

MICHAEL LAFOREST

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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POSITION & AFFILIATIONS

<i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i> , Criminal Justice Research Center, Pennsylvania State University	2020 – Present
<i>Affiliate</i> , Crime & Education Lab, University of Chicago	2020 – Present
<i>Affiliate</i> , Wilson Center for Science and Justice, Duke University	2020 – Present

PRIOR POSITIONS

<i>Research Director</i> , Crime & Education Lab New York, University of Chicago	2017 – 2020
<i>Research Assistant</i> , for Professor Benjamin Castleman, University of Virginia	2016 – 2017
<i>Strategy and Change Consultant</i> , IBM Global Business Services	2007 – 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia	2017
M.A. Economics, University of Virginia	2012
B.S. Economics & Political Science, Mathematics minor, University of Michigan	2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime, Education, Labor, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Listed alphabetically with equal authorship unless otherwise noted ()*

Chalfin, Aaron, Michael LaForest, and Jacob Kaplan*. "Can Precision Policing Reduce Gun Violence? Evidence from "Gang Takedowns" in New York City." Accepted & Forthcoming, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Shaw*, Anuj, Hannah Furstenberg-Beckman, and Michael LaForest. "Perceptions of Imperfect Strangers." Revise & Resubmit, *Nature*

Chalfin*, Aaron, Jacob Kaplan*, and Michael LaForest*. "Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Attraction." Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

LaForest, Michael. "The Effects of High School Career and Technical Education on Employment, Wages, and Educational Attainment." Under Review

Bucklen, Kristofer B., and Michael LaForest. "Comparing COVID-19 Mortality Rates between Prisons and the Community." Under Review

Johnson, William C., Michael LaForest, Brett Lissenden, and Steven Stern, 2017. "Variation in Mental Illness and Provision of Public Services." *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology* 17, 1-30.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Listed alphabetically with equal authorship unless otherwise noted ()*

LaForest, Michael. "Parole Conditions and Early Release at the Margin."

LaForest, Michael. "Racial Bias and the Effects of Parole Agent Assignment on Recidivism and Employment."

Bhatt, Monica, Jonathan Guryan, and Michael LaForest. "Increasing the Reach of Promising Individualized Academic Supports: Experimental Evidence of a Lower-Cost Technology-Infused Intervention."

Hansen, Benjamin, Michael LaForest, and Patrick Sharkey. "Evaluating the Effects of Parole Forums in New York: Expanding the Evaluation of the New York State Gun Violence Reduction Project."

LaForest, Michael. "Temporal Bias in Officer Arrest and Use of Force Decisions – Evidence from Dallas."

LaForest, Michael. "A Comparison of the Effects of High School Career and Technical Education over the Past Four Decades."

LaForest, Michael. "The Effects of Mandatory Minimum Sentence Laws on Crime, Incarceration, and Plea Bargaining."

LaForest, Michael, and Steven Stern. "Wald Test for Common Mean Probabilities across Geographic Areas."

AWARDS & GRANTS

“Increasing the Reach of Promising Individualized Academic Supports: Experimental Evidence of a Lower-Cost Technology-Infused Intervention” (<i>co-PIs: Monica Bhatt, Jonathan Guryan, and Michael LaForest</i>), Laura and John Arnold Foundation (\$350,505), Overdeck Family Foundation (\$122,000)	2018 – 2023
Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia	2014 – 2015
Radulovacki Summer Research Fellowship, University of Virginia	2013
Quantitative Collaborate Fellowship, University of Virginia	2012 – 2013

PEER REVIEWER

Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Law & Policy; Educational Researcher; Journal of Comparative Economics; Criminal Justice Review

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>Instructor</i> , University of Virginia	
Economics of the Public Sector	2014
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , University of Virginia	
Graduate Microeconomic Theory II	2012 – 2013
Graduate Microeconomic Theory I	2011
Game Theory	2012
Principles of Macroeconomics	2011, 2015 – 2016
Principles of Microeconomics	2010

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

<i>Founder and Officer</i> , UVA Economics Graduate Club	2011 – 2016
Founded bi-weekly graduate student research collaboration meetings, a yearly graduate student-run seminar, and a graduate fellowship directory	
<i>Vice President of Operations</i> , UVA Graduate Student Council	2013 – 2016
Oversaw all committees; chaired a committee which organized a university-wide graduate student conference; chaired a committee which organized monthly social events for graduate students	

REFERENCES

Jonathan Guryan	j-guryan@northwestern.edu	(773) 848-9408
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Undergraduate Activities, University of Michigan (2003-2007)

Executive Board, College Democrats

Director of Disarmament & International Security Committee, Model United Nations
Conference

External Relations Committee, Michigan Student Assembly

Board Member and Actor, Residential College Players

Intern, FTI Consulting, Washington, DC

Intern, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC

Branch Operator, College Works Painting, Ann Arbor, MI

Computing Proficiency

Stata, Matlab, R, Fortran 95, Microsoft Office