq, Fariba, Jacob Wasserman, Brian D. Taylor, and **Samuel Speroni**. "Transit's Financial Prognosis: Findings from a Survey of U.S. Transit Systems during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Public Works Management & Policy*. DOI: 10.1177/1087724X231160097.

Book Chapters

2025 (3) Lenhoff, Sarah Winchell, and **Samuel Speroni**. "School Transportation." *Live Handbook: Education Policy Research*, ed. Douglas N. Harris. Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP). https://livehandbook.org/k-12-education/aspects-of-choice/transportation/.

2022 (2) **Speroni, Samuel,** Brian D. Taylor, and Yu Hong Hwang. "Pandemic Transit: A National Look at the Shock, Adaptation, and Prospects for Recovery." *Pandemic in the Metropolis: Transportation Impacts and Recovery*, eds. Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Alexandre Bayen, Giovanni Circella, and R. Jayakrishnan. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-00148-2_17.

2022 (1) Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Race, Income, and Auto Debt." *Pandemic in the Metropolis: Transportation Impacts and Recovery*, eds. Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Alexandre Bayen, Giovanni Circella, and R. Jayakrishnan. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-00148-2_2.

Policy Reports & Research Publications

2023 (2) Agrawal, Asha Weinstein, **Samuel Speroni**, Brian D. Taylor, and Michael Manville. *Pay-As-You-Go Driving: Examining Possible Road-User Charge Rate Structures for California*. Mineta Transportation Institute, San José State University. DOI: 10.31979/mti.2023.2149.

2022 (1) **Speroni, Samuel,** Asha Weinstein Agrawal, Michael Manville, and Brian D. Taylor. *Charging Drivers by the Gallon vs. the Mile: An Equity Analysis by Geography and Income in California*. Mineta Transportation Institute, San José State University. DOI: 10.31979/mti.2022.2238.

Other Publications

Essays

2025 (2) Taylor, Brian D., Eric A. Morris, and **Samuel Speroni**. "America is Becoming a Nation of Homebodies." *The Conversation*. https://theconversation.com/america-is-becoming-a-nation-of-homebodies-250350

2023 (1) **Speroni, Samuel,** and Sarah Winchell Lenhoff. "School Transportation and Educational Equity." *The Regulatory Review*. https://www.theregreview.org/2023/03/30/speroni-school-transportation-and-educational-equity/

Policy Reports & Research Publications (Non-Peer-Reviewed)

2025 (6) **Speroni, Samuel**, Monisha Reginald, Samea Derrick, and Evelyn Blumenberg. *Student Transit Programs and Other Modes-to-School in California*. Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center. https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/83787.

2025 (5) Blumenberg, Evelyn, Brian D. Taylor, Hao Ding, **Samuel Speroni**, Fariba Siddiq, Audrey Aaltonen, and Colin Ho. *The Equity and Policy Implications of Long-Distance Commuting in the Greater Los Angeles Region*. Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center. DOI: 10.25554/hxns-5e23.

2023 (4) **Speroni, Samuel,** and Brian D. Taylor. *The Future of Working Away from Work and Daily Travel: A Research Synthesis.* University of California Institute of Transportation Studies, California Resilient and Innovative Mobility Initiative. DOI: 10.17610/T64W3D.

2022 (3) Wasserman, Jacob, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Evelyn Blumenberg. *Professional Drivers: Automobile Debt and Financial Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic.* University of California Institute of Transportation Studies, California Resilient and Innovative Mobility Initiative. DOI: 10.17610/T6801X.

2020 (2) **Speroni, Samuel**. "Pre-Pandemic Telecommuting Research and Its Applications for the 'Next Normal'." White paper. Prepared for the California Department of Transportation Director's Office Sustainability Program.

2020 (1) **Speroni, Samuel**. *School Transportation Equity through Ridehailing: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive and Other Trips in Los Angeles County*. UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies & Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies Report. DOI: 10.17610/T6530N.

