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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)
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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. Although many in-prison and post-release programs have been studied, with mixed results, routine administrative practices are given less attention. I study one such practice: individual prison assignment and how far people are housed from home. I leverage a unique dataset covering more than 20,000 incarcerated individuals and over 200,000 prison visits, and exploit 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. 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 overcome this, I use distance as an instrument for visitation, and 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 2 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 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

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

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)