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DEGREES

2018–2024 (*expected*) Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University
2016–2018 M.A. in Economics, American University of Beirut
2013–2016 B.A. in Economics, American University of Beirut

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Economics of Crime

PUBLICATIONS

Mikdash, Maya, and Reem Zaiour (2022). “Does (all) Police Violence Cause De-policing? Evidence from George Floyd and Police Shootings in Minneapolis”, *AEA Papers and Proceedings*

WORKING PAPERS

Mikdash, Maya, and Reem Zaiour. “The Impact of Police Shootings on Gun Violence and Civilian Cooperation” *under review*

Abstract: This paper studies the effect of exposure to police involved shootings on gun violence and crime reporting as a measure of civilian cooperation. To distinguish between crime reporting and crime incidence, we use administrative data on 911 calls and ShotSpotter data from Minneapolis. By exploiting the variation in the timing and the distance to these incidents, we show that exposure to a police shooting increases gun-related crimes by 5-7 percent and decreases shots reported by 1-2 percent. Taken together, this implies a 6 to 9 percent decrease in the reporting rate following a police shooting.

Mikdash, Maya. “The Impact of Internal Oversight on Arrest and Use of Force”

Abstract: While there is much desire for holding police accountable for misconduct, there is little evidence on whether the most common accountability system, internal affairs, impacts police behavior in intended or unintended ways. Using data from a large city where there is conditionally random assignment of officers to 911 calls, I employ regression discontinuity and difference-in-differences methods to distinguish the impact of investigations from confounding factors. Results indicate that increased oversight from internal investigations does not change an officer’s likelihood of making an arrest or using force. This is true across different types of allegations, including those that are sustained. Surprisingly, even imposing sanctions after a sustained allegation does not change police behavior, irrespective of the severity of the sanction. This has important policy implications, as it suggests that the current system of internal oversight has no impact on police behavior.

Mikdash, Maya, and Suhyeon Oh. “Do Court-appointed Attorneys Favor Same Race Defendants?” (*draft coming soon*)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Adger, Chandon, Mark Hoekstra, and Maya Mikdash. “Race and Police Use of Force.”

Mark Hoekstra, Maya Mikdash, and CarlyWill Sloan. “Racial Disparities in Police Use of Force.”

Mikdash, Maya, George Naufal, and Bethany Patterson. “The Effect of Attorney Payment on Indigent Case Outcomes: Evidence from Texas”

Berkouwer, Susanna, Pierre Biscaye, Maya Mikdash, Catherine Wolfram, and Steve Puller. "The Economics of Grid Reliability and Voltage Improvements."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	June 2020–Present	Research Assistant to Professor Steve Puller, Texas A&M University
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Summer 2022	Primary Instructor , ECON 489: SPTP: Economics of Crime, Texas A&M University
	Spring 2020	TA, ECMT 676: Econometrics II (PhD level), Texas A&M University
	Fall 2019	TA, ECMT 463: Introduction to Econometrics, Texas A&M University
	Fall 2017	TA, ECON 212: Principles of Macroeconomics, American University of Beirut
CONFERENCES (*SCHEDULED)	2023	LSE Crime and Policing Workshop* APEE The Association of Private Enterprise Education (presentation) AEA American Economic Association Conference (poster)
	2022	AEA American Economic Association Conference (presentation) APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (presentation) SEA Southern Economic Association (presentation)
	2021	SEA Southern Economic Association (presentation) APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (presentation, canceled)
GRANTS & AWARDS	2022	Private Enterprise Research Center's M.J. Grove Scholarship, Texas A&M University
	2022	Publication Accelerator Grant, Institute of Humane Studies (\$5,000)
	2022	Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship, Texas A&M University
	2022	Charles S. Maurice Fellowship, Texas A&M University
	2018	President Elias Hraoui Award in Economics, American University of Beirut
SERVICE & OTHER ACTIVITIES	2022-2023	Student representative, Economics Graduate Student Association, Texas A&M University
	2022-2023	Co-organizer (with Jiee Zhong), PLIO students-only browbag, Texas A&M University
REFEREEING		<i>Journal of Urban Affairs</i>
SOFTWARE		STATA, ArcGIS, \LaTeX
LANGUAGES		Arabic (native), English (fluent), French (basic)
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