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## Employment

Naval Postgraduate School  
*Assistant Professor, 2020-*

## Education

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 2020  
Economics

B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010  
Economics

## Teaching

2020- Introduction to probability and statistics, Naval Postgraduate School  
2020- Multivariate data analysis (Applied econometrics), Naval Postgraduate School  
2018 Program evaluation, UC Berkeley GSPP  
2013-2014 Game theory and psychology, Harvard and MIT

## Working Papers

[“Rubbing Shoulders: Class Segregation in Daily Activities”](#) (w/ Nathan Wilmers)  
[“What happens in vagueness”](#) (w/ Peter DeScioli, Kyle Thomas, and Steven Pinker)  
[“A new racial disparity in traffic fatalities”](#) (w/ Aaron Chalfin). *NBER Working paper No. 30636*  
[“Racial inequality in the U.S. unemployment insurance system”](#) (w/ Daphné Skandalis and Ioana Marinescu). *NBER Working paper No. 30252*  
[“Air pollution and birth weight: Evidence from extremely polluted places”](#)  
[“Job search and unemployment insurance: New evidence from one million audits”](#)  
[“Family formation and crime”](#) (w/ Evan K. Rose) *NBER Working Paper No. 30385*. Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

## Publications

[“Economic Outcomes of Strikers in an Era of Weak Unions”](#) (w/ Nathan Wilmers). Accepted, *Journal of Labor Economics*.  
[“Wage stagnation and the rise of merit pay”](#) (w/ Nathan Wilmers). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 2023.  
[“Activity-adjusted crime rates show that public safety worsened in 2020”](#) (w/ Aaron Chalfin) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2022.

[“Kill or die: Moral judgment alters linguistic coding of causality”](#) (w/ Julian De Freitas, Peter DeScioli, Jason Nemirow, and Steven Pinker) *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*. 2017.

[“Equity or equality? Moral judgments follow the money”](#) (w/ Peter DeScioli, Robert Kurzban, Alex Shaw, and Michael Bang Petersen) *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 2014.

[“How universal is the Big Five? Testing the five-factor model of personality variation among forager–farmers in the Bolivian Amazon”](#) (w/ Michael Gurven, Chris von Rueden, Hillard Kaplan, and Marino Lero Vie) *Journal of personality and social psychology*. 2013.

## Work in Progress

People, Places, and Moves: Place Effects in the US Military (w/ Jennifer Heissel & Evan K. Rose)

Air pollution and health: What do we know?

Helping out the outsourced: A pre-registered evaluation of the New Jersey temporary worker bill of rights (w/ Jesse Rothstein).

- This [OSF repository](#) contains the pre-analysis plan and code.

Taking the economists out of econometrics

How common are compelling event studies?

## Honors & Awards

2022 Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award (w/ Daphné Skandalis)

2014 University Fellowship, UC Berkeley

2014 Bok Prize for Teaching Excellence, Harvard University

## Reviewer

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

## Citizenship

United States