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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, June 2012
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, Williams College, 1999-2003 (Highest Honors)

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Renaissance Philanthropy
Fellow, 9/2026 – present

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Arnold Ventures
Executive Vice President of Criminal Justice, 7/2023 – 8/2026
Texas A&M University, Department of Economics
Associate Professor (with tenure), 8/2018 – 7/2023
Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Visiting Scholar, 5/2020 - 7/2020
University of Virginia, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy
Assistant Professor, 8/2012 – 7/2018
The Brookings Institution
Visiting Fellow, Economic Studies and The Hamilton Project, 9/2015 – 8/2016

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Doleac Initiatives
Director, 4/2021 - present
Probable Causation podcast about the economics of crime
Host, 4/2019 – present
Dialog
Member, 4/2022 - present
British-American Project
Fellow, 11/2022 - present
IZA - Institute of Labor Economics
Research Fellow, 2017 – present
Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago
Inequality: Measurement, Interpretation, and Policy network member, 7/2020 - present
Journal of Economic Literature
Board of Editors, 2019 – 2024
Justice Tech Lab
Founder and Director, 2017 – 2023
Criminal Justice Expert Panel
Co-Director, 2021 - 2023
Social Science Research Council
Member, Visiting Committee, 2022 – 2023
Niskanen Center

Senior Fellow, 2020 - 2023
 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research Affiliate, 2018 –2023
Member of the Poverty, Employment, and Self-Sufficiency Network, 2017 – 2021
 Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, Notre Dame University
Faculty Affiliate, 2017 – 2023
 University of Chicago Crime Lab
Research Affiliate, 2016 – 2023
 Council on Criminal Justice
Senior Fellow, 4/2020 – 8/2020
Trustee, 3/2019 – 4/2020; 8/2020 - 11/2022
 Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Guest Co-Editor, Special Call for Papers on Crime and Criminal Justice Policy, 2018 – 2019
 The Lab @ DC, Executive Office of the Mayor, Washington, DC
Senior Social Scientist, 2017 – 2018
 The Brookings Institution
Nonresident Fellow, Economic Studies, 2016 – 2019

BOOK

The Science of Second Chances: A Revolution in Criminal Justice. 2026. Henry Holt and Company.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Registering Returning Citizens to Vote: A Field Experiment in North Carolina (with Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White). Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.

Access to Guns in the Heat of the Moment: The Effect of Gun Laws on Violent Crime (with Jonathan Colmer). 2026. *Review of Economics & Statistics*, 108(1): 30-43.

Algorithmic risk assessment in the hands of humans (with Megan T. Stevenson). 2024. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 16(4): 382-414.

Misdemeanor Prosecution (with Amanda Agan and Anna Harvey). 2023. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 138(3): 1453-1505.

Encouraging desistance from crime. 2023. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 61(2): 383-427.
 Previously circulated as: “Strategies to productively reincorporate the formerly-incarcerated into communities: A review of the evidence.” *IZA Discussion Paper No. 11646*.

The Effects of Naloxone Access Laws on Opioid Abuse, Mortality, and Crime (with Anita Mukherjee). 2022. *Journal of Law and Economics*, 65(2): 211-238.
 Previously circulated as: “The moral hazard of lifesaving innovations: Naloxone, opioid abuse, and crime.” *IZA Discussion Paper No. 11489*.

Women’s Safety Concerns and Academia: How Safety Concerns Can Create Opportunity Gaps (with Sophie Trawalter, Lindsay Palmer, Kelly Hoffman, and Adrienne Carter-Sowell). 2022. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 13(2): 403-415.

High-stakes Testing, Stress and Student Performance: Biological Pathways (with Jennifer Heissel, Emma Adam, David Figlio, and Jonathan Meer). 2021. *Education Finance & Policy*, 16(2): 183-208.

The effects of DNA databases on the deterrence and detection of offenders (with Anne Sofie Tegner Anker and Rasmus Landersø). 2021. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 13(4): 194-225.

Which prisoner reentry programs work? Replicating and extending analyses of three RCTs (with Chelsea Temple, David Pritchard, and Adam Roberts). 2020. *International Review of Law & Economics*, 62: 1-16.

The Unintended Consequences of “Ban the Box”: Statistical Discrimination and Employment Outcomes When Criminal Histories are Hidden (with Benjamin Hansen). 2020. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 38(2): 321-374.

Won the Society of Labor Economics H. Gregg Lewis prize for best *JOLE* paper from 2020-2021

Keep the Kids Inside? Juvenile Curfews and Urban Gun Violence (with Jillian Carr). 2018. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 100(4), 609-618.