Policy Briefs

2025 (12) Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni**, and Brian D. Taylor. "Americans are Spending More Time at Home and Traveling Less Post-Pandemic." University of California Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.7922/G2JD4V42.

2025 (11) Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Automobile Debt Increased Substantially during the Pandemic." University of California Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.7922/G2FT8JDN.

2025 (10) Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni**, Fariba Siddiq, and Jacob Wasserman. "Automobile Purchasing and Debt during the Pandemic." University of California Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.7922/G2R78CKR.

2023 (9) **Speroni, Samuel**, Fariba Siddiq, Julene Paul, Brian D. Taylor, and Yu Hong Hwang. "3 PM is the New 5 PM: Post-Pandemic Travel Patterns in Southern California are Shifting." UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.17610/T6B89B.

2023 (8) Agrawal, Asha Weinstein, **Samuel Speroni**, Brian D. Taylor, and Michael Manville. "Pay-As-You-Go Driving: Possible Road-User Charge Rate Structures for California." Mineta Transportation Institute. https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/2149-Pay-As-You-Go-Driving.

2023 (7) Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni**, Brian D. Taylor, and Mark Garrett. "Going Nowhere Fast: Why Personal Travel is Down Across the U.S." University of California Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.17610/T67P51

2023 (6) **Speroni, Samuel,** Brian D. Taylor, and Mark Garrett. "The Future of Working Away from Work." UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.17610/T6HG76.

2022 (5) **Speroni, Samuel,** Asha Weinstein Agrawal, Michael Manville, and Brian D. Taylor. "Charging Drivers by the Gallon vs. the Mile: An Equity Analysis by Geography and Income in California." Mineta Transportation Institute. https://transweb.sjsu.edu/sites/default/files/2238-Agrawal-RB-Equity-Analysis-Road-User-Charge.pdf.

2022 (4) Wasserman, Jacob, Fariba Siddiq, Samuel Speroni, and Evelyn Blumenberg. "Professional Drivers: Automobile Debt and Pandemic Financial Support." University of California Institute of Transportation Studies. DOI: 10.17610/T6HG76.

2021 (3) **Speroni, Samuel** and Fariba Siddiq. "How Traffic Has ReLAXed: The Effects of COVID-19 on Car Travel at Los Angeles International Airport." StreetLight Data Academic Research Blog. https://www.streetlightdata.com/airport-traffic-lax/?type=blog/

2020 (2) **Speroni, Samuel**. "Recent Research on Telecommuting and Its Context in the COVID-19 Pandemic." UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies.

2020 (1) **Speroni, Samuel**. "HopSkipDrive to the Rescue: How a Ride-hailing Company Provides Crucial Transportation to School for Vulnerable Student Populations." UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies & Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies. DOI: 10.17610/T61C7T.

Conference Activity

2026 Morris, Eric A. (presenting), **Samuel Speroni** (co-presenting), and Deirdre Pfeiffer. "Using and Creating Artificial Intelligence Tools for the Planning Classroom" a workshop at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 65th Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, October.

2025 **Speroni, Samuel.** "Parental Stress and the School Drop-Off/Pick-Up Line" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 64th Annual Conference*, Minneapolis, October.

2025 Morris, Eric (presenting), **Samuel Speroni**, and Brian D. Taylor. "The Digital Domain: Information Technology and the Decline of Out-of-Home Activity" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 64th Annual Conference*, Minneapolis, October.

2025 **Speroni, Samuel,** Monisha Reginald, Samea Derrick, and Evelyn Blumenberg. "The Missing Bus? School Bus and Student Transit Programs in California" at the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR UTC) Annual Congress, Berkeley, March.

2025 **Speroni, Samuel**. "The Missing Bus: Use of School Bus and Student Transit Programs in California" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 104th Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January.

2024 Evelyn Blumenberg (presenting), **Samuel Speroni,** Jesus Barajas, Tierra Bills, and Fariba Siddiq. "No Car, No Choice? Understanding Transportation Access to School Choice in California" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 63rd Annual Conference*, Seattle, November.

