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## References

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## EDUCATION

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### **Brown University**

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Providence, RI

2019 –2025 (*Expected*)

### **Columbia University**

M.A. in Economics

New York, NY

2013 –2015

### **University of Utah**

B.S. in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*

B.S. in Mathematics (Statistics), *Magna Cum Laude*

Salt Lake City, UT

2009 –2012

2009 –2012

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

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Labor, Applied Econometrics, Crime

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### **The Effects of Prisons on Inmate Misconduct and Later Outcomes**

Inmates in the US are assigned to different government-run facilities to serve their sentences and can face highly heterogeneous environments. I study how being assigned to different prisons affects short- and long-term inmate outcomes. Using data from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, I estimate the effect of different prisons on inmate misconduct while incarcerated, controlling for a rich set of sentencing and assessment variables used to assign inmates to prisons. I test for bias in my estimates in two ways. First, I show balance across inmate demographics. Second, I leverage inmate transfers between prisons in a “movers” design to show misconduct effects accurately reflect causal prison treatment effects. Being assigned to a prison in the highest vs. lowest decile of misconduct effects approximately doubles the inmate’s misconduct, increases additional months in prison by 9%, and increases prison reentry from serious crime by 11%. Over-crowding and the criminality of peers are most predictive of misconduct effects. A policy that assigns 20% of new inmates to the prisons that most reduce misconduct can decrease their misconduct by up to 40%, time in prison by 4%, and reentry from serious crime by 5%.

## PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH

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“Mortality Effects and Choice Across Private Health Insurance Plans”(with Jason Abaluck, Peter Hull, and Amanda Starc), 2021. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136 (3): 1557–1610.

“The effects on insurance costs of restricting undocumented immigrants’ access to driver licenses”(with Kenneth P. Jameson), 2015. *Southern Economic Journal*, 81 (4): 907–927.  
Southern Economic Association’s 2015 Georgescu-Roegen Prize for best academic article.

“Estimating Structural Models of Demand with Recentered Instruments”(with Kirill Borusyak and Peter Hull). *Work in Progress*.

“Killer Ride: Mortality and Cost Implications of Ambulance Ownership” (with Joseph Doyle, John Graves, and Jonathan Gruber). *Work in Progress*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Brown University</b>	Providence, RI
Research Assistant for Peter Hull	2021–2024
Research Assistant for Jonathan Roth	2022–2024
Research Assistant for Jesse Shapiro	2020–2021
<b>Yale School of Management</b>	New Haven, CT
Research Assistant for Fiona Scott Morton, Jason Abaluck, Kevin Williams	2017–2019
<b>National Bureau of Economic Research</b>	Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant for Joseph J. Doyle	2015–2017
Research Assistant for Jason Abaluck	2016–2017
Data analyst for the Veteran’s Administration	2016–2017
<b>Zions Bancorporation</b>	West Valley, UT
Credit Risk Analyst	2012–2013
<b>University of Utah</b>	Salt Lake City, UT
Research Assistant for Kenneth P. Jameson	2011–2012
Research Assistant for Richard Fowles	2012
<b>Rice University</b>	Houston, TX
Rice University Summer Institute in Statistics (RUSIS)	2011

## TEACHING

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<b>Brown University</b>	Providence, RI
Instructor for Introduction to Econometrics, Summer@Brown Pre-College Program	2022–2024
Lab Manager for the Annenberg Institute, Undergraduate Research Fellows program	2024
Instructor for Graduate Economics Math Camp	2021–2023
Teaching Assistant for Alex Poterack, Graduate Mathematics for Economists	2020
<b>Columbia University</b>	New York, NY
Teaching Assistant for Jón Steinsson, Intermediate Macroeconomics	2015
Teaching Assistant for Xavier Sala-i-Martin., Intermediate Macroeconomics	2014

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Merit Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University 2024
- Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Grant, Brown University 2024
- Honorable W. Randolph Burgess Fellowship, Brown University 2019–2020
- Dean’s Fellow, Columbia University 2013–2015
- Provost Diversity Fellowship, Columbia University 2014
- Student Commencement Speaker, University of Utah 2013
- Undergraduate Research Scholar, University of Utah 2012
- Francis Family Foundation Assistantship Award, University of Utah 2011–2012
- Mathematics Departmental Scholarship, University of Utah 2011–2012
- Dean’s List, University of Utah 2009–2012

## OTHER

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### Presentations

- Banco de Portugal Workshop on Empirical Research with Large Datasets 2022
- 16th International Industrial Organization Conferences 2019
- Southern Economic Association 83rd Annual Meetings 2013
- University of Utah Undergraduate Research Symposium 2012
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research 2012

### Computer Languages and Programs

- Stata, Python, R, SAS, MATLAB, C,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , VBA (Excel), VBScript, Julia, Bash, Git, SVN

### Software Projects

- *Gtools* (Stata, C); *HonestDiD* (Stata, C; with Jon Roth and Ashesh Rambachan); *MulTE* (Stata, with Jerray Chang); *Alogit* (Stata, C; with Jason Abaluck and Abi Adams); *Staggered* (Stata; with Jon Roth and Pedro H.C. Sant’Anna).

### Referee

- Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Contemporary Economic Policy

### Languages

- Spanish (native) and English