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#### Education

2020 (Expected) Ph.D. in Criminology

University of Pennsylvania

Dissertation: The Effect of Lighting and Building Security on

Crime

2016 M.S. in Criminology

University of Pennsylvania

Thesis: Assessing the Effect of Hiring Standards on

Minority Recruitment in Police

2015 B.S. in Criminal Justice

California State University, Sacramento

#### **Publications**

• **Kaplan, J**, Chalfin, A. More Cops, Fewer Prisoners? *Criminology & Public Policy*. 2019;18:171-200. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12424">https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12424</a>

## Manuscripts Under Review

- Kaplan, J. "The Effect of Card Reader Locks on Theft on a University Campus"
- **Kaplan, J** & Goh, L.S. "Harm Reduction in Family Violence: Does Marijuana Make Assaults Safer?"
- Kaplan, J. "The Effect of Moonlight on Outdoor Nighttime Crime"
- **Kaplan, J**, Ling, S, & Cuellar, M. "Public Beliefs About the Accuracy and Importance of Forensic Evidence in the United States"
- Chalfin, A, **Kaplan, J**, & Cuellar, M. "Re-Examining the Law of Crime Concentration: Between- and Within-City Evidence"

# Work in Progress

- Chalfin, A, **Kaplan, J**, & LaForest, M. "Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Displacement: Evidence from Chicago"
- Kaplan, J. "Outdoor Lighting and Arrests: A Natural Experiment Using Daylight Savings

Time"

- Chalfin, A, Kaplan, J, & Nguyen, V. "Police Manpower and Local Jail Utilization"
- Ling, S, **Kaplan**, **J**, & Berryessa, C. "The Importance of Forensic Evidence on Decisions of Criminal Guilt"
- **Kaplan, J** & Ling, S. "The Role of Victim Race and Immigrant Status on Decisions of Criminal Guilt"
- **Kaplan, J.** "The Effect of Hiring Standards on Minority Representations in Police Departments"
- Kaplan, J. "Are Animal Abusers Like Other Violent Offenders?"

## **Teaching Experience**

#### **Crime by the Numbers**

This book introduces the programming language R and is meant for undergrads or graduate students studying criminology. R is a programming language that is well-suited to the type of work frequently done in criminology - taking messy data and turning it into useful information. While R is a useful tool for many fields of study, this book focuses on the skills criminologists should know and uses crime data for the example data sets.

Available at https://crimebythenumbers.com/

2016 - 2019 **Teaching Assistant,** Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania. "Research Methods and Crime Analysis" (Graduate)

"Statistics for Social Science" (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant, Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania.

"Program Evaluation and Data Analysis" (Graduate)

2014 - 2015 **Teaching Assistant,** Department of Biology, California State University,

Sacramento.

"Biology: A Human Perspective" (Undergraduate)

## **Professional Experience**

2018 - 2020 Consultant for Philadelphia City Commissioner Al Schmidt.

Produced a website to allow Dr. Schmidt's team to analyze voting data.

2018 **Research Assistant,** Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania. Produced and tested code to convert voting records into a report for the Philadelphia City Commissioner.

2017 - 2018 **Research Assistant,** National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). Wrote the Justice Data Learning Guide: No. 2, "Using the Law Enforcement

Agency Identifiers Crosswalk (LEAIC)."

2016 **Research Assistant,** Dr. Emily Owens, University of Pennsylvania.

Collected, cleaned, and prepared Census data for analysis and visualization.

#### **Presentations**

"Making UCR Data Accessible to Researchers"

2019 Panel Paper, American Society of Criminology

"More Cops, Fewer Prisoners?"

2019 Panel Paper, Western Society of Criminology

2018 Panel Paper, Associations for Public Policy Analysis & Management

"Moonlight and Crime: A Quasi-Experimental Approach"

2018 Roundtable, American Society of Criminology

"The Effect of Card Reader Locks on Theft on a University Campus"

2018 Poster, Associations for Public Policy Analysis & Management

2017 Poster, American Society of Criminology

#### Software

fastDummies: R package for quickly and efficiently making binary columns out

(98k downloads) of categorical columns. It also fills in "dummy rows" for data sets missing

rows of data based on all combinations of categorical and date columns.

Available at https://jacobkap.github.io/fastDummies/

asciiSetupReader: R package for reading fixed-width ASCII files that have an

(12k downloads) .sps or.sas setup file. It also allows users to quickly generate setup files.

Available at https://jacobkap.github.io/asciiSetupReader/

caesar: R package to encrypt and decrypt strings using a simple Caesar cipher or a

(9k downloads) pseudorandom number generation.

Available at <a href="https://jacobkap.github.io/caesar/">https://jacobkap.github.io/caesar/</a>

predictrace: R package to predict the race of a surname using U.S. Census data which

(2k downloads) says how many people of each race has a certain surname.

Available at https://jacobkap.github.io/predictrace/

## List of data collected, cleaned, and made publicly available

Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll (ASPEP) 1992-2016

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E101399V5

Annual Survey of State Government Finances 1992-2016

Available at <a href="http://doi.org/10.3886/E101880V2">http://doi.org/10.3886/E101880V2</a>

Apparent Per Capita Alcohol Consumption: National, State, and Regional Trends 1977-2016

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E105583V3

California Department of Corrections Data

Available at <a href="http://doi.org/10.3886/E108602V1">http://doi.org/10.3886/E108602V1</a>

California Jail Profile Survey 1995-2019

Available at https://doi.org/10.3886/E104560V5

Texas Commission on Jail Standards 1992-2017

Available at https://doi.org/10.3886/E104643V1

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Statistics and Summaries

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E109522V2

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Arrests by Age, Sex, and Race 1974-2016 Available at <a href="http://doi.org/10.3886/E102263V8">http://doi.org/10.3886/E102263V8</a>

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Arson 1979-2017

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E103540V5

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: County-Level Detailed Arrest and Offense Data Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E108164V3

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Hate Crime Data 1992-2017

Available at <a href="http://doi.org/10.3886/E103500V5">http://doi.org/10.3886/E103500V5</a>

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) 196-2017

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E102180V6

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Offenses Known and Clearances by Arrest 1960-2017

Available at http://doi.org/10.3886/E100707V11

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Property Stolen and Recovered (Supplement to Return A) 1960-2017

Available at <a href="http://doi.org/10.3886/E105403V3">http://doi.org/10.3886/E105403V3</a>

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Supplementary Homicide Reports 1976-2018 Available at <a href="https://doi.org/10.3886/E100699V8">https://doi.org/10.3886/E100699V8</a>

United States Governors 1775-2018

Available at <a href="https://doi.org/10.3886/E102000V1">https://doi.org/10.3886/E102000V1</a>