

## 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 noted by (#)*

Chalfin<sup>1</sup>, Aaron, Michael LaForest<sup>1</sup>, and Jacob Kaplan<sup>3</sup>. “Can Precision Policing Reduce Gun Violence? Evidence from “Gang Takedowns” in New York City.” Accepted, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Chalfin<sup>1</sup>, Aaron, Jacob Kaplan<sup>2</sup>, and Michael LaForest<sup>3</sup>. “Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Attraction.” Accepted, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Shaw<sup>1</sup>, Anuj, and Michael LaForest<sup>2</sup>. “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 noted by (#)*

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; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Oxford Economic Papers; Journal of Comparative Economics; Law & Policy; Educational Researcher; Criminal Justice Review; International Journal of Drug Policy*

**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