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Research Interests

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

Current Position

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

Publications and forthcoming

“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 Experimental Criminology.*

2020 “Behavioral Nudges Reduce Failures to Appear for Court” *with Alissa Fishbane and Anuj Shah. Science, 370, 10 pages*

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

2020 “Misaligned Incentives and the Scale of Incarceration in the United States” *Journal of Public Economics, 191, 14 pages*

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

Publications and forthcoming (continued)

- 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

“Cash Bail and Pretrial Misconduct: Impacts of a Prosecutor-Led Reform” *with Megan Stevenson*
Selected media coverage: Science Magazine, New York Times, Philadelphia Tribune

Education

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

Previous Professional Experience

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

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

American Economic Association Conference, American Law and Economics Association Conference, APPAM, Berkeley Goldman School, Calvo Armengol Memorial Conference in Social Economics, CESifo Summer Institute, Conference in Empirical Legal Studies, ENS Lyon, Harvard Law and Economics Seminar, Hertie School of Government, NBER Summer Institute, Northwestern Law and Economics, Texas A & M, University of Austin Law School, Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime, University of Chicago Harris School, UPenn CHIBE, UPenn Criminology, UPenn Law School, Workshop for Junior Empirical-Legal Scholars

Grants, Awards and Fellowships

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

Reviewer:	<i>American Economic Review, American Law and Economics Review, AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, AEJ: Microeconomics, AER: Insights, 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 Law Economics and Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, JPAL, Justice Quarterly, NSF, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Stanford Law Review</i>
Organizer:	<i>Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime (2018, 2019, 2020)</i>