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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, School of Law, LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin 2023 –

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Affiliate, Initiative for Law, Societies, and Justice, The University of Texas at Austin 2023 –

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, The University of Texas at Austin 2023 –

Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) 2022 –

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, Department of Economics, Cornell University 2021 – 2023

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Memphis 2017 – 2021

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Portland State University 2014 – 2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan 2014

M.S. in Economics, University of North Texas 2008

B.A. in Economics, Michigan State University 2006

PUBLICATIONS

11. “Black Lives: The High Cost of Segregation” w/ Robynn Cox, Alberto Ortega, & Kenneth Whaley. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. Conditionally Accepted.
10. “Family Structure and Welfare Participation in the 1960s: the Role of Legal Services” w/ Andrew Goodman-Bacon. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. Forthcoming.
9. “Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights & Police Violence” w/ Donna Feir, Rob Gillezeau, Matthew Harvey, & Abdul Rad. 2022. *American Economic Association Paper and Proceedings*. 112: 174-177.
8. “The Language of the Unheard: Legal Services and the 1960s Race Riots” 2021. *Review of Black Political Economy*. 48(3):255-285.
7. “Civil Rights Enforcement and the Racial Wage Gap” w/ Jose Joaquin Lopez. 2021. *American Economic Association Paper and Proceedings*. 111: 196-200.
6. “Financing the War on Drugs: The Impact of Law Enforcement Grants on Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests” w/ Robynn Cox. 2021. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 40(1), 191-224.
5. “Don’t Shoot! The Impact of Historical African American Protest on Police Killings of Civilians” w/ Rob Gillezeau. 2021. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. 37(1), 1-34.
4. “A Ferguson Effect, the Drug Epidemic, Both, or Neither? Explaining the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Homicide Rises by Race and Ethnicity” w/ S. Gaston & R. Gillezeau. 2019. *Homicide Studies*. 23(3), 285-313.

3. “The Effects of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program on Riots and Wealth of African Americans” w/ Rob Gillezeau. 2018. *RSF: Journal of Social Sciences*. 4(6), 144-157.
2. “Racial Differences in Police Use of Force: Evidence from 1960s Civil Disturbances.” w/ Rob Gillezeau. 2018. *American Economic Association Paper and Proceedings*. 108: 217-21.
1. “An Evaluation of the Federal Legal Services Program: Evidence from Crime Rates and Property Values.” 2016. *Journal of Urban Economics* 92: 76-90.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Collective Bargaining Rights, Policing, and Civilian Deaths” w/ Donna Feir & Rob Gillezeau. IZA Institute of Labor Economics Discussion Paper Series. <https://www.iza.org/publications/dp/14208/collective-bargaining-rights-policing-and-civilian-deaths>. *Revisions Requested at AEJ: Policy*.
- “The Impact of Affirmative Action Litigation on Police Killings of Civilians” w/ Robynn Cox & Alberto Ortega. Washington Center for Equitable Growth Working Paper Series. <https://equitablegrowth.org/working-papers/the-impact-of-affirmativeaction-litigation-on-police-killings-of-civilians/>. *Revisions Requested at AEJ: Applied*.
- “State Recreational Cannabis Laws and Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System” w/ Angelica Meinhofer & Adrian Rubli. *Revisions Requested at AEJ: Policy*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “The War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration: The Role of the Byrne Grant Program” w/ Robynn Cox & Grace Phillips.
- “Police Protections, Productivity, and Crime: Evidence from Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights” w/ Donna Feir, Rob Gillezeau, Matthew Harvey, & Abdul Rad.
- “The Impact of the War on Poverty on Infant Mortality Rates in the South: Evidence from the Legal Services Program.”
- “Does Investing in Schools Reduce Violent Crime?” w/ Monique Davis & Kenneth Whaley

