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## Education

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**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

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## Job Market Paper

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### 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 networks are theorized to facilitate reentry, there is limited causal evidence on how maintaining these connections during incarceration affects post-release outcomes. This paper studies how the distance between an incarcerated person's home and their assigned prison affects recidivism. I exploit exogenous variation in home-to-prison distance generated by facility assignment rules to estimate (i) the causal effect of placement distance on post-release outcomes and (ii) the causal effect of visitation, which serves as the mechanism linking distance to recidivism. I first document that placing incarcerated individuals 100 additional miles from home increases prison readmission by 1 percentage point within 3 years. I then show that visitation is the most likely mechanism through which distance impacts recidivism with individuals placed farther from home being both far less likely to receive any visits and receive significantly fewer visits. Next, I use variation in prison distance as an instrument for visitation and 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. visitation also shortens time served by 6.5 percent, which is consistent with a reduction in misconduct. Finally, I provide evidence that access to stable housing is a potential mechanism through which visitation operates, with visitation reducing housing instability by 16 percentage points.*

# 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 Battay, 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 Battay, 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 Associate, Chicago office Summer 2025

## Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Senior Research Assistant 2018 - 2020  
Flow of Funds Section, Division of Research and Statistics

## Seminars and Conferences

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AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting <i>accepted</i>	Jan 2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference <i>accepted</i>	Nov 2025
Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting <i>accepted</i>	Nov 2025
University of Chicago Crime Lab <i>scheduled</i>	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

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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

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