The Effects of DNA Databases on Crime. 2017. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(1), 165-201.

Under the Cover of Darkness: How Ambient Light Influences Criminal Behavior (with Nicholas J. Sanders). 2015. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 97(5), 1093-1103.

The Visible Hand: Race and Online Market Outcomes (with Luke Stein). 2013. *Economic Journal*, 123(572), F469-F492.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Why Crime Matters, and What To Do About It. 2024. In *Strengthening America's Dynamism*, edited by Melissa S. Kearney and Luke Pardue. Washington, DC: Aspen Institute.

The Counterintuitive Consequences of Sex Offender Risk Assessment at Sentencing (with Megan T. Stevenson). 2023. *University of Toronto Law Journal*, 73(1): 59-72.

Community Supervision & Public Safety (with Michael LaForest). 2022. *Arnold Ventures*.

Racial Bias in the Criminal Justice System. 2022. Published in: *A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime*, Paolo Buonanno, Juan Vargas, and Paolo Vanin (Eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 286-304.

Give first-time defendants a second chance: A proposal to reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice system (with Amanda Agan and Anna Harvey). 2021. *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*.

Diversity in Economics Seminars: Who Gives Invited Talks? (with Erin Hengel and Elizabeth Pancotti). 2021. *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 111: 55-59.

A Review of Thomas Sowell's *Discrimination and Disparities*. 2021. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 59(2): 574-589.

“Evidence-Based Policy” Should Reflect a Hierarchy of Evidence. 2019. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 38(2), 517-519.

Wrap-Around Services Don't Improve Prisoner Reentry Outcomes. 2019. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 38(2), 508-514.

The Roadblock to Reform (with Megan T. Stevenson). 2018. [American Constitution Society research report](#).

Moving to job opportunities? The effect of ‘Ban the Box’ on the composition of cities (with Benjamin Hansen). 2017. *American Economic Review (P&P)*, 107(5), 556-559.

Increasing employment for individuals with criminal records. 2016. *The Hamilton Project*.

The geography, incidence, and underreporting of gun violence: new evidence using ShotSpotter data (with Jillian Carr). 2016. [Brookings Research Paper](#).

WORKING PAPERS

Prosecutorial Reforms and Local Crime Rates (with Amanda Agan, Anna Harvey, Anna Kyriazis, and Lauren Schechter). Revise & resubmit, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

First draft: May 2021. Current draft: October 2025.

Criminal Justice Involvement and Well-Being in Old Age (with Jonathan Eggleston, William G. Gale, Michael Mueller-Smith, and Briana Sullivan).

First draft: December 2021. Current draft: January 2023.

RESTING PAPERS

How do state crime policies affect other states? The externalities of state DNA database laws.

First draft: April 2016. Current draft: December 2016.

A promising alternative: How making college free affects teens’ risky behaviors (with Chloe Gibbs).

First draft: November 2014. Current draft: May 2016.

COLUMNS, BLOG POSTS, RESEARCH BRIEFS, INTERVIEWS, AND TESTIMONY

“Houston needs more — yes, more — security cameras to help fight crime.” August 2026. Houston Chronicle.

“What Becomes of Second Chances?” May 2026. Behavioral Scientist (book excerpt).

“Why So Many Americans Miss Their Day in Court.” March 2026. TIME (book excerpt).

“The real scandal in criminal justice is how few offenders get caught.” October 2025. Washington Examiner.

“What Really Works Against Youth Crime?” October 2025. Project Syndicate.

“The Work Opportunity Tax Credit Doesn’t Work” (with George Callas). October 2025. Tax Notes.

“What Republicans and Democrats Get Wrong About Crime.” December 2024. New York Times.

“The possibility of parole: A powerful incentive that makes us all safer.” May 2024. Route Fifty.

“Fixing the Research-to-Policy Pipeline.” March 2024. Vital City.

“Marijuana reform: What do the experts think?” (with Anna Harvey). April 2023. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Preventing mass violence: What do the experts think?” (with Anna Harvey). June 2022. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Stemming Violence by Investing in Civic Goods” (with Anna Harvey). March 2022. [Vital City](#). Also published in the [Gotham Gazette](#).

“Pretrial detention: What do the experts think?” (with Anna Harvey). October 26, 2021. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Don’t Blame Progressive Prosecutors for Rising Crime Rates.” September 13, 2021. [Bloomberg Opinion](#).