2024 **Speroni, Samuel (presenting)**, Monisha Reginald, and Samea Derrick. "Student Transit Programs and Other Modes-to-School in California" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 63rd Annual Conference*, Seattle, November.

2024 Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni (presenting)**, Jesus Barajas, Tierra Bills, and Fariba Siddiq. "No Car, No Choice? Understanding Transportation Access to School Choice in California" at the *2nd Conference on Advancing Transportation Equity*, Baltimore, July.

2024 Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni (presenting)**, Jesus Barajas, Tierra Bills, and Fariba Siddiq. "No Car, No Choice? Understanding Transportation Access to School Choice in California" at the *Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 49th Annual Conference*, Baltimore, March.

2024 Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni,** and Brian D. Taylor. "Going Nowhere Faster: Did the COVID-19 Pandemic Accelerate the Trend Toward Staying Home? " presented at the *Transportation Research Board 103rd Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January.

2024 Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni**, Fariba Siddiq, and Jacob Wasserman. "Driving A-Loan: Race and the Geography of Automobile Debt in California" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 103rd Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January.

2024 Wasserman, Jacob, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Evelyn Blumenberg. "Professional Drivers: Automobile Debt and Financial Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 103rd Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January.

2023 **Speroni, Samuel.** "Connecting State K-12 Student Transportation Policies and School Bus Use" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 62nd Annual Conference*, Chicago, October.

2023 **Speroni, Samuel.** "Linking States' Constitutional Rights to Education, School Transportation Policies, and Student School Bus Use" at the *Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 48th Annual Conference*, Denver, March.

2023 **Speroni, Samuel,** Fariba Siddiq, Julene Paul, and Brian D. Taylor. "Peaked Too Soon? Analyzing the Shifting Patterns of PM Peak Period Travel in Southern California" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January.

2023 **Speroni, Samuel.** "Who Takes the School Bus? The Roles of Location, Race, Gender, and Parents in Choosing Travel-to-School Mode in Georgia" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2023 **Speroni, Samuel,** Asha Weinstein Agrawal, Michael Manville, and Brian D. Taylor. "Charging Drivers by the Gallon vs. the Mile: An Equity Analysis by Geography and Income in California" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2023 Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni,** and Brian D. Taylor. "Going Nowhere Fast: Are Changing Activity Patterns Behind Falling Travel? " presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2023 Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Automobile Loans, Race, and the COVID-19 Pandemic" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2023 Blumenberg, Evelyn, and **Samuel Speroni**. "Employment Concentration, Dispersion, and the Changing Commute in the San Francisco Bay Area" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2023 Siddiq, Fariba, Jacob Wasserman, Brian D. Taylor, and Samuel Speroni. "Transit's Financial Prognosis: Findings from a Survey of U.S. Transit Systems during the COVID-19 Pandemic" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting*, January.

2022 **Speroni, Samuel**. "Ride-Hailing: A Transportation Solution to Advance Equity for Foster Youth" presented at the *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, April.

2022 **Speroni, Samuel,** Brian D. Taylor, and Yu Hong Hwang. "An Examination of U.S. Public Transit System Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 101st Annual Meeting*, January.

2022 **Speroni, Samuel.** "A Driving Burden: Analyzing the Gender Division of Chauffeuring Children to and from School" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 61st Annual Conference*, Toronto, October.

2022 Blumenberg, Evelyn (presenting), and **Samuel Speroni**. "Employment Concentration, Dispersion, and the Changing Commute in the San Francisco Bay Area" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 61st Annual Conference*, Toronto, October.

2022 Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq, **Samuel Speroni**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Can I Borrow [for] Your Car?: COVID-19 and Automobile Debt Share in California" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 101st Annual Meeting*, January.

2021 Blumenberg, Evelyn, **Samuel Speroni (presenting)**, Fariba Siddiq, and Jacob Wasserman. "Race, Income, and Automobile Debt" at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 60th Annual Conference*, virtual due to COVID-19, November.

