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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, Law and Economics, Economics of Crime, Health Economics, Economics of

Education

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 Suhyeon Oh. "Are Court-Appointed Attorneys Racially Biased?" Job Market Paper

Mikdash, Maya, and Reem Zaiour. "The Impact of Police Shootings on Gun Violence and Civilian Cooperation" R&R at Journal of Public Economics

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.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Berkouwer, Susanna B., Pierre Biscaye, Maya Mikdash, Steve Puller, and Catherine D. Wolfram. "The Economics of Voltage." *Draft coming soon*

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

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

Mikdash, Maya, and Jiee Zhong. "The Long-run Effects of Access to Free PreK"

Mikdash, Maya. "The Long-run Effects of Lead Exposure"

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE June 2020-Present Research Assistant to Professor Steve Puller, Texas A&M University

TEACHING

Summer 2022 Primary Instructor, ECON 489: SPTP: Economics of Crime, Texas A&M University

EXPERIENCE Spring

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 AND PRESENTATIONS (*SCHEDULED)

2023 SEA Southern Economic Association*

LSE Crime and Policing Workshop

APEE The Association of Private Enterprise Education AEA American Economic Association Conference (poster)

2022 AEA American Economic Association Conference

APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

SEA Southern Economic Association 2021 SEA Southern Economic Association

APPAM Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (canceled)

GRANTS & AWARDS

2023 Private Enterprise Research Center's M.J. Grove Scholarship, Texas A&M University

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2022 Publication Accelerator Grant, Institude 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

Refereing Journal of Urban Affairs; Police Quarterly

SOFTWARE STATA, ArcGIS, LATEX

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REFERENCES

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