“Reducing gun violence: What do the experts think?” (with Anna Harvey). August 5, 2021. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Research Roundup: Lead Exposure Causes Crime.” June 15, 2021. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Policing and public safety: What do the experts think?” (with Anna Harvey). May 26, 2021. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Prosecuting low-level crimes makes us less safe” (with Amanda Agan and Anna Harvey). April 6, 2021. [Washington Post](#).

“How DNA Databases Deter Crime.” February 1, 2021. [Bloomberg Opinion](#).

“The Deterrent Effects of DNA Databases.” December 2, 2020. [Manhattan Institute](#).

“The problem with ‘Clean Slate’ policies: Could broader sealing of criminal records hurt more people than it helps?” (with Sarah Lageson). August 31, 2020. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Body Cameras Don’t Make Police More Accountable. July 29, 2020. [Bloomberg Opinion](#).

“A True Second Chance: A Natural Experiment on Diversion in Texas Reveals Big Benefits for Crime, Employment.” July 22, 2020. [Admissible Evidence](#), Council on Criminal Justice.

“How to Fix Policing. July 9, 2020. [Niskanen Center](#).

“Investing in Children Breaks Cycle of Poverty and Criminal Justice Involvement.” July 6, 2020. [Admissible Evidence](#), Council on Criminal Justice.

“How to Make a Police Force More Diverse. July 1, 2020. [Bloomberg Opinion](#).

“Changing Police Recruitment Messages Attracts a Larger and More Diverse Applicant Pool.” June 22, 2020. [Admissible Evidence](#), Council on Criminal Justice.

“Making Fair and Respected Cops: Procedural Justice Training in Chicago Proves Successful.” June 5, 2020. [Admissible Evidence](#), Council on Criminal Justice.

“Incarceration and the COVID-19 Crisis” (with Anna Harvey and Jacob Kaplan). May 20, 2020. [Econofact](#).

“Returning Citizens Should Get Checks Too.” March 29, 2020. [Medium](#).

“Criminal Justice, featuring Dr. Jennifer Doleac.” September 16, 2019. Interview on the Neoliberal Podcast.

“Empirical evidence on the effects of Ban the Box policies: The state of the literature in 2019. March 2019. [Testimony submitted to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a hearing on the Fair Chance Act](#).

“Jennifer Doleac on Crime.” January 21, 2019. Interview on the EconTalk podcast.

“Research roundup: What does the evidence say about how to fight the opioid epidemic?” (with Anita Mukherjee and Molly Schnell). December 7, 2018. [Brookings: Up Front](#).

“Gun regulation is costly — and not the only option.” November 9, 2018. [The Regulatory Review](#), University of Pennsylvania Law School.

“Study after study shows ex-prisoners would be better off without intense supervision.” July 2, 2018. [Brookings: Up Front](#).

“Can employment-focused programs reduce reincarceration rates?” June 29, 2018. [Econofact](#).

“The moral hazard of live-saving innovations: Naloxone access, opioid abuse, and crime” (with Anita Mukherjee). April 2018. [IZA Newsroom](#).

“Using technology to fight sexual harassment in Economics.” April 2018. [CSWEP newsletter](#) (pages 7-8).

“New evidence that access to health care reduces crime.” January 3, 2018. [Brookings: Up Front](#).

“Empirical evidence on the effects of Ban the Box policies.” December 13, 2017. [Testimony submitted to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for the hearing “Oversight of the Bureau of Prisons and Inmate Reentry.”](#)

“Do police body-worn cameras reduce the use of force?” November 17, 2017. [Econofact](#).

“Do body-worn cameras improve police behavior?” October 25, 2017. [Brookings: Up Front](#).

“The effects of ‘Ban the Box’ on the employment of black men” (with Amanda Agan). June 9, 2017. [Econofact](#).

“New evidence that lead exposure increases crime.” June 1, 2017. [Brookings: Up Front](#).

“Do databases of criminal offenders help reduce crime?” May 12, 2017. [Medium](#) (premium site).

“What are the benefits of police-worn body cameras?” May 2017. [Apple News](#) and [Huffington Post](#).

