

RYAN GENTZLER

I've spent the last several years at the Oklahoma Policy Institute developing tools to harness the power of data to build a more transparent and accountable justice system in our state. My work has focused on turning messy administrative data into compelling interactive data visualizations that deepen our understanding of how justice is done.

I love bringing data to bear on complicated public policy problems and providing tools to help social services agencies do their work more effectively.

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📁 EXPERIENCE

2021

Research Director

Oklahoma Policy Institute

📍 Tulsa, OK

- Oversee the organization's use of data in support of policy priorities and programmatic goals
- Manage business activities of Open Justice Oklahoma to provide data products and services to external customers
- Manage growing team of data analysts to create rigorous, compelling research products

2020

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2018

Director, Open Justice Oklahoma

Oklahoma Policy Institute

📍 Tulsa, OK

- Built first-of-its-kind database combining court, jail, and prison records and spearheaded efforts to provide insights into Oklahoma's justice system
- Published interactive data visualizations of the effects of justice reforms, movements of the prison population, and evictions during the covid-19 crisis

2018

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2016

Criminal Justice Policy Analyst

Oklahoma Policy Institute

📍 Tulsa, OK

- Wrote blog posts and reports examining topics including Oklahoma's incarceration rate, the scale of Oklahoma's fines and fees crisis, and racial and geographic disparities in the justice system
- Built and maintained relationships with state legislators and justice reform advocates to build support for justice reform legislation

📖 SELECTED WRITING

2018

Assessing the First Year of SQ 780

Oklahoma Policy Institute

- Interactive data visualization exploring the impact of SQ 780 on criminal case filings

2017

The Cost Trap: How Excessive Fees Lock Oklahomans Into the Criminal Justice System without Boosting State Revenue

Oklahoma Policy Institute

- Report exploring the growth of court fines and fees in Oklahoma, their effects on defendants, and what lawmakers can do about it

🎓 EDUCATION

2015

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2013

Master of Public Administration

University of Oklahoma

📍 Tulsa, OK

2009

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2005

BA, Institutions and Policy

William Jewell College

📍 Liberty, MO

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github.com/rgentzler/cv.
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