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## Employment

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2021– Janice and Julian Bers Assistant Professor of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania  
2017–2021 Jerry Lee Assistant Professor of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania  
2013–2017 Post-doctoral fellow, University of Chicago Crime and Education Lab

## Affiliations / Short-term visits

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2024 Visiting scholar, Sciences Po Paris (Economics Department)  
2023 Duke Distinguished Visitor  
2023– NBER Faculty Research Fellow  
2022– JPAL affiliate  
2021 – Faculty Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Crime and Justice Policy Lab

## Education

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2009-2013 PhD in Economics, Harvard University  
2006-2007 Master in Economics, Paris School of Economics  
2004-2005 B.A., Econometrics and Sociology. ENS Cachan and Paris-X  
2004-2009 Ecole Normale Supérieure (Ulm). Departments of Social Sciences

## Accepted and Published Papers

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1. “Conviction, Incarceration and Recidivism: Understanding the Revolving Door” with *John-Eric Humphries, Kamelia Stavreva, Megan Stevenson and Winnie van Dijk*, conditionally accepted at the ***Quarterly Journal of Economics***.
2. “Officer-Involved: The Media Language of Police Killings” with *Bocar Ba, Patrick Bayer and Jonathan Moreno-Medina*, accepted at the ***Quarterly Journal of Economics***.
3. “Labor Mobility and the Problems of Modern Policing” with *Jonathan Masur and John Rappaport*, ***New York University Law Review***. 99.128 (2024).
4. “Systemic Failure to Appear in Court” with *Lindsay Graef, Sandy Mayson and Megan Stevenson*, ***University of Pennsylvania Law Review***, 172.1 (2023).
5. “Does Cash Bail Deter Misconduct?” with *Megan Stevenson*, ***AEJ: Applied***, 15.3 (2023).
6. “Jobs, News and Re-offending after Incarceration” with *Roberto Galbiati and Arnaud Philippe*, ***The Economic Journal***, 131 (2021).
7. “Behavioral Nudges Reduce Failures to Appear for Court” with *Alissa Fishbane and Anuj Shah*. ***Science***, 370 (2020).
8. “Misaligned Incentives and the Scale of Incarceration in the United States” ***Journal of Public Economics***, 191 (2020).

## Accepted and Published Papers (continued)

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9. “Is Police Behavior Getting Worse? The Importance of Data Selection in Evaluating Police Conduct” with *John Rappaport*. ***Journal of Legal Studies***, 49.1 (2020).
10. “No Hatred or Malice, Fear or Affection: Media and Sentencing” with *Arnaud Philippe*, ***Journal of Political Economy***, 126.5 (2017).
11. “When Punishment Doesn’t Pay: ‘Cold Glow’ and Decisions to Punish” with *Alex Peysakhovich*, ***Journal of Law and Economics***, 58.3 (2015).
12. “What Works in Reducing Reoffending?” chapter in *Lessons from the Economics of Crime*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2013).

## Working Papers

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1. “A (Plea) Offer You Can Refuse” with *David Abrams*, *Viet Nguyen* and *Julia Reinhold*, R&R at the ***Journal of Legal Studies***
2. “What Makes an Effective Prosecutor?” with *Lindsay Graef*, R&R at ***Criminology***
3. “Incarceration and Wealth” with *John-Eric Humphries*, *Cecile Macaire*, *Megan Stevenson* and *Winnie van Dijk*
4. “Prosecutorial Policies and Courtroom Workgroups” with *Viet Nguyen*
5. “Prosecutor-Driven Reform and Racial Disparities” with *Francesca Arruda Amaral* and *Dalila Ozier*

## Teaching

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### University of Pennsylvania:

Evidence Based Crime Policy (Masters / PhD)

Capstone Research in Criminal Justice Policy (Undergraduate)

Applied Empirical Methods (Undergraduate)

