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Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Research Professor of Public Policy, George Washington University 2025 – 2026
Visiting Researcher, Center for Economic Behavior & Inequality, University of Copenhagen 2025 – 2026
Amsterdam Assistant Professor of Public Policy, George Washington University Fall 2026

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate, Crime & Education Lab, University of Chicago 2020 – Present
Affiliate, Criminal Justice Research Center, Pennsylvania State University 2023 – Present
Affiliate, Office of Labor and Economic Analysis, United States Air Force Academy 2025 – Present

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Economics, United States Air Force Academy 2023 – 2025
Postdoctoral Scholar, Criminal Justice Research Center, Pennsylvania State University 2020 – 2023
Research Director, Crime and Education Lab New York, University of Chicago 2017 – 2020
Strategy and Change Consultant, IBM Global Business Services 2007 – 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia 2017
B.S. Economics & Political Science, Mathematics minor, University of Michigan 2007

FIELDS

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Crime

PUBLICATIONS

(A Structural Model of) The Effects of High School Career and Technical Education on Employment, Wages, and Educational Attainment. 2023. *Journal of Human Capital* 17(1): 39-71.

Knowledge About Others Reduces One's Own Sense of Anonymity (with Anuj Shah). 2022. *Nature* 603: 297–301.

Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Attraction (with Aaron Chalfin and Jacob Kaplan). 2022. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 38: 891–919. (*top five journal in Criminology*)

Can Precision Policing Reduce Gun Violence? Evidence from “Gang Takedowns” in New York City (with Aaron Chalfin and Jacob Kaplan). 2021. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 40(4): 1047-1082.

WORKING PAPERS

Can Technology Facilitate Scale? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation of High Dosage Tutoring (with Monica Bhatt, Jonathan Guryan, and Salman Khan). NBER Working Paper 32510 (Under Review, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*).

Can Crime be Deterred at Low Cost? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in New York (with Oludamilare Aboaba, Aaron Chalfin, Lucie Parker, and Patrick Sharkey). NBER Working Paper 32455 (Under Review, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*).

Parole Supervision on the Margins (Under Review, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*).

Parole Officer Effects on Reentry: Support, Deterrence, and Bias.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

One Size Doesn't Fit All – The Heterogeneous Effects of Prison Programs.

Within-Officer Bias in Arrest and Use of Force Decisions – Evidence from Dallas (with Adam Soliman).

The Effects of Monetary Retention Bonuses on Career Decisions: Experimental Evidence from the U.S. Air Force (with Francis X. Murphy and Nathan Wozny).

The Waiting is the Hardest Part – The Effects of Exogenous Wait Times to Begin a Career (with Adam Bestenbostel, Kristopher Demming, and Ian MacDonald).

When to Retire? The Effects of a Transition from Pensions to a Blended Retirement System in the U.S. Military (with Zachary Fone and Nathan Wozny).

GRANTS & AWARDS

Arnold Ventures Research Grant (\$90,000) for "Parole Supervision on the Margins"	2024 – Present
Arnold Ventures Event Funding (\$40,000) for Innovation Day Conference with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Co-organizer (with Kristofer B. Bucklen, Amber Petkus, and Gary Zajac)	2024
Cialdini Prize for Field Research, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (\$1,000) for "Knowledge about Others Reduces One's Own Sense of Anonymity" (with Anuj Shah)	2024
Laura and John Arnold Foundation Research Grant (\$350,505) for "Using Technology to Reduce the Cost of High Dosage Tutoring: Experimental Evidence." Co-Principal Investigator (with Monica Bhatt and Jonathan Guryan).	2018 – Present
Overdeck Family Foundation Research Grant (\$122,000) for "Using Technology to Reduce the Cost of High Dosage Tutoring: Experimental Evidence." Co-Principal Investigator (with Monica Bhatt and Jonathan Guryan).	2018 – Present
Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award (\$200)	2016

Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$15,000)	2014 – 2015
Radulovacki Summer Research Fellowship (\$1,000)	2013
UVA Quantitative Collaborate Fellowship (\$2,000)	2012 – 2013

TEACHING

<i>Instructor</i> , United States Air Force Academy Public-Sector Economics	F2023, F2024
100% “Excellent” instructor rating (F2023)	
<i>Instructor</i> , University of Virginia Economics of the Public Sector	S2014
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , University of Virginia Graduate Microeconomic Theory II, Graduate Microeconomic Theory I, Game Theory, Principles of Microeconomics , Principles of Macroeconomics	2011-2016

PEER REVIEWER

Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Comparative Economics; Oxford Economic Papers; European Economic Review; International Review of Law & Economics; Journal of Experimental Criminology; American Law & Economics Review; Law & Policy; Educational Researcher; Criminal Justice Review; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; International Journal of Drug Policy

