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## Research Interests

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Economics of Crime, Criminal Justice Reform, Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics

## Current Position

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2017– Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Criminology

## Publications and forthcoming

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“Jobs, News and Re-offending after Incarceration” with Roberto Galbiati and Arnaud Philippe. *Accepted at the Economic Journal*.

“Using Recursive Partitioning to Find and Estimate Heterogenous Treatment Effects In Randomized Clinical Trials” with Richard Berk, Andrea Buja and Matthew Olson. *Accepted at the Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

2020 “Is Police Behavior Getting Worse? The Importance of Data Selection in Evaluating Police Conduct” with John Rappaport. *Journal of Legal Studies*, 49(1), 153-198.

2017 “No Hatred or Malice, Fear or Affection: Media and Sentencing” with Arnaud Philippe, *Journal of Political Economy*, 126(5), 2134-2178.

**Economics of Crime prize**, 6th Economics of Crime Transatlantic Workshop  
Selected media coverage: France culture, Europe 1, France Inter, Ouest France, 20 minutes  
Policy brief: Note IPP number 22

2015 “When Punishment Doesn’t Pay: ‘Cold Glow’ and Decisions to Punish” with Alex Peysakhovich, *Journal of Law and Economics*, 58(3), 625-655.

2013 “What Works in Reducing Reoffending?” chapter in *Lessons from the Economics of Crime* Ed. Philip J. Cook, Stephen Machin, Oliver Marie and Giovanni Mastrobouni. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

## Ongoing Research

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“Misaligned Incentives and the Scale of Incarceration in the United States” *R & R at the Journal of Public Economics*.

“Cash Bail and Pretrial Misconduct: Impacts of a Prosecutor-Led Reform” *with Megan Stevenson*

Selected media coverage: Science Magazine, New York Times, Philadelphia Tribune

“Nudging Crime Policy: Reducing Failures to Appear for Court” *with Alissa Fishbane and Anuj Shah*

Selected media coverage: Probable Causation podcast, Boston Globe, Metro US, ABA journal, NY Daily News

Policy brief: Using Behavioral Science to Improve Criminal Justice Outcomes

“Mindfulness and Youth Violence in Chicago Public Schools” *with Jon Guryan*

## Education

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2009–2013	<b>PhD in Economics, Harvard University</b> <u>Committee:</u> Lawrence Katz, Roland Fryer, Sendhil Mullainathan, Bruce Western <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Institutions and Offending: Three Essays in the Economics of Crime and Punishment</i>
2005–2007	<b>Master in Economics, Paris School of Economics.</b> <u>Advisor:</u> Eric Maurin
2004–2005	<b>B.A. Degree, Econometrics and Sociology.</b> ENS Cachan and Paris-X
2004–2009	<b>Ecole Normale Supérieure (Ulm).</b> <i>Departments of Social Sciences</i> Paris

## Previous Professional Experience

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2013 – 2017	Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Chicago Crime Lab
2007–2009	JPAL Research Assistant in Morocco and Paris. <i>Principal Investigators:</i> Bruno Crepon, Esther Duflo and Pascaline Dupas
2006	Statistician at the French Ministry of Justice, Prison Administration

## Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

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2019	University of Austin Law School, Hertie School of Government, American Law and Economics Conference (NYU Law School), NBER Summer Institute, ENS Lyon
2018	American Law and Economics Conference (Boston University Law School), Texas A & M, University of Pennsylvania Law School
2017	AEA, NBER Summer Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime (University of Pennsylvania), Conference in Empirical Legal Studies (Cornell), APPAM
2016	Northwestern Colloquium in Law and Economics, University of Pennsylvania
2015	American Law and Economics Conference (Columbia Law School), Berkeley Goldman School, University of Chicago Harris School, Workshop for Junior Empirical-Legal Scholars (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
2014	NBER Summer Institute, Conference in Empirical Legal Studies (Berkeley Law School)
2013	NBER Summer Institute
2012	Conference in Empirical Legal Studies (Stanford Law School), Law and Economics Seminar (Harvard University), Calvo Armengol Memorial Conference in Social Economics (Pompeu Fabra University)
2011	CESifo Summer Institute: What Works in Reducing Offending?, Law and Economics Seminar (Harvard University)

## Grants, Awards and Fellowships

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2020 - 2023	Arnold Foundation – \$2,510,509, “Prosecutors and Criminal Justice Reform”, <i>Joint with Greg Ridgeway</i>
2017 - 2019	JPAL North America – \$117,966, “Nudging Chicago Youth to Consider and Plan Safe Activities”, <i>Joint with Anuj Shah</i>
2017 - 2019	JPAL North America – \$148,419, “Beyond Bail: Behavioral Insights to Reduce Failures to Appear in Court”, <i>Joint with Anuj Shah</i>
2016 - 2017	Robert R. McCormick Foundation – \$470,000, “Overcoming Dangerous Defaults”
2015 - 2017	MacArthur Foundation – \$500,000, “Applying Behavioral Science to Crime Policy”. <i>Joint with Anuj Shah and Jens Ludwig</i>
2012	NBER / NSF Crime Fellow
2011 - 2013	Inequality and Criminal Justice Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School
2010 - 2013	Considine Law and Economics Fellowship, Harvard Law School
2010 - 2011	Douglas Dillon Fellowship, Harvard University, <i>full tuition and stipend</i>
2009 - 2010	Harvard University Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University
2004 - 2009	École Normale Supérieure <i>full fellowship</i>

## Professional Services

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- Referee:** *American Economic Review, American Law and Economics Review, AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, Criminology, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Experimental Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies*
- Organizer:** *Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime (2018, 2019)*