

James M. Reeves

Department of Economics
University of Michigan
238 Lorch Hall
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Email: jmreeves@umich.edu
Website: jmreeves.github.io

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan, 2019-2025 (Expected)
M.A. in Economics, University of Colorado Denver, 2017
M.S. in Finance and Risk Management, University of Colorado Denver, 2017
B.A. in Economics/Mathematics, Western Washington University, 2015

Research

Fields: Labor Economics, Public Finance, and Economics of Crime

Dissertation

Examining Agent Behavior in the Criminal Justice System

Chapter 1: “Multitasking, Incentives, and Police Officer Behavior” [Job Market Paper]

Chapter 2: “Measuring Discrimination Using Natural Experiments” (with Nikhil Rao)

Chapter 3: The Direct and Intergenerational Effects of Criminal History-Based Safety Net Bans in the U.S.” (with Michael Mueller-Smith, Kevin Schnepel, and Caroline Walker) *Under Review*.

Chapter 4: “Discrimination and Permissible Considerations in Bail Decisions”

Publications

“Voting and Political Participation in the Aftermath of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic” with Hani Mansour, *Forthcoming at Journal of Human Resources*.

“JUE Insight: Condominium Development Does Not Lead to Gentrification” with Leah P. Boustan, Robert A. Margo, Matthew M. Miller, and Justin P. Steil, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 133: 103524, 2023.

Working Papers

“Agency Incentives and Disparate Revenue Collection: Evidence from Chicago Parking Tickets” with Elizabeth Luh and Benjamin Pyle, *Under Review*.

“Gender Differences in Political Career Progression” with Ryan Brown, Hani Mansour, and Stephen D. O’Connell, *Revision Requested at Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

Work in Progress

“Intergenerational Effects of Parental Job Loss in the U.S.” with Andrew Joung,
FSRDC Project #2854. (Results undergoing U.S. Census Bureau disclosure review.)

“Long-Run and Intergenerational Effects of the Great Recession on Criminal Justice Involvement” with Andrew Joung, *FSRDC Project #2854. (Results undergoing U.S. Census Bureau disclosure review.)*

“Examining Interventions to Improve the Outcomes of Justice-Involved Individuals” with Nikhil Rao, *FSRDC Project #2957.*

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan, Fall 2020, Winter 2021
Department of Economics
Graduate Student Instructor

Principles of Economics I

University of Colorado Denver, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017
Department of Economics
Teaching Assistant

Econometrics II (Master’s level)
Econometrics I (Master’s level)
Summer Math Camp (Master’s level)
Statistics with Computer Applications (3 times)
Principles of Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics

Research Experience

University of Michigan, 2020 – Present
Criminal Justice Administrative Records System
Graduate Student Research Assistant

Princeton University, 2017 – 2019
Industrial Relations Section
Research assistant for Leah Boustan, Will Dobbie, Alan B. Krueger, and Alexandre Mas

University of Colorado Denver, 2016 – 2017
Department of Economics
Research assistant for Ryan Brown and Hani Mansour

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Third Year Paper Award, 2022
Department of Economics Summer Research Award, 2020, 2021
Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Predoctoral Fellow, 2019 – 2020
University of Colorado Denver CLAS Outstanding M.A. Graduate Student, 2017
Settlemyer Family Scholarship, 2013
Western Washington University College of Business and Economics Distinguished Scholar, 2012
Western Washington University President’s Scholar, 2012

External Presentations

2024: NBER Children & Families Spring Meeting, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop, UW-UM-MSU-UWO Labour Day, American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association Annual Meeting

2023: Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Midwestern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Kennesaw State University

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

Referee Service

American Journal of Health Economics, American Law and Economics Review, Review of Economics of the Household

Other

Analytical Programming: Stata, R, Matlab, and L^AT_EX

Citizenship: U.S.

United States Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status, 2020 – Present

References

*The Economics Ph.D. Placement Office is handling all reference requests.
Please direct all inquiries to Econ-PhDplacements@umich.edu*

Michael Mueller-Smith (Chair)
Associate Professor of Economics
Department of Economics
University of Michigan
mgms@umich.edu
(734) 763-3437

Mel Stephens
Professor of Economics
Department of Economics
University of Michigan
mstep@umich.edu
(734) 647-5606

Sarah Miller
Associate Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
University of Michigan
mille@umich.edu
(734) 647-6978

Benjamin Scuderi
Assistant Professor of Economics
Department of Economics
University of Michigan
bscuderi@umich.edu

Last updated: October 4, 2024