“Can DNA databases reduce crime rates?” May 2017. [Forbes](#) and [Apple News](#).
 “How can acoustic gunshot detection systems help law enforcement?” May 2017. [Forbes](#).
 “How is our criminal justice system broken?” May 2017. [Huffington Post](#).
 “How technology is impacting our criminal justice system.” May 2017. [Forbes](#).
 “How can the average person help improve our criminal justice system?” May 2017. [Huffington Post](#).
 “Let computers be the judge.” April 20, 2017. [Medium](#) (premium site).
 “Are Immigrants More Likely to Commit Crimes?” February 14, 2017. [Econofact](#).
 “Forget ‘ban the box’ and give ex-prisoners employability certificates.” December 15, 2016. [Real Clear Policy](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “Does ‘Ban the Box’ Help or Hurt Low-Skilled Workers?: Statistical Discrimination and Employment Outcomes when Criminal Histories are Hidden” (with Benjamin Hansen). October 26, 2016. [Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy](#), Number 62.
 “How Hiding Criminal Records Hurts Black and Hispanic Men” (with Benjamin Hansen). September 8, 2016. [Time](#).
 “Are criminal risk assessment scores racist?” (with Megan Stevenson). August 22, 2016. [Brookings: Up Front](#).
 “DNA databases deter crime, without filling prisons.” August 16, 2016. [Real Clear Markets](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “To reduce wrongful convictions, reform the bail system.” June 22, 2016. [Inside Sources](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “The unintended consequences of ‘Ban the Box’.” May 31, 2016, [Real Clear Markets](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “Gun violence in major U.S. cities is massively underreported.” April 27, 2016, [Brookings blog](#).
 “Should we pay people not to commit crime?” April 18, 2016. [Inside Sources](#). Also published by [Brookings](#) and the [Las Vegas Sun](#).
 “Keep the Kids Inside? Juvenile Curfews and Urban Gun Violence.” March 16, 2016. [Cato Research Briefs on Economic Policy](#), Number 47.
 “Want to reduce incarceration rates? Try targeted surveillance.” March 15, 2016. [Real Clear Markets](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “To reduce gun violence, empower citizens to make their communities safer.” February 4, 2016. [Inside Sources](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “Repealing juvenile curfew laws could make cities much safer.” December 29, 2015. [Real Clear Markets](#). Also published by [Brookings](#).
 “Can technology fix the criminal justice system?” December 2015. [Brookings Top Economic Stories of 2015](#)
 “Fighting crime with Daylight Saving Time” (with Nicholas J. Sanders). October 29, 2015. [Brookings Now](#)
 “The case for expanding the DNA database.” February 7, 2015. [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)
 “Race has a hand in determining market outcomes” (with Luke C.D. Stein). July 2010. [SIEPR Policy Brief](#)
 “Race, discrimination, and iPods” (with Luke C.D. Stein). June 2010. [CEPR Vox](#)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Houston Endowment. Co-Principal Investigator (with Allison P. Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White):
 “Registering Re-Entering Citizens to Vote.” \$415,211. 2023-2025.
OneOne Ventures. Co-Principal Investigator (with Allison P. Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White):
 “Registering Re-Entering Citizens to Vote.” \$60,000. 2022-2023.
J-PAL North America. Co-Principal Investigator (with Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison P. Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White): “Registering Re-Entering Citizens to Vote: Add-on funding.” \$138,715. 2022-2025.

European Economic Association/HER Career Structures Initiative. Co-Principal Investigator (with Erin Hengel and Myra Mohnen). “Network Effects and Professional Trajectories: Evidence from the CeMENT Program.” €20,000. 2022-2023.

Arnold Ventures. Co-Principal Investigator (with Amanda Agan and Anna Harvey). “Effective and Just Prosecution.” \$925,888. 2022-2024.

Russell Sage Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Laurel Eckhouse, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White). “Registering Returning Citizens to Vote.” \$166,865. 2021-2023.

Laura and John Arnold Foundation. Principal Investigator: “Reviewing the evidence on the Risk-Needs-Responsivity model.” \$256,633. 2020-2022.

Institute for Research on Poverty: 2020-2021 Extramural Small Grant on Poverty, Retirement, and Disability Research. Co-Principal Investigator (with Jonathan Eggleston, William G. Gale, and Michael Mueller-Smith): “What Does Retirement Look Like for the Criminal-Justice-Involved Population? Sources of Income in Old Age for People with Criminal Records.” \$36,000. 2020-2021.

J-PAL North America. Co-Principal Investigator (with Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison P. Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White): “Registering Re-Entering Citizens to Vote.” \$174,636. 2020-2023.

W.T. Grant Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Amanda Agan and Anna Harvey): “Prosecutorial Reform Initiative.” \$539,589. 2020-2023.

J-PAL North America. Co-Principal Investigator (with Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison P. Harris, Hannah Walker, and Ariel White): “Pilot: Registering Re-Entering Citizens to Vote.” \$49,126. 2019-2020.

W.T. Grant Foundation. Principal Investigator. “Strategies to productively reincorporate formerly-incarcerated black and Latino youth into communities.” \$50,000. 2018.

