

MICHAEL LAFOREST

Curriculum Vitae

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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

Authors listed alphabetically with equal contribution unless otherwise noted (#)

Chalfin¹, Aaron, Michael LaForest¹, and Jacob Kaplan³. “Can Precision Policing Reduce Gun Violence? Evidence from “Gang Takedowns” in New York City.” Accepted, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Chalfin¹, Aaron, Jacob Kaplan², and Michael LaForest³. “Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Attraction.” Accepted, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Shaw¹, Anuj, Hannah Furstenberg-Beckman², and Michael LaForest². “Perceptions of Imperfect Strangers.” Revise & Resubmit, *Nature*

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

Authors listed alphabetically with equal contribution 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 Reentry."

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

Aboaba, Oludamilare, Benjamin Hansen, Michael LaForest, Lucie Parker, 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" (co-PIs: Monica Bhatt, Jonathan Guryan, and Michael LaForest), 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; Oxford Economic Papers; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Comparative Economics; Law & Policy; Educational Researcher; Criminal Justice Review

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Virginia
 Economics of the Public Sector 2014
Teaching Assistant, 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

Founder and Officer, 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
Vice President of Operations, 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

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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