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CURRENT POSITION

Research Director, Crime & Education Lab New York, University of Chicago Urban Labs 2017 - Present

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

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Education, Crime, Labor, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS

“Variation in Mental Illness and Provision of Public Services” (with William C. Johnson, Brett Lissenden, and Steven Stern, *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology*)

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effects of High School Career and Technical Education for Non-College Bound Students”

“Promoting Prosociality by Learning about Others” (with Hannah Furstenberg-Beckman and Anuj Shaw)

“The Effect of Ambient Lighting on Crime: Evidence from Street Light Outages in America’s Three Largest Cities” (with Aaron Chalfin and Jacob Kaplan)

“Wald Test for Common Mean Probabilities across Geographic Areas” (with Steven Stern)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Increasing the Reach of Promising Individualized Academic Supports: Experimental Evidence of a Lower-Cost Technology-Infused Intervention” (with Monica Bhatt and Jonathan Guryan)

“Evaluating the Effects of Parole Forums in New York: Expanding the Evaluation of the New York State Gun Violence Reduction Project” (with Benjamin Hansen and Patrick Sharkey)

“The Effects of Mandatory Minimum Sentence Laws on Crime, Incarceration, and Plea Bargaining”

“A Comparison of the Effects of High School Career and Technical Education over the Past Four Decades”

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

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Law & Policy; Educational Researcher; Journal of Comparative Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<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
<i>Functional Lead</i> , Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC	2008 – 2010
<i>Organizational Change Consultant</i> , Office Depot, Boca Raton, FL	2008
<i>Business Process Consultant</i> , Southern California Edison, Rosemead, CA	2007

REFERENCES

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Steven Stern	steven.stern@stonybrook.edu	(631) 632-1328
Lee Coppock	coppock@virginia.edu	(434) 924-6747

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 workshop, 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	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Undergraduate Activities, University of Michigan

Executive Board, College Democrats

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

External Relations Committee Member, Michigan Student Assembly

Board Member and Actor, Residential College Players

Undergraduate Internships

Intern, FTI Consulting, Washington, DC

Intern, United States House of Representatives, Fred Upton (R-MI), Washington, DC

Branch Operator, College Works Painting, Ann Arbor, MI

Computing Proficiency

Stata, R, Matlab, Fortran 95, Microsoft Office