J-PAL North America. Co-Principal Investigator (with Ben Castleman): “Improving access to cognitive behavioral therapy for incarcerated populations through gamification.” \$46,763. 2017-2019.

J-PAL North America. Co-Principal Investigator (with Ben Castleman): “Improving prisoner re-entry outcomes through large-scale behavioral interventions.” \$117,966. 2017-2019.

Koch Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Ben Castleman): “Improving prisoner re-entry outcomes through large-scale behavioral interventions.” \$455,000. 2016-2019.

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA. Principal Investigator: “Technology and Campus Sexual Assault Reporting: Evaluating Callisto.” \$30,000. 2016-2017.

Russell Sage Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Robynn Cox, Benjamin Hansen, and Sarah Jacobson): “How Race Affects Perceptions of Criminality and Thereby Employment.” \$28,600. 2015-2017.

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA. Principal Investigator: “Should we ‘ban the box’? Race, criminality, and employment.” \$30,000. 2015-2016.

Spencer Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Emma Adam and Jonathan Meer): “High Stakes Testing, Stress and Performance: Biological Pathways.” \$50,000. 2015.

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA. Principal Investigator: “Property division laws and the long-run outcomes of divorce.” \$30,000. 2014-2015.

National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: “The Interactions and Impacts of State DNA Database Laws.” \$226,496. 2014-2016.

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA. Principal Investigator: “Heterogeneous and Cross-State Effects of DNA Databases.” \$30,000; PI. 2013-2014.

VPGE Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity Grant, Stanford University. 2010-2011.

John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics Research Grant, Stanford University. 2009-2010.

OTHER GRANTS

Emergent Ventures. Doleac Initiatives. \$35,000. 2022-23.

Stata. Texas Economics of Crime Workshop. \$1,000. 2022.

Institute for Humane Studies. Texas Economics of Crime Workshop. \$5,000. 2022.

Emergent Ventures. Doleac Initiatives. \$30,000. 2021-22.
Laura and John Arnold Foundation. Identifying Research Priorities: Police Accountability Roundtables. \$80,036. 2020-2021.
Manhattan Institute. Translating economics of crime research for policy. \$42,000. 2020-2021.
Emergent Ventures. Probable Causation podcast on law, economics, and crime. \$25,000. 2020-2021.
Institute for Humane Studies. Texas Economics of Crime Workshop. \$5,000. 2020.
Emergent Ventures. Probable Causation podcast on law, economics, and crime. \$25,000. 2019-2020.
Institute for Humane Studies. Texas Economics of Crime Workshop. \$15,040. 2018-2019.
Stata. Texas Economics of Crime Workshop. \$1,000. 2018-2019.
Koch Foundation. Batten Faculty Research Seminar Series. \$5,000. 2017-2018.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022 Included on Vox Media's *Future Perfect 50* list of people "building a more perfect future"
 2022-2023 Institute for Humane Studies Distinguished Fellow
 2022 US Delegate, British-American Project
 2022 H. Gregg Lewis prize for best JOLE paper from 2020-2021, Society of Labor Economics
 2021 Presidential Impact Fellow, Texas A&M University
 2017-2018 Batten Faculty Excellence in Engagement Award
 2016-2017 Batten Faculty Excellence in Research Award
 2013-2014 NBER/NSF Crime Research Fellowship
 2011-2012 Hawley-Shoven Fellowship, Stanford University
 2011 Summer Research Fellowship, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics, Stanford
 2010-2011 B.F. Haley and E.S. Shaw Fellowship for Economics, Stanford University
 2010 Summer Research Fellowship, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics, Stanford
 2009-2012 Shultz Scholar, Stanford University
 2006-2008 Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS

2026: American Society of Evidence-Based Policing — **keynote speaker**; Yale University (scheduled); University of Notre Dame (scheduled); Stanford Law School (scheduled); London School of Economics (scheduled)
 2025: BOCSAR Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference — **keynote speaker**
 2023: UT-Austin Law; Harvard University; Helsinki Econ of Crime Conference — **keynote speaker**
 2022: Purdue University; Clemson University; Norwegian School of Economics; Workshop on Violence and Victimization, University of Cologne; George Mason Law; Georgetown Law; LinkedIn; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
 2021: AEA annual meeting; Georgia State University; Swarthmore College; University of Toronto; American University; Syracuse University; Pompeu Fabra University; University of Birmingham; Chicago/LSE Crime Conference; Colorado CapLaw Research Roundtable; Congressional Budget Office; CLEAN seminar, Bocconi University; Duke University; Universidad Catolica del Uruguay; ALEA; Center for Financial Security, UW-Madison
 2020: AEA annual meeting; Chicago Law; American Bar Foundation; UT Austin LBJ School; University of Cologne; University of Connecticut Law; Bates College; Case Western Reserve; Vanderbilt Law; UT Austin McCombs; UC Berkeley; University of Chile; OIGI, Minneapolis Fed; Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh; Bentley University; UVA Law; Ottawa Applied Micro Lab; Duke Criminal Law Workshop
 2019: San Diego State University, Center for Health Econ & Policy Studies; University of Oregon; Public Choice Society annual meeting; Indiana University Criminal Justice; Williams College; Women in Economics Research conference — **keynote address**; PELS Replication Conference; UCLA Luskin; UT Austin Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop; IDC Herzliya; Tel Aviv