2021 Blumenberg, Evelyn, Fariba Siddiq (co-presenting), **Samuel Speroni (co-presenting)**, and Jacob Wasserman. "Race, Income, and Automobile Debt" at the *Transportation Research Board's Conference on Advancing Transportation Equity*, virtual due to COVID-19, September.

2021 **Speroni, Samuel**. "Ridehail to School: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive Trips for Vulnerable Student Populations in Los Angeles County" presented at the *Transportation Research Board 100th Annual Meeting*, virtual due to COVID-19, January.

2020 **Speroni, Samuel**. "Ridehail to School: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive Trips for Vulnerable Student Populations in Los Angeles County" presented at the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 59th Annual Conference*, virtual due to COVID-19, November.

2020 **Speroni, Samuel**. "Ridehail to School: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive Trips for Vulnerable Student Populations in Los Angeles County" presented at the *Transportation Research Board Sustainability and Emerging Technologies in Transportation (SETT) Conference*, virtual due to COVID-19, October.

Papers In Progress

Morris, Eric A., **Samuel Speroni**, and Brian D. Taylor. "The Digital Domain: Information and Communications Technology and the Decline of Out-of-Home Activities, Travel, and Socializing." (Under review at *Travel Behaviour & Society*)

Speroni, Samuel, Evelyn Blumenberg, and Brian D. Taylor. "Where the Wild Commutes Are: The Spatial Geography of Super-Commuting Origins and Destinations." Funded by UC ITS. In final preparation for submission to *Journal of Transport Geography*.

Speroni, Samuel. "A Driving Burden: Analyzing the Gender Division of Chauffeuring Children to and from School." In preparation.

Speroni, Samuel. "Trends in U.S. School Travel, 2001–2022." In preparation.

Speroni, Samuel. "State School Transportation Policy Design and Travel Behavior." In preparation.

Speroni, Samuel. "School Choice, Transportation Policy, and Student Travel: Evidence from California School Districts." In preparation.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards & Honors

2023 **Best Paper Award,** Standing Committee on Transit Management and Finance, Transportation Research Board (TRB) (with Fariba Siddiq, Jacob Wasserman, and Brian D. Taylor).

2022 **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award,** UCLA Undergraduate Program in Public Affairs.

2021 **Excellence in Innovation / Research Award,** Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) International (with Tianxing Walker Dai, Maya Desai, Eric Desmalchi, Hao Ding, John Gahbauer, Yu Hong Hwang, Julene Paul, Brian D. Taylor).

2021 **Academic Award of Excellence,** American Planning Association (APA) Los Angeles chapter, to recognize the best academic planning project done in the Los Angeles area.

2020 **Neville A. Parker Award,** Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC), for top non-thesis master's capstone project in transportation policy and planning in the United States: $1,500.

2020 **Student of the Year,** Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR UTC): $1,500.

2020 **Urban Planning Academic Excellence Award**, UCLA Urban Planning Department, given to one or two graduating master's students who have demonstrated a strong academic record.

2019 **Student Paper Competition Runner-Up,** American Planning Association (APA) Transportation Planning Division: $500.

2014 **Teacher of the Year,** Harding High School, as recognized by the senior class.

2011 **Artemis & Martha Joukowsky Post-Graduate Scholarship,** Brown University Dean of the College and Department of Athletics.

2011 **Service to the Department Award,** Brown University Urban Studies Program.

Grants, Fellowships, and Scholarships

Total funding as of September 2026: $479,965

2026–2027 **Research Grant,** Principal Investigator. *Housing Costs and Long-Distance Commuting in Major U.S. Metropolitan Areas*. UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate. $2,500.

2026–2027 **Research Grant,** Project Lead & Manager, Primary Grant Writer (with Evelyn Blumenberg, PI). *Conflicting Policy Goals for School Transportation in Los Angeles*. University of California Institute of Transportation Studies (UC ITS). $68,742.

2026–2027 **State School Finance Fellowship,** EdFund: $1,000 + Travel funded to in-person annual board meeting and the AEFP Annual Conference.

Total funding as of August 2026 (through PhD completion): $407,723

2025–2026 **Dissertation Year Fellowship,** UCLA Division of Graduate Education: $30,000 + Tuition/Fees for 1 year ($21,782).

2025–2026 **Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship,** John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation: $28,600.

2025 **Dissertation Year Fellowship,** UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies: $30,000.

2025 **Graduate Research Grant,** UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies: $9,000.

2024–2025 **Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $35,500.

2023–2024	**Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $35,500.
2023	**Research Grant,** Project Lead & Manager, Primary Grant Writer (with Evelyn Blumenberg, PI). *Student Transit and Other Modes to School in California.* Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR UTC) & California Department of Transportation (Caltrans): $74,921.
2023	**Roe L. Johns Student Travel Grant,** Association for Education Finance & Policy (AEFP): $400.
2022–2023	**Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $10,000.
2021–2022	**Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $10,000.
2021	**Graduate Summer Research Mentorship,** UCLA Graduate Division: $6,500.
2020–2021	**Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $5,000.
2020	**Fellow, Future Leaders Development Conference**, Eno Center for Transportation**.**
2020–2024	**Donald and Pat Shoup Fellowship,** UCLA Urban Planning Department & Institute of Transportation Studies: $85,000 + Guaranteed Tuition/Fees for 4 years.
2020	**Graduate Scholarship,** Intelligent Transportation Society California (ITS-CA) & California Transportation Foundation (CTF): $5,000.
2019–2020	**Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship,** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): $5,000.
2019–2020	**Institute of Transportation Studies Fellowship,** UCLA: $9,000.
2019–2020	**Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies Fellowship,** UCLA: $1,000.
2019–2020	**James D. Ortner Memorial Fellowship,** UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, for excellence in transportation studies: $2,500.
2019	**Luskin Fellowship,** UCLA Urban Planning Department, for academic achievement and merit: $1,000.

University Teaching & Mentoring

Instructor of Record, UCLA

Fall 2026	**Urban Planning 250 / Public Policy 220:** "Transportation and Land Use: Urban Form" (Graduate). 53 students enrolled. Required course for all Transportation Policy & Planning concentrators in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) program at UCLA.

Teaching Associate and Assistant, UCLA

Winter 2022	**Public Affairs 154:** "Green Transportation" (Undergraduate). Teaching Associate. 8.4 / 9.
Fall 2021	**Urban Planning 255 / Public Policy 244:** "Shared Mobility Policy & Planning" (Graduate). Teaching Associate. 8.8 / 9.
Spring 2021	**Public Affairs 70:** "Information, Evidence, and Persuasion" (Undergraduate). Teaching Associate / Section Instructor. 9.0 / 9.
Fall 2020	**Urban Planning 207:** "Microeconomics for Urban Planning" (Graduate). Teaching Associate. 7.8 / 9.

Spring 2020 **Public Affairs 70:** "Information, Evidence, and Persuasion" (Undergraduate). Teaching Assistant / Section Instructor. 8.8 / 9.

Student Mentorship

2023–2025 **Samea Derrick**. Research assistant. BA in Environmental Science.
Current Position: Environmental Science Research Professional, Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford University.

2023–2024 **Monisha Reginald.** Graduate student researcher. MURP (Urban & Regional Planning).
Current Position: Deputy Director of Operations Analytics, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

2022–2023 **Sophia Balkovski**. Research assistant. BA in Public Affairs and Economics.
Current Position: PhD Student, Social Policy (Behavioral Health), Brandeis University.

Professional Experience

2019–2020 **WSP USA,** Transportation Planning Intern, Los Angeles Office

2014–2018 **Brown University,** Women's Swimming Assistant Coach & Recruiting Coordinator

2013–2014 **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools,** Advanced Studies (AP/IB) Administrator and Magnet School Coordinator at Harding High School (a Title I low-income school), Charlotte, NC

2011–2013 **Teach for America,** Lead High School English Teacher at Harding High School (a Title-I low-income school), Charlotte, NC

Professional Memberships & Affiliations

Affiliate Los Angeles Education Research Institute (LAERI)

Researcher Mineta Transportation Institute

Member American Planning Association (APA), Los Angeles Chapter

Member Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Member Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

Member Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT)

Member Transportation Research Board

Friend* Transportation Research Board (TRB) Standing Committees ACS10 on Transportation Safety Management Systems; ACS10(3) on School Transportation; AME10 on Equity in Transportation; AME20 on Women and Gender in Transportation. (*Committees as of 2024.)

