MICHAEL LAFOREST
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRIMARY POSITION

Postdoctoral Scholar, Criminal Justice Research Center, Pennsylvania State University   2020 – Present

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate, Crime & Education Lab, University of Chicago   2020 – Present
Affiliate, Wilson Center for Science and Justice, Duke University   2020 – Present

PRIOR POSITIONS

Research Director, Crime & Education Lab New York, University of Chicago   2017 – 2020
Research Assistant, for Professor Benjamin Castleman, University of Virginia   2016 – 2017
Strategy and Change Consultant, 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 ([#])

Shaw[1], Anuj, and Michael LaForest[2]. "Perceptions of Known Strangers." Conditionally Accepted, *Nature*

Chalfin[1], Aaron, Michael LaForest[1], and Jacob Kaplan[3], 2021. "Can Precision Policing Reduce Gun Violence? Evidence from "Gang Takedowns" in New York City." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Advanced online publication. https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22323

LaForest, Michael. "The Effects of High School Career and Technical Education on Employment, Wages, and Educational Attainment." Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Human Capital*

Chalfin[1], Aaron, Jacob Kaplan[2], and Michael LaForest[3], 2021. "Street Light Outages, Public Safety and Crime Attraction." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Advanced online publication. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-021-09519-4

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

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

Aboaba, Oludamilare, Benjamin Hansen, Michael LaForest, Lucie Parker, and Patrick Sharkey. "A Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluating the Effect of the New York State Gun Violence Reduction Program." Working Paper

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

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. "Racial Bias and the Effect of Parole Officers 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."

Goodman, Zackary, and Michael LaForest. "The Short and Long-Term Effects of the Thinking for a Change Program for Incarcerated Individuals."

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."

AWARDS & GRANTS

"Increasing the Reach of Promising Individualized Academic Supports: Experimental   2018 – 2023

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)

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; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; 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