

# Steven Mello

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

2020 – Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College  
2019 – 2020 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NYU Furman Center

## **AFFILIATIONS**

2020 – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

## **EDUCATION**

2019 Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University  
2015 M.A. Economics, Princeton University  
2011 B.A. Economics (with Honors), Hamilton College

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS**

Primary Public economics, labor economics  
Secondary Poverty and inequality, crime, discrimination, urban economics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Police discretion and public safety” (with Felipe Goncalves). Accepted, *JPE: Microeconomics*.  
“Fines and financial wellbeing.” Forthcoming, *Review of Economic Studies*.  
“A few bad apples? Racial bias in policing” (with Felipe Goncalves), *American Economic Review* 111(5): 1406-41, May 2021.  
“More COPS, less crime,” *Journal of Public Economics* 172: 174-200, April 2019.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Selection bias and racial disparities in police use of force” (with Felipe Goncalves and Emily Weisburst)  
“The big economic consequences of small shocks: Evidence from car repairs” (with Andrew Barr, Jonathan Eggleston, and Alexander Smith)  
“Diversity training and employee behavior: Evidence from state police troopers” (with Matthew Ross, Stephen Ross, and Hunter Johnson)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“The causal effect of arrests on life trajectories” (with Eric Chyn, Felipe Goncalves, Elisa Jacome, and Emily Weisburst)  
“Valuing credit scores: Evidence from newly scored consumers” (with Apoorv Gupta, Bruce Sacerdote, and Jonathan Zinman)

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

2025 – 2026	Arnold Ventures Project Planning Grant (Co-PI)
2024 – 2026	Dean of Faculty Predoctoral Associate Pilot Program (PI)
2023	Rockefeller Center Faculty Research Grant (PI)
2022	Rockefeller Center Faculty Research Grant (PI)
2020 – 2022	U.S. Department of Justice #2019-CK-WX-K028 (PI)
2020 – 2023	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development #H21696 (Co-PI)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

2023	Rees Dissertation Prize, Princeton University
2023	Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, Dartmouth College
2021	Burke Research Initiation Award, Dartmouth College
2020	Excellence in Reviewing Award, <i>AEJ: Applied</i> and <i>AEJ: Policy</i>
2018 – 2019	Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University
2017 – 2018	Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University
2013 – 2018	Princeton University Graduate Fellowship
2013 – 2015	Industrial Relations Section Graduate Fellowship
2011	Taussig Undergraduate Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon
2011	Senior Prize in Economics, Hamilton College
2011	Soper Thesis Prize, Hamilton College
2010	Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center Fellowship, Hamilton College
2009 – 2010	Academic All-NESCAC Team

## **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2024 – 2025	CBPP, UC-Berkeley, APPAM, UofSC, WashU, Princeton SPIA, TxECW <sup>†</sup>
2023 – 2024	Buffalo, NBER (discussant), TxECW (discussant), Texas A&M, SED
2022 – 2023	Duke, Brown, FRBNY, Princeton IRS Centennial Conference, Montana State Empirical Micro Conference, NBER SI (discussant)
2021 – 2022	Case Western, UBC, SEA (presenter; discussant), SDSU, Harvard Opportunity Insights, NBER SI
2020 – 2021	APPAM (presenter; discussant), Michigan Law (MJLR Symposium)
2019 – 2020	Vassar, UC-Berkeley <sup>‡</sup>
2018 – 2019	Princeton, Georgetown McCourt, Rochester, Chicago Booth, Boston University, Dartmouth, NYU Furman Center, Centre for Economic Performance
2017 – 2018	NBER SI*, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime*, ASSA
2016 – 2017	Hamilton College

\*coauthor presentation; <sup>†</sup>scheduled; <sup>‡</sup>cancelled due to COVID-19.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Refereeing	<i>QJE</i> , <i>AER</i> , <i>JPE</i> , <i>ReStud</i> , <i>AER: Insights</i> , <i>AEJ: Applied</i> , <i>AEJ: Policy</i> , <i>ReStat</i> , <i>JPE: Micro</i> , <i>JPubEc</i> , <i>JUE</i> , <i>JHR</i> , <i>JPAM</i> , <i>JLE</i> , <i>JLEO</i> , <i>ALER</i> , <i>Economic Journal</i> , <i>Applied Economics Letters</i> , <i>Nature: Human Behavior</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Criminology and Public Policy</i> , <i>JQC</i> , <i>JCRE</i>
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Service	Organizer, Dartmouth Junior Brown Bag (2021–2023; 2024–) Co-organizer, Dartmouth Applied Micro Seminar (2021–2022) Program committee, APPAM Research Conference (2025)
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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Dartmouth College*

2020 –	ECON 28, Public Finance and Public Policy
2021 –	ECON 20, Econometrics

### *Guest Lectures*

Spring 2024	Graduate Public Economics, Texas A&M
Summer 2020	Economics of Crime, Bogota Summer School in Economics
Spring 2021	Economics of Discrimination, Ramaz Upper School Economics Club

### *Princeton University (as TA or Tutor)*

2017	ECON 343, Economic Inequality, TA
2016	WWS 507, Quantitative Analysis (MPA), Tutor
2016	WWS Junior Summer Institute, Tutor

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

2015 – 2016	Research Assistant for Prof. Janet Currie (Princeton)
2015	Research Assistant for Prof. Ilyana Kuziemko (Princeton)
2012 – 2013	Research Assistant, Industrial Relations Section (Princeton)
2011 – 2012	Research Assistant for Prof. John Donohue (Stanford Law School)

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

2015 – 2016	Graduate Student Advisor, Princeton Development Lab
2014 – 2016	Social Chair, Princeton Graduate Economics Club
2013	Princeton Club Lacrosse
2008 – 2011	Delta Upsilon International Fraternity (Chapter President, 2010)
2007 – 2010	Hamilton College Varsity Football
2009 – 2010	Volunteer Football Coach, Bedford (NH) High School

## **SKILLS**

*Computing:* Stata, R, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

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