

SIMON KOLBECK

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

August 2018 - Present

PhD Student

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.

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

My main research thrust is focused on topics within criminology. I aim to understand the factors that contribute to desistance from crime (i.e. the gradual movement of criminal offending towards zero), as well as the structural and individual level conditions that influence recidivism risk. For example, my master's thesis assesses the ways in which pre- and post-prison work attachment affect the likelihood of being re-incarcerated for a new crime. In addition, I seek to use diverse methodologies to examine the ways in which police-community interactions as well as structural indicators of police actions affect aggregate crime rates. My goal in studying these topics is to inform and contribute to the creation of effective criminal justice policies.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant

August 2019 - Present

Study on Desistance from Crime

Principal Investigators: Dr. Paul Bellair and Dr. Steven Lopez

TEACHING

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Book Chapters

Comments and Notes

Working Papers

PRESENTATIONS

1. **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

University Fellow. Graduate School, OSU (\$25,000)

2018

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention

2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant. Washington CORE, Bethesda, MD

July 2017 - July 2018

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

1. Native English and German speaker
2. Proficient in R statistical programs and packages, STATA, and LaTeX

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

Blindeninstitutstiftung, Wurzburg, Germany