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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Economics & Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University <b>Assistant Professor</b> , Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University <b>Senior Research Director</b> , Crime and Education Labs, University of Chicago	2021– 2020–2021 2016–2020
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> , Cornell Population Center, Cornell University <b>Affiliate</b> , Crime Lab and Education Lab, University of Chicago	2020– 2020–
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. Economics</b> , University of Michigan <b>B.S. in Finance &amp; Actuarial Science</b> , New York University	2016 2007

FIELDS Crime, education, health, and labor economics; applied econometrics

## RESEARCH *Publications*

1. “Predicting and Preventing Gun Violence: An Experimental Evaluation of READI Chicago” (with Monica P. Bhatt, Sara B. Heller, Marianne Bertrand, and Chris Blattman). Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.
2. “[Housing Voucher Take-Up and Labor Market Impacts](#)” (with Eric Chyn and Joshua Hyman), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 38(1): 65-98. Winter 2019.
3. “[The Impact of Housing Assistance on Child Outcomes: Evidence from a Randomized Housing Lottery](#)” (with Brian A. Jacob and Jens Ludwig), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 130(1): 465-506. February 2015.

## *Working Papers*

1. “Policing and Management” (with Terrence D. Neumann and Jens Ludwig). 2022. [NBER Working Paper 29851](#).
2. “Machine Learning Can Predict Shooting Victimization Well Enough to Help Prevent It” (with Sara B. Heller, Benjamin Jakubowski, and Zubin Jelveh). 2022. [NBER Working Paper 30170](#). Revise & resubmit, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.

## *In Progress*

1. “Improving Fatherhood Outcomes for Non-Resident Fathers” (with Isaac Ahuvia, Rachael Maguire, and Steve Raphael)
2. “Providing Intensive Wraparound Supports for Disengaged Chicago Youth: A Randomized Evaluation” (with Nour Abdul-Razzak and Max Lubell)
3. “The Effect of Police Spending on Crime: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” (with Philip J. Cook, Jens Ludwig, and Doug Miller)
4. “We’re Building Something Here: Reducing Gun Violence Without Exacerbating the Harms of Policing in Baltimore’s Western District” (with Jeremy Biddle, Anthony Braga, Aaron Chalfin, Cristina Layana, Ben Struhl, and Brian Wade)
5. Experimental evaluation of the Policing Leadership Academy (with Anthony Braga, Aaron Chalfin, and Dylan Fitzpatrick)

	6. Long-term follow-up of READI Chicago, including health outcomes (with Monica P. Bhatt, Sara B. Heller, Marianne Bertrand, and Chris Blattman)	
SELECTED RESEARCH DISSEMINATION	<p>“The Evidence Says Police Management Can Reduce Violent Crime” (with Kenneth Corey and Jens Ludwig). <i>Vital City</i>. July 31, 2023. <a href="https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/how-better-police-management-can-reduce-violent-crime">https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/how-better-police-management-can-reduce-violent-crime</a></p> <p>Probable Causation (podcast). February 28, 2023. <a href="https://www.probablecausation.com/podcasts/episode-88-sara-heller-and-max-kapustin">https://www.probablecausation.com/podcasts/episode-88-sara-heller-and-max-kapustin</a></p> <p>“Gun Violence in the U.S.” (with Sara B. Heller). <i>EconoFact</i>. November 14, 2022 (article). <a href="https://econofact.org/gun-violence-in-the-u-s">https://econofact.org/gun-violence-in-the-u-s</a>. December 4, 2022 (podcast). <a href="https://econofact.org/podcast/gun-violence-in-the-united-states">https://econofact.org/podcast/gun-violence-in-the-united-states</a></p> <p>“Getting more out of policing in the US” (with Jens Ludwig and Terrence Neumann). <i>VoxEU</i>. May 7, 2022. <a href="https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/getting-more-out-policing-us">https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/getting-more-out-policing-us</a></p> <p>Media coverage: <i>The Atlantic</i>, <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i>, <i>Chicago Tribune</i>, <i>The Hill</i>, <i>The New York Times</i>, <i>New York Magazine</i>, <i>NBC News</i>, <i>PolitiFact</i>, <i>Reuters</i>, <i>WBEZ Chicago</i></p>	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p><b>Reviewer:</b> National Science Foundation</p> <p><b>Referee:</b> <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>, <i>American Economic Journal: Policy</i>, <i>American Journal of Public Health</i>, <i>American Law and Economics Review</i>, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i>, <i>Journal of Human Resources</i>, <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>, <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>, <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i></p>	
EXTERNAL GRANTS	NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (\$1,867,461)	2021 – 2024
	<p><b>Award:</b> R01MD017194</p> <p><b>Project Title:</b> “The Efficacy of Combining Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Supported Employment as a Violence Prevention Strategy: An Evaluation of READI Chicago.”</p> <p><b>Principal Investigators:</b> Marianne Bertrand, Monica P. Bhatt, Chris Blattman, Sara B. Heller, and Max Kapustin</p>	
	The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (\$987,634)	2018 – 2022
	<p><b>Project Title:</b> “The Efficacy of Combining Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Supported Employment as a Violence Prevention Strategy: An Evaluation of READI Chicago.”</p> <p><b>Principal Investigators:</b> Marianne Bertrand, Monica P. Bhatt, Chris Blattman, Sara B. Heller, and Max Kapustin</p>	
	The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (\$281,776)	2019 – 2022
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	Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$91,262)	2019 – 2020
	<p><b>Project Title:</b> “Reducing Gun Violence through Precision Policing: An evaluation of the Chicago Police Department’s Strategic Decision Support Centers.”</p> <p><b>Principal Investigators:</b> Max Kapustin, Jens Ludwig, and Terrence Neumann</p>	

PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2023:</b> George Washington University (Economics), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Cornell University (Health Economics), St. Olaf College</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE); University of Chicago and LSE Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice (London); NBER Summer Institute (Crime); Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Milan); National Research Conference on Firearm Injury Prevention; APPAM</p> <p><b>2021:</b> Harvard University (Radcliffe Institute); Stockholm Criminology Symposium</p> <p><b>2020:</b> Cornell University (PAM); University of Notre Dame (Economics); University of Wisconsin-Madison (Ag. &amp; Applied Econ); University of Chicago and LSE Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice (canceled); APPAM</p> <p><b>2019:</b> University of Pennsylvania (Criminology); University of Wisconsin-Madison (La Follette)</p> <p><b>2018:</b> NBER Summer Institute (Crime); APPAM</p> <p><b>2016:</b> American Society of Health Economists; APPAM</p> <p><b>2015:</b> University of Michigan (Economics)</p> <p><b>2013:</b> APPAM; American Society of Criminology</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Economics of Crime</b> (2020-23)</p> <p><b>Causal Reasoning and Policy Evaluation I</b> (2020-23)</p>