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “New Research Documents the High Cost of Residential Racial Segregation in Northern Cities of the United States” w/ Alberto Ortega, Robynn Cox, and Kenneth Whaley. 2022. Washington Center for Equitable Growth. <https://equitablegrowth.org/high-cost-of-segregation>
- “Nothin’ New: Racial Disparities in Police Contact.” The Black Agenda: Bold Solutions for a Broken System. 2022. MacMillian.
- “The telling connection between affirmative action litigation, the racial composition of U.S. police forces, and the level of police killings of civilians.” w/ Robyn Cox & Alberto Ortega. 2021. Washington Center for Equitable Growth. <https://equitablegrowth.org/the-telling-connection-between-affirmative-action-litigation-the-racial-composition-of-u-s-police-forces-and-the-level-of-police-killings-of-civilians/>
- “Overview of Research on Collective Bargaining Rights and Law Enforcement Officer’s Bills of Rights.” w/ Donna Feir & Rob Gillezeau. 2020. <https://craftmediabucket.s3.amazonaws.com/LEO>.

FIELDS

Law and Economics, Economics of Crime, Economic History, Labor Economics, Demography, Urban Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Stratification Economics

TEACHING

Interests: Applied Econometrics, Labor Economics, Law and Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of Discrimination, Economic History

Courses: Statistics for Lawyers; Crime, Law, and Policy; Race & Ethnicity in the Economy; Labor Economics; Advanced Applied Econometrics; Introduction to Macroeconomics; Introduction to Econometrics; Introduction to Microeconomics; Urban Economics; Urban Economics and Public Policy; Economics of Discrimination

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, & SEMINARS

San Diego State University, University of Texas at Austin (Law School), UCLA Workshop on Lessons from the 1960s for Inequality; University of British Columbia; Williams College; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting⁺; NBER Spring Conference (Race and Stratification)⁺ 2024

University of Minnesota; Emory University; Brock University; University of Pittsburgh; Tulane University; University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty; Emerging Poverty Scholars Summer Meeting; University of Memphis; University of Toronto Bissell-Heyd Conference on Race, Equity and Public Policy; Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (WEC.Jr.) - *Keynote*; Brookings Institute (Economic Studies); Syracuse University; University of Chicago (Harris); University of Texas (LBJ); Dartmouth College; University of Texas (Law School [2x]); Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Canadian Law and Economics Annual Meeting; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting; NBER Racial Ethnic Health Disparities Spring Meeting⁺; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (TxECW)⁺ 2023

National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine: Workshop on Crime Rates During the Pandemic (CLAJ); Wesleyan University; Stanford University; Duke University; University of Pennsylvania (Criminology); NYU (Wagner); Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime; Economic History Association Annual Meeting; U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies; Vanderbilt University; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; American Law and Economics Annual Meetings, NBER Summer Institute (Crime); American Library Association Annual Conference; National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine: Workshop on Structural Racism and Rigorous Models of Social Inequality (CPOP); University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty; Summer Research Workshop; JSIT Workshop at the University of Wisconsin; Chicago/LSE Crime Conference; London School of Economics; Utrecht University School of Economics; Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Seminar Series; University of Maryland-Baltimore County; Grand Valley State University; Cornell University—BCTR; NBER Spring Conference (Race and Stratification); Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Meeting; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting⁺; Population Association of America Annual Meeting⁺; NBER Health Economics Program⁺; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (TxECW)⁺ 2022

Queen's University; Rutgers University-Camden; University of Texas at Dallas; Cornell University (PAM); Duke University (Sanford); UMass-Amherst; Virginia Tech; Portland State University; Virtual Law & Economics Workshop; RAND Corporation; Harvard University; University of Memphis; Yale Economic History Workshop; Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Fall Research Conference; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting; Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting; Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings; NBER Summer Institute (DAE)⁺; NBER Summer Institute (Crime)⁺; American Law and Economic Association Annual Meeting⁺; Population Association of America Annual Meeting⁺; Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable⁺ 2021

Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable; University of Texas at Dallas; University of Alabama; University of Memphis; Michigan State University (AEASP); Association for Public Policy Analysis Annual Meeting⁺; Penn-Wharton Conference on Race and Economics⁺; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting⁺ 2020

