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EDUCATION	<p>University of Chicago Ph.D., Sociology, 2023– M.A., Sociology Dissertation: “Governing Against the City: Police Unions and the Limits of Police Reform” Committee: Robert Vargas (chair), Geoffrey Wodtke, Julian Go, Gerard Torrats-Espinosa (Columbia)</p> <p>Wesleyan University B.A., College of Social Studies, 2018</p>
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Policing, Urban Sociology, Race & Ethnicity, Inequality, Quantitative Methodology
EMPLOYMENT & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Graduate Student Research Scholar, Policing Project at NYU School of Law, 2025–</p> <p>Research Assistant, UChicago Justice Project, 2023–</p> <p>Program Associate, Redefining Safety Program, Vera Institute of Justice, 2019–2023</p> <p>Research Assistant, <i>New York Times</i>, 2017–2018</p>
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b>, Jon Ben-Menachem* &amp; Brenden Beck. 2025. “Can Speed Cameras Make Streets Safer? Quasi-Experimental Evidence From New York City.” <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press: Vital City, Streetsblog NYC. In the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric. 99th percentile Attention Score compared to outputs of the same age.</li></ul> <p>Pope, Leah G., <b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b>, et al. 2023. “Competing Concerns in Efforts to Reduce Criminal Legal System Entanglement among People with Serious Mental Illnesses: Findings from a Multi-City Study on Misdemeanor Arrests.” <i>Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research</i> 50(5-6).</p> <p>Compton, Michael T., Leah G. Pope, Amanda Warnock, Nili Gesser, <b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b>, et al. 2023. “Contexts Shaping Misdemeanor System Interventions with People Affected by Mental Illnesses: Findings from a Multi-City System Mapping Exercise.” <i>Health and Justice</i> 11.</p>

Compton, Michael T., Adria Zern, Leah G. Pope, Nili Gesser, **Aaron Stagoff-Belfort**, et al. 2022. “Misdemeanor Charges Among Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses: A Statewide Analysis of More Than Two Million Arrests.” *Psychiatric Services*.

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BOOK CHAPTERS	<p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b> &amp; Jason Tan de Bibiana. 2024. “Being in the Wrong Place: Criminal Trespass and Criminal Legal System Entanglement.” <i>Entangled: How People with Serious Mental Illnesses Get and Stay Caught up in Misdemeanor Systems</i>, Leah G. Pope, Amy C. Watson, Jennifer D. Wood, and Michael T. Compton, eds. Washington, DC: APA Publishing.</p>
UNDER REVIEW	<p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b>, Ángela Zorro Medina &amp; Robert Vargas. “The Diffusion of Policing Alternatives in U.S. Cities After the George Floyd Protests.” <i>Second-Revise-and-Resubmit at American Sociological Review</i>.</p> <p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b>. “The Institutional Production of Housing Instability: Neighborhood Exposure to Intensive Low-Level Policing and Extractive Landlord Practices.” <i>Under Review at American Sociological Review</i>.</p>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b> &amp; Devin Green. “The Rise of Police Unions and Civil Rights Backlash, 1960–1976.”</p> <p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b>. “Police Overtime and Use of Force.”</p> <p><b>Stagoff-Belfort, Aaron</b>. “Policing Cop Enclaves: Racial Bias and Officer Residential Context.”</p>
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<p>Jason Tan de Bibiana, Kerry Mulligan, <b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b>, Daniela Gilbert. 2023. “Coordinating Safety: Building and Sustaining Offices of Violence Prevention and Neighborhood Safety.” Vera Institute of Justice.</p> <p><b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b>, Dan Bodah, and Daniela Gilbert. 2022. “The Social Costs of Policing.” Vera Institute of Justice.</p> <p>Jackson Beck, <b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b>, and Jason Tan de Bibiana. 2022. “Civilian Crisis Response: A Toolkit for Equitable Alternatives to Policing.” Vera Institute of Justice.</p> <p><b>Aaron Stagoff-Belfort</b> and Mary Fleck. 2021. “Reducing Policing’s Footprint? Racial Disparities and Arrest Trends After Misdemeanor Decriminalization and Legalization in Denver and Philadelphia.” Vera Institute of Justice.</p>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$159,000), 2025</p> <p>Charles R. Henderson Research Fund Grant, University of Chicago (\$3,500), 2025</p> <p>Research Grant, Midwest Sociological Society (\$2,500), 2025</p> <p>Urban Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation (\$1,000), 2024</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2025: Arnold Ventures and George Mason: Justice Reimagined; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting; American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; UChicago Spring Institute; UChicago Race &amp; Racial Ideologies Working Group</p> <p>2024: American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; UChicago Critical Social Science Initiative</p> <p>2023: American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting</p> <p>2022: American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; Motion for Justice National Convening at Vera Institute of Justice</p> <p>2021: Temple Law Review and the Center for Public Health Law Research Symposium; Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of Chicago</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, <i>Regression and Generalized Linear Models</i> (Prof. Geoffrey Wodtke), 2026</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, <i>Cities, Space, Power: Intro to Urban Social Science</i> (Prof. Neil Brenner), 2026</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, <i>Statistical Methods of Research-II</i> (Prof. Geoffrey Wodtke), 2025</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, <i>Introduction to Applied Statistics and Data Science</i> (Prof. Marshall Jean), 2025</p> <p>The Petey Greene Program</p> <p>Prison Education Tutor, 2020–2023</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Assistant Editor, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>, 2025–</p>
JOURNAL REFEREE	<p><i>Police Quarterly</i></p>
AFFILIATIONS	<p>American Sociological Association (ASA)</p> <p>American Society of Criminology (ASC)</p> <p>Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)</p> <p>Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)</p> <p>Law &amp; Society Association (LSA)</p>
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