## Grants, Awards and Fellowships

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2024	Mark Kleiman award, National Academy of Sciences
2023	Russell Sage Foundation – \$151,373, “Prosecutor-Driven Criminal Justice Reform and Socioeconomic Wellbeing”
2023	Runner up for the best paper, Society for Judgment and Decision Making
2023	Data Science Initiative – \$49,682
2023	Klein Family Social Justice – \$48,097
2021	Best Publication Award, Behavioral Science and Public Policy Association
2021	Runner up for the Best Junior French Economist Prize
2021	AEJ: Policy Excellence in Reviewing Award
2020 - 2023	Arnold Foundation – \$2,510,509, “Prosecutors and Criminal Justice Reform”, <i>Joint with Greg Ridgeway</i>
2017 - 2019	JPAL North America – \$117,966, “Nudging Chicago Youth to Consider and Plan Safe Activities”, <i>Joint with Anuj Shah</i>
2016 - 2017	Robert R. McCormick Foundation – \$470,000, “Overcoming Dangerous Defaults”
2015 - 2017	MacArthur Foundation – \$500,000, “Applying Behavioral Science to Crime Policy”. <i>Joint with Anuj Shah and Jens Ludwig</i>
2015	Economics of Crime prize, 6th Economics of Crime Transatlantic Workshop

## Grants, Awards and Fellowships (continued)

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2012	NBER / NSF Crime Fellow
2011 - 2013	Inequality and Criminal Justice Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School
2010 - 2013	Considine Law and Economics Fellowship, Harvard Law School
2010 - 2011	Douglas Dillon Fellowship, Harvard University, <i>full tuition and stipend</i>
2009 - 2010	Harvard University Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University
2004 - 2009	École Normale Supérieure <i>full fellowship</i>

## Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

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2024	UCLA Economics, Minneapolis FED, UIC, Sciences Po Economics, Linnaeus University, Stanford Law School, University of Chicago Law School, National Academy of Sciences
2023	Duke Economics, Princeton Economics, Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam), Smith College
2022	Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, Paris School of Economics, ETH Zurich, University of Reading, NHH (Bergen), Chicago/LSE Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice, Bocconi (CLEAN group), Sciences Po (LIEPP), National Academy of Sciences, LSE (Policing and Crime workshop)
2021	Cornell University, University of Michigan Law School, Penn Law School, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, Conference in Empirical Legal Studies
2019	ENS Lyon, NBER Summer Institute, Hertie School of Government, University of Austin Law School, SEA, ALEA
2018	Texas A & M, West Virginia University, APPAM, ALEA, Workshop on the origins of our moral and political ideologies and preferences (Toulouse Institute for Advanced Studies)
2017	NBER Summer Institute, UPenn CHIBE, UPenn Law School, Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime, CELS
2016	Northwestern Law School, UPenn Criminology
2015	University of Chicago Harris School, Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, Workshop for Junior Empirical-Legal Scholars
2012	Harvard Law School, Calvo Armengol Memorial Conference in Social Economics, CELS
2011	CESifo Summer Institute

## Professional Service

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**Reviewer:** *American Economic Review, American Journal of Criminal Justice, American Law and Economics Review, AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, AEJ: Microeconomics, AER: Insights, Criminology, Criminology and Public Policy, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, European Journal of Law and Economics, Experimental Economics, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, JPAL, Justice Quarterly, Law & Policy, Law & Social Inquiry, National Science Foundation, PLOS One, PNAS, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Russell Sage Foundation, Stanford Law Review, Yale Law Journal.*

**Organizer:** *Transatlantic Workshop in the Economics of Crime (2018-present)*

**Conference Selection Committee:** *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), American Law and Economics Association Conference (ALEA), Conference in Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), European Association of Law and Economics (EALE)*

## Students and pre-doc placements

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Francesca Arruda de Amaral – (PhD at Harvard Kennedy School)

Lindsay Graef – (Quattrone Center at Penn Law School)

Viet Nguyen – (Center for Justice Innovation)

Julia Reinhold (PhD at Penn Economics)