- University; Hebrew University; Ben-Gurion University; Economics of Violence against Women workshop, Ifo Institute, University of Munich — **keynote lecture**; IRP Summer Research Workshop; Inter-American Development Bank; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Workshop; Baylor University; University of Missouri - Columbia; Harvard Kennedy School; Minnesota Population Center; University of Lausanne; Glenn College of Public Affairs & Economics Department, Ohio State University; University of Pittsburgh; APPAM; CELS
- 2018: Texas A&M University, Duke University, UVA Psychology, University of Georgia, Brigham Young University, Grinnell College, London School of Economics, “Prison conditions, labor markets, and recidivism” workshop at the University of Bologna, STATA Empirical Micro Conference, Science of Diversity & Inclusion Initiative conference, “Economic Issues Facing Hispanic and African-American Communities” ASHE-TAMU conference, UC Davis, UT Austin
- 2017: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, American University, Universities of Waterloo & Western Ontario workshop on the economics of crime, Duke University, DC HELD Policy Day Conference, SOLE annual meeting, EEOC DataNet, Western Economics Association Conference, NBER Summer Institute Law & Economics, NBER Summer Institute Crime Working Group, West Point, Cornell Law, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Southern Economics Association Conference, UC Irvine
- 2016: University of Texas School of Law, Williams College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, UPenn Law, American Enterprise Institute, University of Chicago Convening on Urban Data Science, AREUEA national conference, IRP Summer Research Workshop, Banff Empirical Micro Workshop, University of Chicago - Harris School, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Southern Economics Association Conference, University of Alabama – Birmingham
- 2015: UVA Law, Eastern Economics Association Conference, UVA Quantitative Collaborative, Midwest Economics Association Conference, Montana State University, IRP Summer Research Workshop, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, APPAM Big Data Workshop, Southern Economics Association Conference
- 2014: National Institute of Justice, Eastern Economics Association Conference, Western Economics Association Conference, Georgetown Law
- 2013: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tulane University, Midwest Economics Association Conference, Texas A&M, Eastern Economics Association Conference, RAND, Western Economics Association Conference, IRP Summer Research Workshop, West Virginia University, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
- 2012: American Enterprise Institute, Harvard Kennedy School, Wellesley College, Joint Committee on Taxation, UVA Batten School, Notre Dame, Brookings Institution, NBER Summer Institute - Crime Working Group, U. Maryland School of Public Policy, UVA Economics, UVA Darden, UVA Law, William & Mary
- 2011: Eastern Economics Association Conference
- 2010: San Francisco Federal Reserve Applied Micro Summer Conference

POLICY PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND TESTIMONY

- 2026: January 28: “The Science of Second Chances” — keynote at the Utah Violent Crime Summit, Salt Lake City
- 2024: December 6: “Supporting State and Local Government Innovation” — moderator, 2024 College and University Fund Conference, Social Science Research Council, New York City
- October 8: “Public Sector Incentives: What Works, Why, and What Might Work Better?” - keynote at the 2024 National Fair Chance Hiring Conference, Chicago
- September 7: “The Corrections Crisis” — panelist at the Texas Tribune Festival, Austin, TX
- September 7: “Arrested Developments” — panelist at the Texas Tribune Festival, Austin, TX

