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Researcher and data analyst in think tanks, specializing in streamlining data processes and translating complex criminal justice and economic insights into clear, actionable language.

Education

- Master of Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 2022
- Applied Econometrics, George Mason University, 2018
- Master of Arts in Political Science, North Carolina State University, 2016

Employment

- Research Specialist, [Council on Criminal Justice](#), 2024–Present
- Faculty Specialist Research Analyst, [Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy](#) at the University of Maryland College Park, 2023
- Researcher, [Institute for Justice](#), 2016-2022
- Research Intern, [John Locke Foundation](#), Fall 2016
- Deputy Clerk, Wake County Clerk of Criminal Court in North Carolina, 2015-2016

Awards

- Frédéric Bastiat Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022
- Don Lavoie Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2020

Research & Reports

- [Women’s Justice: By the Numbers](#), 2024
- [How Sunrise Reviews Help Keep Regulation Focused on Health and Safety](#), 2022
- [Too Many Licenses? Government Sunrise Reviews Cast Doubt on Barriers to Work](#), 2022
- [The Abuse of Civil Asset Forfeiture](#), 2020
- [Barriers to Braiding: Illinois Analysis](#), 2019

Testimony

- Support of [HB 1101](#) to limit equitable sharing, oral testimony submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, New Hampshire, April 2022.
- Support of [HB 1493](#) to clarify transparency requirements, oral testimony submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, New Hampshire, April 2022.

- [Support of HB 1328—Comprehensive Forfeiture Reporting](#), oral and written testimony submitted to the House Judiciary Committee, South Dakota, February 2022.

Presentations

- [Women’s Arrest Rate by Offense](#), Women’s Justice Commission, 2024
- [Women’s Justice: By the Numbers](#), Women’s Justice Commission, 2024
- [Civil Forfeiture in Illinois and Chicago](#), Chicago Council of Lawyers, 2021

Op-Eds

- [IRS Stole Money and Hid the Details for Years](#), 2022
- [Mayor Lightfoot’s Civil Forfeiture Proposal Encourages Policing for Profit, Not Reducing Violent Crime](#), 2021
- [Scrap the Licensing Bottleneck](#), 2018

Podcast Episodes

- [IRS Will Finally Hand Over Civil Forfeiture Data](#), 2022
- [Sunrise Review and Right-Sizing Occupational Regulation](#), 2022