

# KEJDA LLANA

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## Education

<b>University of Delaware</b> Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration Qualifying Exam: Pass with Distinction	Newark, DE Expected: May 2025
<b>University of Delaware</b> M.Sc. in Economics and Applied Econometrics	Newark, DE May 2020
<b>American University in Bulgaria</b> Bachelor of Arts in Economics, cum laude Major in Economics and Minor in Mathematics	Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria May 2018

## Areas of Specialization

Housing Policy, Education Policy, Consumer Finance, Household Finance, Policy Evaluation

## Research Experience

### Papers in Progress

- Fitzpatrick, K., & Llana, K. (2024). Predicting Food Hardship in Real-Time: A Machine Learning Approach Using Aggregate Retail Sales Data. (*under review*)
- Rothbart, M. W., Mitsdarffer, M.L., Llana, K., Elbel, B., Konty, K., Day, S. E., & Schwartz, A. E. (2024). The Effects of Peers on COVID Vaccination Take-Up: Evidence from New York City public schools.
- Cordes, S. A., Lenhoff, S. W., Llana, K., Schwartz, A. E., Singer, J., & Trajkovski, S. (2024). Choice in a Time of COVID: Immediate Enrollment Decisions in New York City and Detroit.
- Llana, K. (2024). Subsidized Housing and the Impact of COVID-19 on Kids' Educational and Health Outcomes: Evidence from New York City Public School Kids. (Job Market Paper – Supervisor: Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ph.D.)
- Llana, K. (2024). Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market.

### Graduate Research Experience

<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> : University of Delaware Supervisor: Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ph.D.	Newark, DE June 2023 – Present
<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> : University of Delaware Supervisor: Katie Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.	July 2021 – June 2023

## Awards

### Scholarships

Full Tuition Scholarship & Research Assistantship, University of Delaware	August 2021 – Present
Full Tuition Scholarship & Teaching Assistantship, University of Delaware	August 2018 – May 2021
Partial Tuition Scholarship, American University in Bulgaria	August 2014 – May 2018
Albanian Scholarship, American University in Bulgaria	August 2014 – May 2015

### Other Awards

University of Delaware Travel Award	October 2023
Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) 2023 <i>Scholar</i> Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison	June 2023

Updated May 2024

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Dean's List, American University in Bulgaria  
Certificate of Excellence, "Turgut Ozal" High School, Tirana, Albania

August 2017 – May 2018  
September 2012 – May 2014

## Presentations

<i>Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</i> Rothbart, M. W., Mitsdarffer, M.L., Llana, K., Elbel, B., Konty, K., Day, S. E., & Schwartz, A. E. (2024). The Effects of Peers on COVID Vaccination Take-Up: Evidence from New York City public schools.	Baltimore, MD March 2024
<i>Association for Public Policy Analysis &amp; Management (APPAM) 2023 Fall Conference</i> Fitzpatrick, K., & Llana, K. (2023). Predicting Food Hardship in Real-Time: A Machine Learning Approach Using Aggregate Retail Sales Data. Llana, K. (2023) Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market.	Atlanta, GA November 2023
<i>Junior Scholar Intensive Training Program (JSIT)</i> Llana, K. (2023) Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market.	Madison, WI June 2023

## Teaching Experience

<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Delaware</i> ECON303: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D. ECON435: Public Finance Economics, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D. ECON303: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D. ECON311: Economics of Developing Countries, Evangelos Falaris, Ph.D. ECON433: Economics of the Public Sector, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D. ECON301: Quantitative Microeconomic Theory, Michael Arnold, Ph.D. ECON311: Economics of Developing Countries, Sabrin Beg, Ph.D.	Newark, DE Spring 2021 Fall 2020 Spring 2020 Spring 2020 Fall 2019 Fall 2019 Fall 2018, Spring 2019
<i>Teaching Assistant: American University in Bulgaria</i> ECON301: Intermediate Economics, Georgi Kalchev, Ph.D.	Fall 2017

## Professional Experience

<i>Bank Teller Intern, Tirana, Albania</i> "NBG Bank"	December 2016 – January 2017
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## Service

<i>Panel Chair</i> APPAM Fall 2023 Research Conference "Housing Policies for Affordability and Resilience" Panel	Atlanta, GA November 2023
<i>Panel Discussant</i> APPAM Fall 2022 Research Conference "New Evidence on the Safety Net and Stability" Panel "Government Programs, Policies, and Racial Equity" Panel	Washington D.C. November 2022

## Training

<i>Training, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program</i> "Protection of Human Rights"	Fall 2021
International Teaching Assistant <i>Training Program</i> , University of Delaware UDIA Test for Instructional Assignment: Category I	Summer 2018

## **Skills**

*Software:* Microsoft Office, STATA, SQL, EViews, R, SAS (novice), Python (novice).

*Languages:* Albanian – native, English – fluent, Turkish - intermediate, Spanish – intermediate, French – basic

## **Professional Associations**

American Economic Association (AEA)

Member

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Member

The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA)

Member

Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

Member