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Fields

Primary Fields: Labor Economics; Applied Microeconomics
Secondary Field: Economics of Crime

Education

University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy 2020 - 2026 (expected)
PhD

University of Wisconsin - Madison 2014 - 2018
B.A. in Economics with a mathematical emphasis
Minors in Mathematics and Middle Eastern Studies
Graduate with distinction

References

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Job Market Paper

Does Distance from Home Matter in Prison? Effects on Visitation and Recidivism

This paper studies how the distance between prison and an incarcerated individual's home affects their likelihood of recidivism. Leveraging a unique dataset covering more than 20,000 incarcerated individuals and over 200,000 prison visits, I exploit quasi-random variation in home-to-prison distance generated by facility assignment rules. I find that a 100-mile increase in placement distance raises prison readmission within 3 years by almost 4 percent. This effect is driven by a reduction in visitation, with individuals placed farther from home receiving significantly less visits. While social support is theorized to reduce recidivism, there is limited causal evidence on how maintaining these connections through visitation during incarceration affects recidivism. To address this, I use distance as an instrument for visitation, and find that an additional visit per month lowers the likelihood of re-incarceration by roughly 14 percent within one year post-release and 7 percent within three years post-release. I also show that an additional visit per month shortens the fraction of sentence served by one percent and reduces housing instability by 12 percent, the former consistent with a reduction in misconduct and the latter an important mechanism for successful

post-release outcomes. Counterfactual estimates suggest assigning individuals closer to home could reduce recidivism by 2 to 4 percent.

Working Papers

An evaluation of Crisis-Intervention Team (CIT) training

Police officers in the United States are most often the first responders to a mental health crisis. The most popular training method for these responses among US police departments is crisis-intervention team (CIT) training. This paper provides the first estimates of the causal effect of CIT training on a police officer's propensity to use force and make an arrest. I implement a difference-in-differences framework using future trainees as controls to compare officer use of force and arrest of trained officers to those of untrained officers. I do not find a statistically significant effect of CIT training on either use of force or propensity to arrest.

Works in Progress

Prison Diversion for Parents

Pre-PhD Publications

The Distributional Financial Accounts of the United States

with Michael Batty, Jesse Bricker, Joseph Briggs, Sarah Friedman, Eric Nielsen, Kamila Sommer and Alice Henriques Volz (Chapter in NBER Books Series Studies in Income and Wealth, 2020)

The Stability of Safe Asset Production

with Sara Almasani, Michael Batty, and Wayne Passmore (FEDS Note, 2020)

Grants

Arnold Ventures Research Grant, PI (\$53,000)	2024
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Teaching Experience

Harris School

Program Evaluation	Head TA for Prof. Fiona Burlig	Spring 2024
Police Reform and Police Legitimacy	TA for Prof. Robert Owens	Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024
Advanced Statistics	Head TA for Prof. Dan Black	Fall 2023
Introductory Microeconomics	Head TA for Profs. Tom Coleman and Zarek Brot	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Cost-Benefit Analysis	Head TA for Prof. Kathryn Ierulli	Winter 2021, Winter 2022

UChicago Econ Dept.

Inequality: Theory, Methods and Evidence (PhD Level); TA for Profs. Dan Black and Steven Durlauf Spring 2022

Becker Friedman Institute

Causal Inference and Data Analysis (Undergrad level) Summer 2021, Summer 2022, Summer 2023

Professional Experience

Cornerstone Research

Summer Associate, Chicago office	Summer 2025
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Seminars and Conferences

Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Conference <i>scheduled</i>	March 2026
AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting <i>scheduled</i>	Jan 2026
Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting	Nov 2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference	Nov 2025
University of Chicago Crime Lab	Oct 2025
Arnold Ventures BRIDGE event: Women in the Criminal Justice System	Aug 2025
Justice Reimagined: A Graduate Workshop Series (George Mason University)	May 2025
Arnold Ventures BRIDGE event: Victims of Violent Crime	Sept 2024

Service

Reviewer; Police Practice and Research: An International Journal	2025
UW-Madison Women in Economics Mentor	2023, 2025
Harris School PhD Admin Search Interviewer	2024
UW-Madison EconEx Project Mentor	2020

Other

Citizenship: USA
Languages: English (native), Hebrew (proficient)