- July 9: “Empowering Change: The Role of Philanthropy in Criminal Justice Reform” — panelist at Niskanen Center annual convening
- 2023: September 22: “Let’s Fix the Criminal Justice System” — panelist at the Texas Tribune Festival, Austin, TX
- April 26: “Public Engagement in a Polarized World” — panel participant, Cornell University
- 2022: October 21: “The effects of DNA databases on crime” — DNA Databases in Costa Rica symposium
- September 24: “Stop the Bleeding” — panelist at the Texas Tribune Festival, Austin, TX
- July 20: “What Works to Reduce Violent Crime” — testimony to the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee — [slides](#)
- 2021: November 4: “Empirical evidence on the effects of long sentences” — testimony to the DC Council on its proposed reform of the DC Criminal Code
- September 23: “Economics of DNA Databases” — NEXTLab2021, 4th Scientific Conference on Forensics Biology, Poland.
- July 28: “Evaluating Success Among People Released from Prison” — presentation to a National Academies of Sciences panel — [video](#)
- July 19 - August 16: Flash webinar series on how to reduce violent crime - organizer & host - sponsored by the Niskanen Center - [videos](#)
- July 13: “Racism and the Economy: Focus on Criminal Justice,” Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- July 6: “Misdemeanor Prosecution” - Vera Institute of Justice
- April 8: “The Value of Forensics” - webinar hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice ICITAP - [video](#)
- 2020: October 30 and December 4: Police Accountability Roundtables - organizer and host, in partnership with Arnold Ventures
- September 22: “A Call to Action on Police Reform — The Need for Evidence-Based Solutions” — House Public Safety Committee, Washington State Legislature — [video](#)
- August 21: Discussion of data and research related to police reform — North Carolina State Senate Police Reform Task Force
- June 15 - July 13: [Flash webinar series on policing research](#) - organizer and host
- 2019: November 9: “Interpreting and Translating the Policy Relevance of Research” — APPAM
- November 6: “Algorithms and Fairness” — APPAM Pre-Conference Workshop on Deploying Machine Learning for Public Policy Impact
- October 17: “Reducing Recidivism” — Council on Criminal Justice Inaugural Leadership Summit
- February 1: JHPPL/Taubman Center conference on the politics of opioid policy, Brown University
- January 6: “Twitter tips for success: Social media for economists “— CSWEP panel, ASSA annual meeting
- 2018: October 22: “Racial discrimination in criminal justice” — Symposium on the Law and Economics of Criminal Justice Reform, George Mason University Law & Economics Center
- October 10: “Does Intensity of Community Supervision Matter: The Latest Research Evidence” — webinar for American Probation and Parole Association

- October 3: “The importance of rigorous policy evaluation: Two tales of unintended consequences” — joint workshop of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, and the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science — [slides](#)
- September 17: “The unintended consequences of ‘ban the box’ policies” — The Freedom Project, Wellesley College — [slides](#)
- April 26: “Evidence on the effects of ‘Ban the Box’ policies” — Criminal Justice Reform conference, Tommy G. Thompson Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison — [slides](#)
- April 25: “The Effect of DNA Databases and Ban-the-Box Policies on Recidivism” — Behavioral Insights for Government lecture series, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- April 18: “Breaking the incarceration cycle: What can cities do to improve prisoner reentry outcomes?” — Boston University Initiative on Cities — [slides](#)
- April 6: “Use of Social Media to Promote Your Policy Research” — APPAM Regional Student Conference, Washington, DC
- March 28: “The unintended consequences of Ban the Box policies” — webinar, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison
- 2017: December 13: Testimony to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, about the effects of Ban the Box policies — [video and link to written testimony](#)
- November 15: “Incarceration and work for low-income men: Context and strategies to increase employment,” Promoting Work and Well-Being Among Low-Income Men Workshop, hosted by the Poverty, Employment, and Self-Sufficiency Network, Washington, DC — [slides](#)
- July 18: Working Group on Prisoner Reentry Research, AEI — co-host and speaker
- May 10: [Quora Session](#) — online Q&A about crime and discrimination
- April 25: “Increasing economic opportunity for people with criminal records”, private discussion with Brookings Council, the Brookings Institution
- April 21: “[SIEPR Policy Forum on Crime, Policing, and Incarceration](#)”, Stanford University
- March 15: Testimony to Massachusetts state legislature’s Time Zone Commission about effect of Daylight Saving Time on criminal behavior
- February 21-23: [Online debate](#) about “Ban the Box” policies, Urban Institute
- January 7: “[Mass incarceration and the Economy: The Criminal Justice System’s Impact on Employment, Equality, and Growth](#)”, American Economic Association Annual Meeting — [slides](#)
- 2016: October 21: “Second Chances Through Successful Reentry”, The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution — [event details and video](#)
- October 12: “The social value of forensic science”, Forensic Science Managers Symposium, INTERPOL
- 2015: February 9: Meeting on “The Economics of Consumer Privacy Rights”, The White House
- 2014: June 16: “Identity Intelligence” panelist at UVA Conference on National Defense and Intelligence
- 2013: November 6: “The effects of DNA databases on crime”, 7th International DNA Users’ Conference for Investigative Officers, INTERPOL