INVITED TALKS & CONVENINGS

- 2025 Arnold Ventures BRIDGE events (Community Service as Non-Fine Punishment, Medical and Geriatric Parole, Women in the Criminal Justice System), EXiT Network convening on Community Supervision Research, George Washington University, Southern Economic Association, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, University of Copenhagen (Center for Economic Behavior and Inequality), University of Florida, University of Virginia, West Point Social Science Seminar
- 2024 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Center for Economic Performance Policing and Crime Workshop, Fostering Public Safety Workshop, Niskanen Center Criminal Justice Convening, Pennsylvania Corrections Innovation Day, Southern Economic Association
- 2023 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Lund University, Malmö University, Southern Economic Association, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, United States Air Force Academy, University of Alabama, Western Economic Association International, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars
- 2022 American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Copenhagen Business School, ROCKWOOL Foundation, Southern Economic Association, University of Copenhagen (Center for Economic Behavior and Inequality), University of Southern Denmark
- 2021 American Society of Criminology, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Copenhagen Business School, Niskanen Center (Webinar on Reducing Violence), Virtual Crime

- Economics (VICE) Seminar – Fall, Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) Seminar – Spring, Penn State University, Southern Economic Association
- 2020 American Society of Criminology, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Mississippi State University, Office of Evaluation Sciences, Penn State University (Criminal Justice Research Center), Southern Economic Association, Tulane University (Education Research Alliance for New Orleans)
- 2017 Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, University of Chicago (Crime and Education Lab New York)
- 2016 Association for Education Finance and Policy, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Southern Economic Association, University of Virginia

REPORTS

- [Community Supervision and Public Safety: What We Know and Directions for Future Work](#) (with Jennifer Doleac). 2022. Arnold Ventures Public Safety Series Report, commissioned by Arnold Ventures.
- [Comparing COVID-19 Mortality Rates between Prisons and the Community](#) (with Kristofer B. Bucklen), 2022. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2022.2110174>.
- The Estimated Effect of the Youth Reentry Network on Criminal Justice Outcomes (with Oludamilare Aboaba and Jason Learner). 2019. Crime Lab New York Policy Brief, prepared for the New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the New York City Department of Correction, and the Friends of Island Academy (*available upon request*).
- Analysis of the “Friday Night Lights” Evening Youth Basketball Initiative (with Zach Honoroff, Natalee Rivera, and Anna Solow-Collins). 2018. Crime Lab New York Policy Brief, prepared for the New York County District Attorney’s Office (*available upon request*).
- [Variation in Mental Illness and Provision of Public Services](#) (with William C. Johnson, Brett Lissenden, and Steven Stern). 2017. *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology* 17: 1-30.

SERVICE

- Professional Service
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| <i>Review Committee</i> , APPAM 2025 Crime & Justice Sessions | 2025 |
| <i>Mentor</i> , Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics | 2023 – Present |
| <i>Co-organizer</i> , Innovation Day Conference with the PA Department of Corrections | 2024 |
- Institutional Service, United States Air Force Academy
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| <i>Undergraduate Advisor</i> , Veritatis Kong (<i>Senior Capstone Project</i>) | 2024 – 2025 |
| <i>Faculty Advisor</i> , Cadet Board Game Club | 2024 – 2025 |
| <i>Committee Member</i> , OLEA Project Development Committee | 2024 – 2025 |
| <i>Committee Member</i> , OLEA Outreach Committee | 2023 – 2025 |
- Institutional Service, University of Virginia
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| <i>Founder and Officer</i> , UVA Economics Graduate Club | 2011 – 2016 |
| <i>Vice President of Operations</i> , UVA Graduate Student Council | 2013 – 2016 |

Institutional Service, University of Michigan	
<i>External Relations Committee Member</i> , Michigan Student Assembly	2003 – 2007
<i>Director</i> , Disarmament & International Security Committee, Model UN Conference	2003 – 2007
<i>Executive Board</i> , College Democrats	2003 – 2007
<i>Board Member and Actor</i> , Residential College Players	2003 – 2007

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Temporary Appointments	
<i>Visiting Researcher</i> , Copenhagen Business School	2022 – 2023
<i>Research Assistant for Dr. Benjamin Castleman</i> , University of Virginia	2016 – 2017
Internships, University of Michigan	
<i>Intern</i> , FTI Consulting, Washington, DC	2006
<i>Intern</i> , United States House of Representatives (<i>Fred Upton - R, MI</i>), Washington, DC	2005
<i>Branch Operator</i> , College Works Painting, Ann Arbor, MI	2004
Language Proficiency	
English (<i>Native</i>), Danish (<i>Basic - A1</i>)	
Computing Proficiency	
Stata, Matlab, R, Fortran 95, Microsoft Office	
Personal Interests	
Travel, college sports, board games, movies, hiking, theater	