University of Mississippi; University of Memphis; NBER Summer Institute (Children)*; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting*; Population Association of America Annual Meeting* University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop*	2019
The War on Poverty Project (University of Michigan); Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Law and Economics Annual Meeting; RSF 50 th Anniversary of the Kerner Commission Report; Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting; University of Texas Law School	2018
University of Memphis; Portland State University; Population Association of America Annual Meeting; American Law and Economic Association Annual Meeting; RSF 50 th Anniversary of the Kerner Commission Report; American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; Allied Social Science Annual Meeting ⁺	2017
University of Memphis; University of Victoria; Institute for Research on Poverty – University of Wisconsin; Pacific Northwest Labor Workshop – UW-Seattle; Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network Annual Workshop; American Law and Economic Association Annual Meeting; University of Oregon; Population Association of America Annual Meeting; Portland State University; Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting	2016
University of Southern California – Gould School of Law; Portland State University; National Economic Association and American Society of Hispanic Economist Annual Meeting; American Law and Economic Association Annual Meeting; Western Economic Association International Annual Meeting; Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting	2015
Portland State University; CNA	2014
AEA Summer Pipeline Conference - University of New Mexico	2013
AEA Summer Pipeline Conference - Florida State University	2011

* denotes co-author presentation (partial list)

+ denotes discussant or chair role (partial list)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Distinguish Visiting Scholar, Duke University	2022
Review of Economics and Statistics NBER Fellowship	
Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis	2021
Global Public Voices Fellowship, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University	
Emerging Poverty Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin, JPB Foundation	
Russell Sage Foundation Trustee Grant	2020
Washington Center for Equitable Growth Research Grant	
FCBE Competitive Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis	
FCBE Research Enterprise Research Grant, University of Memphis	
PSI Center for Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Research Grant, University of Memphis	
FedEx Institute of Technology Data Science Research Cluster Grant, University of Memphis	2019
Tiger Spotlight Award, University of Memphis	
Washington Center For Equitable Growth Grant	2018
Visiting Scholar, Institute of Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin	2016
Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute Fellow - Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network	
AEA Mentoring Program / National Science Foundation Small Research Grant	2015

Professional Travel Grant: Portland State University	
Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics Fellowship (DITE)	
Michigan Institute for Research and Teaching in Economics Graduate Research Award	2012
Population Studies Center Graduate Trainee: University of Michigan	2009
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute in Child Health and Development Fellowship	
Summer Research Fellowship: University of Michigan	
Rackham Merit Fellowship: University of Michigan	2008
American Economic Association Summer Fellow	2007
Friend of the Economic Department Scholarship: University of North Texas	
Ronald E McNair Graduate Fellow: University of North Texas	2006
Loyld Cofer Scholarship Award: Michigan State University	2004
Ronald E McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Fellow: Michigan State University	
James B. Hamilton Award: Michigan State University	2002

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Economic Association; National Economic Association; American Law and Economics Association; Economic History Association; Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, Co-Organizer, 2023 – Present
National Economic Association, Board Member, 2022 – Present
Pacific Northwest Labor Day, Co-Creator and Conference Organizer, 2016

PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS

Emerging Poverty Fellow, Institute of Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin	2021 – 2023
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Center, Cornell University	2021 – 2023
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Cornell University	2021 – 2023
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Integrative Developmental Science, Cornell University	2021 – 2023
Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis	Summer 2022
Global Public Voices Faculty Fellow, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University	2021 – 2022
Faculty Affiliate, PSI Center for Workplace Diversity and Inclusion, University of Memphis	2019 – 2021
Faculty Affiliate, Data Science Cluster, University of Memphis	2019 – 2021
Research Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington – Seattle	2016 – 2019

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Exploration in Economic History; American Economic Journal: Policy; Journal of Economic History; American Law and Economic Review; Law & Society; Eastern Economic Journal; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Review of Political Black Economy; Economics Bulletin; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Crime and Delinquency; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Homicide Studies; Journal of Urban Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics; American Economic Review; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; National Science Foundation; Washington Center for Equitable Growth; Russell Sage Foundation