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Education

2015 – Dec. 2021 (expected)	Harvard University Ph.D. in Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government • Fields: Labor Economics and Social Policy
2013 – 2015	University of California-Berkeley M.P.P., Goldman School of Public Policy
2007 – 2011	Williams College B.A. in Economics and Political Science (cum laude)

Primary Academic & Research Appointments

2020 - Present	Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government <i>Affiliate</i> , Program in Criminal Justice Policy & Management
2019 – Present	Office of the City Administrator, Washington DC Fellow, The Lab @ DC
2019 – 2021	Metropolitan Police Department Data Scientist, Executive Office of the Chief of Police
2018 - 2020	Harvard Law School Research Fellow, Criminal Justice Policy Program

Policy Writing & Reports

• Selected Press: CNN, BBC World News, Boston Globe, WGBH, WBUR, InequaliTalks Podcast.

Selected Works in Progress

• Selected Press: Washington Post, Washington Times

[&]quot;Racial Disparities in the MA Criminal System" (with E. Bishop, B. Hopkins, and C. Obiofuma)

[&]quot;An Evaluation of Crime Gun Intelligence Center Improvements Implemented in Washington, DC, 2016-2019" (with V. Mei, A. Ravishankar, D. Sebastian, and S. Quinney), October 2019.

[&]quot;Can targeting messages to high-risk drivers prevent crashes?" (with S. Abookire, A. Hermans, and V. Mei)

[&]quot;Diversion, non-prosecution, and public safety in Suffolk County, MA."

Invited Talks & Pr	esentations
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2021 Harvard University (Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston); Howard University &	
Mathematica (Summer Institute in Computational Social Science); Committee for Public	
Council Services; Middlesex District Attorney (Inaugural Data Summit); Boston College	Law
School; MassInc (7th Annual Criminal Justice Summit); Massachusetts Continuing Legal	
Education, Inc.; Harvard Law School (Judicial Process Clinic)	
Brunel University London (Economics department); Massachusetts State Legislature (Cri	minal
Justice Caucus, Black and Latinx Caucus); Suffolk County District Attorney's Office;	
Middlesex County District Attorney's Office; Middlesex County Chiefs of Police and Sho	eriffs;
Fair Trials Europe; Flaschner Judicial Institute; Howard University & Georgetown Law S	chool
(Reimagining Police Stops Workshop); Harvard University (Harvard Graduate Student U	nion
- UAW); Harvard University (Malcolm Weiner Center for Inequality and Social Policy);	
Upstate Abolition Project	
Harvard University (Program for Criminal Justice Policy and Management)	
2018 Citizens for Juvenile Justice	

Additional Academic Affiliations & Fellowships

2021 - Present	Organizer & Member – Roundtable on Racial Disparities in the Massachusetts Criminal Courts
2021 - Present	Member – Committee to Eliminate Racism and Other Systemic Barriers in the MA Trial Court
2018 - Present	Member – American Economics Association Mentoring Program
2017	Mentor - Harvard University Research Scholars Initiative
2016 - Present	Stone Scholar – Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University
2016 - 2018	Mentor – Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard
2009 – 2011	Fellow – Williams Research Fellowship (Renamed Allison Davis Research Fellowship)

Selected Honors, Awards, & Grants

2	021	Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston Research Grant (\$15,000), Harvard University; Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative Research Grant (\$2,500), Harvard University; Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Mgmt. Research Grant (\$2,500), Harvard University
2	019	Distinction in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
2	018	Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Mgmt. Research Grant (\$3,000), Harvard University
2	017	Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
2	015	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Prize Fellowship
2	013	Goldman School of Public Policy Departmental Fellowship

Teaching Experience

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Spring 2018	Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Econometric Methods for Applied Research II (Ph.D. Level) Head Teaching Fellow
Spring 2018; Spring 2016	Mass. Correctional Institution at Norfolk (Boston University Prison Education Program) Math; Social Studies; High School Equivalency <i>Tutor</i>
Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2016	Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government Markets and Market Failure (Micro Theory, M.P.P. level), <i>Teaching Fellow</i>
Summer 2017	Harvard University, Strengthening Learning and Teaching Excellence Program Content Developer and Research Assistant
Summer 2015	Public Policy and International Affair (PPIA) Junior Institute Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis (M.P.P. level) Instructor
AY 2014 – 2015	University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods (M.P.P. level) Student Instructor

Selected Additional Professional Experience

2021 – Present	Harvard University
	Research Assistant, Professor Sandra Smith
2018	Harvard University Research Assistant, Professor Desmond Ang
2016 – 2018	Harvard University Research Assistant, Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management
2015	Harder + Co. Community Research Policy Consultant
2014 – 2015	University of California-Berkeley, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Graduate Student Researcher, Professor Alexander Gelber
2014	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Office of Research <i>Pathways Intern</i> , Decision-making and Behavioral Studies Group
2013 – 2014	National Bureau of Economic Research Research Assistant, Professor Alexander Gelber
2011 – 2013	Cornerstone Research Analyst

Software Proficiencies: R, Stata, SAS, MATLAB, Python