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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

August 2018 - 2024

Ph.D. Candidate (all but dissertation - Expected Spring 2024)

Department of Sociology

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

April 2020

Master of Arts - Sociology

Department of Sociology

St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD

July 2013 - June 2017

Bachelor of Arts - Sociology and Political Science.

Summa Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Researcher and Data Analyst - [Ohio State Criminal Justice Research Center](#) *August 2019 - Present*

- Analyzed crime data provided by the Columbus, Ohio, police department (CDPD) using a variety of statistical techniques and data visualizations in R, including spatial modeling and multilevel modeling.
- Merged, cleaned, and manipulated several large data sets into a workable format using R.
- Drafted detailed reports of research findings from the Columbus crime data analysis project to provide insights on crime trends for the CPD.
- Provided support to an interview study of returning citizens in Ohio.

Researcher - [Washington CORE Consulting](#) *June 2017 - Present*

- Collaborated with senior research analysts to produce proposals for research contracts and draft detailed reports on relevant industry topics.
- Independently conducted research for and wrote a detailed report on best practices for small business intellectual property management.
- Planned, managed and implemented qualitative interview studies to provide key market insights to clients.
- Drafted research memos to support the business' research operations.

Research Fellow - St. Mary's College Office of Institutional Research *September 2016 - May 2017*

- Created Tableau dashboards of student body demographics that was linked to the University's website.
- Independently analyzed qualitative data from the school's alumni survey.
- Managed and manipulated data in excel using pivot tables and vlookups to support data requests from faculty and administrators.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Kolbeck, Simon**, Paul Bellair, and Steven Lopez. 2023. *Does Stable Employment After Prison Reduce Recidivism Irrespective of Prior Employment and Offending?* Justice Quarterly.
2. **Kolbeck, Simon**, Paul Bellair, and Steven Lopez. 2022. *Race, Work History, and the Employment-Recidivism Relationship*. Criminology.
3. **Kolbeck, Simon**. 2022. *Is reduced contact with the formal labor market over time associated with heightened recidivism risk?* Journal of Offender Rehabilitation.

R&R, UNDER REVIEW, AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

RR and Under Review

1. **Kolbeck, Simon**. *Revisiting the Relationship Between Employment Quality and Crime: A Configurational Approach*. (Under Review at *Criminology*)
2. **Kolbeck, Simon**. *The Moderating Role of Identity and Self-Control in the Employment-Crime Relationship* (Under Review at *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*)

Works In Progress

1. **Kolbeck, Simon and Rhodes, Alec**. *Heterogeneous Effects of Incarceration on Earnings Inequality in Young Adulthood*.
2. **Kolbeck, Simon, Paul Bellair, and Steven Lopez**. *Age-Graded Intermediary Effects of Employment in the Race-Recidivism Relationship*
3. **Kolbeck, Simon**. *Which is more important for desistance from crime, identity or employment: a test of competing theories*

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Kolbeck, S. (November, 2023)** *Revisiting the relationship between employment quality and offending: a configurational approach*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
2. **Kolbeck, S. (September 2023)** *Employment, Identity, and Offending: Testing Competing Theories of Desistance*, Midwest Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago IL
3. **Kolbeck, S. (November 2022)** *Age-Graded Intermediary Effects of Employment in the Race-Recidivism Relationship*., American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (Was unable to attend)
4. **Kolbeck, S. (November 2021)** *Does Stable Employment After Prison Reduce Recidivism Irrespective of Prior Employment and Offending?*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
5. **Kolbeck, S. (April, 2021)** *Declining Employment Stability, Population Heterogeneity, and Recidivism*, Ohio State Hayes Graduate Research Forum.
6. **Kolbeck, S. (August, 2020)** *Examining the Relationship Between Homicide Clearance Rates and Homicide Rates*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Held online due to Covid-19)
7. **Kolbeck, S. (August, 2019)** *Community or Employment: Which is More Important in Explaining Desistance from Crime in a Rural Context*, Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. **Simon Dinitz Dissertation Fellowship**, Ohio State University *2022*
2. **Hayes Graduate Research Forum**, Ohio State University, Second Place (\$400) *2021*
3. **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**, Honorable Mention *2020*
4. **University Fellow**. Graduate School, OSU (\$25,000) *2018-2019*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. **Introduction to Sociology**. Columbus State Community College *Autumn, 2022*

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

1. Profficient in R statistical programs and packages
2. Python and STATA (basic understanding)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Online Student Mentor, High School AP Capstone Projects.** *September 2018 - Present*
Illinois Science and Technology Institute and Chicago Public Schools
- Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ)* Volunteer Caregiver.** *August 2012 - August 2013*
Blindeninstitut, Wurzburg, Germany