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Education

University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

2020 - 2026 (expected)

PhD

Fields: Labor Economics; Applied Microeconomics

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

Professor Dan Black (Chair) University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy danblack@uchicago.edu Professor Evan Rose University of Chicago Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics ekrose@uchicago.edu

Professor Dmitri Koustas University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy dkoustas@uchicago.edu

Job Market Paper

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

Abstract: The United States incarcerates over one million individuals annually, with high recidivism rates driving persistent incarceration levels. While social support is theorized to reduce recidivism, there is limited causal evidence on how maintaining these connections during incarceration affects post-release outcomes. To provide novel evidence on this, I leverage a unique dataset covering more than 20,000 incarcerated individuals and over 200,000 prison visits, and by exploiting exogenous 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 3.5 percent. This effect is driven by a reduction in visitation, with individuals placed farther from home being significantly less likely to receive visits. Using distance as an instrument for visitation, I find that visitation lowers the likelihood of re-incarceration by about 8 percentage points within one year and 11 percentage points within three years. Finally, I show that visitation also shortens the fraction of time served by almost 4 percentage points and reduces housing instability by 16 percentage points, the former consistent with a reduction in misconduct and the latter an important mechanism for successful reentry. Counterfactual estimates suggest assigning individuals closer to home could reduce recidivism by an additional 3 to 4 percent.

Working Papers

An evaluation of Crisis-Intervention Team (CIT) training

Abstract: 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

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 2025

Summer Associate, Chicago office

Federal Reserve Board of Governors

2018 - 2020

Senior Research Assistant

Flow of Funds Section, Division of Research and Statistics

Seminars and Conferences

AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting accepted	Jan 2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference accepted	Nov 2025
Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting accepted	Nov 2025
University of Chicago Crime Lab scheduled	Oct 2025
Arnold Ventures BRIDGE event: Women in the Criminal Justice System	$\mathrm{Aug}\ 2025$
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)