

# OLIVIA GONZALEZ

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	George Mason University, Economics	2023 (Expected)
<b>MA</b>	George Mason University, Economics	May 2020
<b>BS</b>	George Mason University, Economics Graduated Magna Cum Laude Departmental Honors	May 2014
<b>AS</b>	Northern Virginia Community College, Business Administration Graduated Magna Cum Laude	May 2011

## FIELDS

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Urban economics, Economic Sociology

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<i>Economist</i> , Small Business Administration	March 2022-Present
<i>Economist (student trainee)</i> , Bureau of Economic Analysis	March 2019-March 2022
<i>Research Associate</i> , Mercatus Center at GMU	November 2016-March 2019
<i>Graduate Student Liaison</i> , Mercatus Center at GMU	May 2016-March 2019
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Mercatus Center at GMU	September 2014-October 2016
<i>Program Associate</i> , Mercatus Center at GMU	May 2014-August 2014
<i>Research Intern</i> , Mercatus Center at GMU	October 2013-April 2014
<i>Intern</i> , U.S. Department of Energy	May 2012-August 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Research Papers*

“Destruction to Beauty: The Polycentric Adaptive Reuse of the Torpedo Factory.” In *Social Coordination and Public Policy*, edited by Virgil Storr and Jayme Lemke. Lexington, forthcoming.

“Zoning for Opportunity: A Survey of Home-Based Business Regulations,” with M. Nolan Gray. Center for Growth and Opportunity Research Paper, March 11, 2020.

“The Economics of a Targeted Economic Development Subsidy,” with Matthew D. Mitchell, Michael D. Farren, and Jeremy Horpedahl. Mercatus Special Study, November 21, 2019.

“California Zoning: Housing Construction and a New Ranking of Local Land Use Regulation,” with Salim B. Furth. Mercatus Center Research Paper, August 28, 2019.

“Ranking the States by Fiscal Condition 2018 Edition,” with Eileen Norcross. Mercatus Center Research Paper, October 9, 2018.

“Making Room for Home-Based Businesses: A Survey of 12 Zoning Ordinances,” with M. Nolan Gray. *American Planning Association Economic Development Division News & Views Newsletter* and recipient of the Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship. August 2017.

“Ranking the States by Fiscal Condition 2017 Edition,” with Eileen Norcross. Mercatus Center Research Paper, July 11, 2017.

“Ranking the States by Fiscal Condition 2016 Edition,” with Eileen Norcross. Mercatus Center Research Paper, June 1, 2016.

### ***Policy Briefs and Research Summaries***

“The Path to Public Pension Reform,” with Eileen Norcross Mercatus Policy Brief, February 9, 2017.

“State Budget Institutions,” with Matthew Mitchell. Mercatus Center Research Summary, April 19, 2016.

“State and Local Tax Policy,” with Adam Millsap. Mercatus Center Research Summary, January 12, 2016.

“Property Tax Rates and Local Government Revenue Growth,” with Justin Ross. August 2015.

### **Popular Press**

“Home-Based Businesses Are Coming: As COVID-19 accelerates remote working, are cities prepared?” with M. Nolan Gray. *City Journal*, March 31, 2020.

“Ky.’s pension crisis isn’t just a funding problem – it’s a management one,” with M. Nolan Gray. *Lexington Herald Leader*, March 12, 2018.

“Are Virginia’s Attempts to Save for a Rainy Day Enough?” with Eileen Norcross. *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, August 19, 2017.

“How Planners Can Liberate the Next Amazon,” with M. Nolan Gray. *Planetizen*, July 20, 2017.

“Florida Defies Big-State Financial Curse,” with Eileen Norcross. *Tribune News Service*, July 11, 2017.

“The Texas Budget Battle: The Good, the Bad and – Well, at Least It’s Not All Ugly,” with Eileen Norcross. *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, April 18, 2017.

“The Biggest Movers in State Fiscal Health,” with Adam Millsap. *Real Clear Policy*, June 16, 2016.

“Human Nature Makes for Bad Budgeting,” with Matthew Mitchell. *U.S. News & World Report*, April 25, 2016.

“Tax Rates Matter; Smarter Taxes Matter More,” with Adam Millsap. *Real Clear Policy*, January 19, 2016.

#### **AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS**

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<i>Member, Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis</i>	2022-Prseent
<i>Member, IPUMS Big Microdata Network</i>	2021-Present
<i>Member, Urban Economics Association</i>	2020-Present
<i>Member, American Society of Hispanic Economists</i>	2020-Present
<i>Frédéric Bastiat Fellow, Mercatus Center at GMU</i>	2019-2022
<i>Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship, American Planning Association</i>	2017
<i>Hayek Essay Award, GMU</i>	2013