ACADEMIC SERVICE (TEXAS A&M)

2022-23: Graduate Placement Director
 2021-22: Organizer, PERC/PLIO Seminar Series

Graduate Placement Director
2020-21: Organizer, PLIO workshop (internal works-in-progress seminar series)
Graduate Placement Director
2019-20: Graduate Placement Director
Organizing committee, Data-Driven Social Science seminar series
2018-19: Graduate Placement Co-Director

ACADEMIC SERVICE (UVA)

2017-18: Batten Executive Committee
Faculty Research Seminar Organizer
2016-17: Faculty Research Seminar Committee
“Targets of Opportunity” Search Committee
Junior Economics Workshop organizer
2015-16: (On leave)
2014-15: Admissions Committee
Batten Website Committee
2013-14: Economics Search Committee
Dean of the Batten School Search Committee
Undergraduate Capstone Committee
Graduate Curriculum Committee
2012-13: Economics Search Committee

ACADEMIC SERVICE (OTHER)

2023: Co-organizer, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop
Organizing committee, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop
NLSY Justice System Content Panel, Bureau of Labor Statistics/NORC
2022: Southern representative, CSWEP
Co-organizer, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop
Mentor, CSWEP CeMENT workshop for faculty in doctoral programs
Organizer, Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar
Organizing committee, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop
Scientific committee, AL CAPONE workshop
2021: Southern representative, CSWEP
Organizer, Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar
Organizing committee, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop
Organizing committee, CSWEP mentoring workshop for women/non-binary PhD students
2020: Co-organizer, CSWEP mentoring workshop for women/non-binary PhD students
Organizer, Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar
Co-organizer, Online Seminar on the Economics of Discrimination and Disparities
Co-organizer, online research workshop on the economics of crime for PhD students
Southern representative, CSWEP
Organizer, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop
Organizing committee, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop
2019: Mentor, CSWEP CeMENT workshop for faculty in doctoral programs
Organizer, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop
Organizing committee, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop
Co-organizer, CSWEP sessions on crime for the 2020 ASSA meetings
Co-chair of the Crime, Justice, and Drugs program committee, APPAM fall research conference
2018: Advisory board, AmericanViolence.org
Mentor, AEA Job Market Bootcamp
2017: Advisory board, AmericanViolence.org

- Organized series of “economics of crime” sessions (3) for the WEAI annual meeting
- Organized series of “economics of crime” sessions (3) for the SEA annual meeting
- 2016: ALEA Area Organizer (Criminal Law; Crime; Law Enforcement)
- Organized series of “economics of crime” sessions (3) for the SEA annual meeting
- Organized “economics of crime” session for the AREUEA annual meeting
- 2015: Organized “economics of crime” session for the MEA annual meeting
- 2014: Organized “economics of crime” session for the WEAI annual meeting

PH.D. ADVISING (TEXAS A&M), INCLUDING INITIAL PLACEMENT

Brittany Street (2019), University of Missouri
 Carly Will Sloan (2020), Claremont Graduate University
 Andrea Kelly (2020), Grinnell College
 Chelsea Temple (chair, 2022), Texas A&M University
 David Pritchard (2022), US Census Bureau
 Andy Cao (2023), CNA
 Wesley Miller (chair, in progress)
 Andre' nay Harris (in progress)
 Jing Zhang (in progress)

REFEREEING

Academic journals: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (AEJ: Applied)*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (AEJ: Policy)*, *American Economic Review (AER)*, *American Economic Review: insights (AER:I)*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal (EJ)*, *Economics of Education Review*, *ILR Review*, *Journal of the European Economics Association (JEEA)*, *Journal of Health Economics (JHE)*, *Journal of Human Resources (JHR)*, *Journal of Labor Economics (JOLE)*, *Journal of Law and Economics (JLE)*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM)*, *Journal of Public Economics (JPubEc)*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Law & Society*, *Management Science*, *Review of Economics and Statistics (REStat)*, *Southern Economics Journal*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics (QJE)*

Funding organizations: *Economists for Equity at Berkeley*, *J-PAL North America*, *National Institute of Justice*, *National Science Foundation*, *Russell Sage Foundation*, *Tryg Foundation*, *W.T. Grant Foundation*

CONSULTING

ACLU of Illinois (2016 - 2020)

American Constitution Society (2017 - 2018): “Criminal Justice Reform, Risk Assessments, and Judicial Elections”

Cherrydale Strategies (2018 - 2019)

PAST POSITIONS

2005-2006	Assistant Analyst, Congressional Budget Office
2003-2005	Senior Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution