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Education

PhD, Public Policy, Cornell University <i>Concentration in Economics</i>	Expected 2027
MA, Public Policy	
BA, Economics & Environmental Studies, Colgate University <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in Economics</i>	2022

Research Interests

Health Economics, Maternal and Child Health, Reproductive Policy, Environmental Health, Gender

Research

Peer Reviewed Publications

Sassler, Sharon, and **Gabrielle Sorresso**. 2026. Narrowing the Gender Wage Gap among Computer Science Professionals: What Differentiates the Earnings of Asian and White Workers? *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 12(3): 98–123.

Working Papers

It Was Already Dobbs: Abortion Bans and Maternal Health
Supported by a grant from the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* raised concerns that strict state abortion bans would worsen maternal health, especially for Medicaid-covered, Black, and Hispanic women. Using health insurance claims for commercially and Medicaid-insured pregnancies from 2020 to 2024, I compare states that enacted bans with states that protect abortion in a stacked difference-in-differences design. Because claims record each woman’s health in the year before conception, I can separate whether bans changed *who* becomes pregnant from *what happens* to women once pregnant. I also test the channels through which harm was expected to travel: the management of miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy, care received out of state, and the supply of OB-GYNs.

First Do No Harm: The Labor Market Consequences of a Physician Disciplinary Record
(Joint with Amanda Agan and Colleen Carey)

Using a novel dataset of 70,000 state medical board disciplinary actions across more than 40 states (2008–2023), we provide the first evidence on how State Medical Board discipline affects subsequent physician careers. Most disciplined physicians continue practicing—often in a new state and supplying fewer claims—evidence that can inform the optimal design of state oversight and disciplinary actions.

Born After Dobbs: Abortion Bans, Prenatal Diagnosis, and the Prevalence of Congenital Conditions

Abortion bans may change which pregnancies continue after a serious prenatal diagnosis. I test whether bans raised the prevalence at birth of conditions usually detected during pregnancy, such as Down syndrome, relative to conditions that cannot be detected before birth, and follow affected infants through their first year of care.

Hard to Concentrate: Prenatal Air Pollution and Childhood ADHD

Using medical claims for millions of children and Clean Air Act nonattainment designations that required states to reduce fine particulate pollution, I study whether exposure before birth raises the probability of an ADHD diagnosis later in childhood. Preliminary evidence shows that higher county air pollution is associated with more visits for ADHD, anxiety, and depression among children in the same year.

Inequality Within the Family or Within Professions? The Role of Assortative Mating in Shaping the Gender Wage Gap Among Power Couples (Joint with Sharon Sassler)

Conference Presentations

Southern Economic Association (SEA)	Scheduled, November 2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)	November 2025

Teaching Experience

Cornell University

PUBPOL 2210: Poverty and Public Policy	
Course Administrator for Maureen Waller	Spring 2026
PUBPOL 2030: Population and Demography	
Teaching Assistant for Sharon Sassler	Spring 2024
PADM 5310: Applied Multivariate Statistics in Public Affairs	
Teaching Assistant for Doug Miller	Fall 2023

Colgate University

ECON 375: Introduction to Econometrics	
Teaching Assistant for Carolina Castilla	Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

Awards and Fellowships

Irving Louis Horowitz Award for Most Outstanding Project (\$15,000)	2026
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Cornell Brooks School	Spring 2024
Exemplary Service Award, Cornell Brooks School	2023–2024
Sage Fellow, Cornell University	2022–Present
Award for Outstanding Work in Economics, Colgate University	2022

Professional Service

Cornell University

Executive Board, Diversity in Cornell Economics	2026
Student Host, Cornell Population Center Speaker Series	Spring & Fall 2026
Brooks School Institutional Representative, Diversity in Cornell Economics	2025
President, PhD Student Organization	2024
Mentor, First Year PhD Mentor Program	2023, 2025

Colgate University

Mentor, Women in Economics	2021–2022
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Professional Associations

American Society of Health Economists
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Cornell Population Center
Cornell Health Policy Center

Skills and Certifications

Programming: Stata (advanced), Python (advanced), SQL (advanced), R (basic), Matlab (basic), $\text{\LaTeX}$
Certifications: CITI (valid until 2030)
Citizenship: USA

Dissertation Committee, Cornell University

Colleen Carey (Chair)	Associate Professor of Economics & Public Policy
Doug Miller	Professor of Economics & Public Policy
Nick Sanders	Associate Professor of Economics & Public Policy
Amanda Agan	Associate Professor of Economics