Service

University

2025–2026 Organizer, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies PhD/Postdoc Lab Meetings

2020–2022 UCLA Urban Planning COVID-19 Working Group

2018–2020 UCLA Urban Planning Curriculum Working Group

2018–2020 UCLA MURP Admissions Committee

2010–2011	President's Organizational Review Committee on Athletics, Brown University
2009–2011	Campus Life Advisory Board, Brown University
2007-2011	Student-Athlete Advisory Board, Brown University (President, 2009-2011)

Reviewer

Canadian Geographies

Housing Policy Debate

Journal of Planning Education and Research

Journal of Transport Geography

Springer Nature Press

npj Sustainable Mobility and Transport

Transport Policy

Transportation

Transportation Research: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Transportation Research Record

Travel Behaviour & Society

Invited Talks, Guest Lectures, and Other Presentations

2026	"The Journey to School: State School Transportation Policies and Student Travel Behaviors." Presentation to the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies Advisory Board, June 3.
2025	"School Transportation: Established and Emerging Modes." Guest lecture in UCLA PP 244 / UP 255 *Shared Mobility Planning and Policy*, November 12.
2025	"The Policies and Finance of School Transportation." Guest lecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge. Harvard SES-5437 *Transportation Economics and Finance*, October 17.
2025	"Three Mini-Talks on Transportation Research about Traffic, Finance, and Access to Opportunities." Joint Research Event hosted by the UCLA Luskin Undergraduate Student Association, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) at UCLA, and the California State University Northridge (CSUN) Urban Planning Student Association, April 25.
2024	"Policy Considerations for Cities After the Pandemic." Guest lecture in UCLA UP 121 *Urban Policy and Planning*, September 9.
2024	"Approaches to Alleviate Chronic Absenteeism: Ridehailing as a Solution for Foster Youth." Children's Advocacy Roundtable, Children's Advocacy Institute, University of San Diego, June 27.
2023	"Peaked Too Soon? Analyzing the Shifting Patterns of PM Peak Period Travel in Southern California." Guest presentation at monthly meeting of Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) Washington D.C. chapter, April 21.
2022	"The Post-COVID City and the Story of Remote Work." Guest lecture in UCLA UP 120 *Introduction to Cities*, July 21.
2022	"Travel Behavior, Carbon Neutrality, and UCLA." UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative Speaker Panel. February 23.

2021 "School Transportation: Established and Emerging Modes." Guest lecture in UCLA PP 244 / UP 255 *Shared Mobility Planning and Policy*, November 11.

2021 "Ridehail to School: An Analysis of HopSkipDrive Trips for Vulnerable Student Populations in Los Angeles County." Transportation Research Board Standing Committee AME20 Young Scholars in Transportation Webinar, May.

2021 "The Trouble with Studying School Transportation: A Proposed Data Collection Solution." UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies STEPS+ Seminar, February.

2020 "Telecommuting Research and Its Applications for the 'Next Normal': A Follow-Up and Q&A", with Brian D. Taylor. Caltrans Executive Board, November.

2020 "Telecommuting Research and Its Applications for the 'Next Normal'", with Brian D. Taylor. Caltrans Executive Board, August.

2020 "Supporting Vulnerable Student Populations." HopSkipDrive *Transportation Trailblazers* video series.

2020 "Ridehail to School." UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies board meeting, Virtual / Los Angeles, CA, July.

Media Coverage

2025 Tomasic, Megan. "Pittsburgh-area school districts get creative in combating school bus driver shortage." *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. September 14. https://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2025/09/14/school-bus-driver-shortage-school-districts-pittsburgh/stories/202509120084.

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