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### Academic & Research Appointments

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- 2023 – Present    *Postdoctoral Scholar*, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley
- 2022 – 2023      *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 2019 – Present    *Fellow*, The Lab @ DC, Office of the City Administrator, Washington DC

### Education

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- 2015 – 2022      Ph.D. in Public Policy, Harvard University
- 2013 – 2015      Master of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley
- 2007 – 2011      B.A. in Economics and Political Science, Williams College

### Works in Progress

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“From Punishment to Accountability and Healing: Reimagining Sentencing in a Justice- and Racial Equity-Oriented Criminal Legal System” in the forthcoming [Oxford Handbook of Sentencing](#) (with S. Smith)

“Presumptive Nonprosecution, Discretion, and Racial Disparities in two Jurisdictions” (with S. Smith, M. Zanger-Tishler, and P. Bishen)

- [Pre-analysis plan](#)

“[Can targeting messages to high-risk drivers prevent crashes?](#)” (with S. Abookire, N. Dignazio, N. Moore, M. Grady, A. Huberts, and D. Corcoran)

“Officer Discretion” (with A. Wickett)

### Policy Writing & Reports

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“[Racial Disparities in the MA Criminal System](#)” (with E. Bishop, B. Hopkins, and C. Obiofuma)

“[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.

### Talks & Presentations

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- 2024                Harvard Law School; Brown University
- 2023                Harvard Law School; Boston College Law School; Clemson University; Harvard University; University of Toronto, UC Berkeley

- 2022 [WGBH Forum Network](#); Howard University (Economics Department Seminar); American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; Williams College (Economics Department Seminar); DC Council Office of Racial Equity; Harvard Law School
- 2021 Harvard University (Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston); Howard University & Mathematica ([Summer Institute in Computational Social Science](#)); MA Committee for Public Council Services; Middlesex District Attorney (Inaugural Data Summit); Boston College Law School; MassInc (7<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Justice Summit); Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc.; Harvard Law School (Judicial Process Clinic); Harvard Law School (Misdemeanor Justice Seminar)
- 2020 Brunel University London (Economics Department Seminar); Massachusetts State Legislature (Criminal Justice Caucus, Black and Latinx Caucus); Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; Middlesex County District Attorney's Office; Middlesex County Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs; Fair Trials Europe; Flaschner Judicial Institute; Howard University & Georgetown Law School ([Reimagining Police Stops Workshop](#)); Harvard University (Harvard Graduate Student Union – UAW); Harvard University (Malcolm Weiner Center for Inequality and Social Policy); Upstate Abolition Project
- 2019 Harvard University (Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management)
- 2018 Citizens for Juvenile Justice

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#### Honors, Awards, & Grants

- 2021 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
- 2019 Distinction in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2018 Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Mgmt. Research Grant (\$3,000), Harvard University
- 2017 Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2015 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Prize Fellowship
- 2013 Goldman School of Public Policy Departmental Fellowship

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#### Additional Research Affiliations & Fellowships

- 2021 – 2023 *Organizer & Member* – [Roundtable on Racial Disparities in the Massachusetts Criminal Courts](#)
- 2021 *Member* – Committee to Eliminate Racism and Other Systemic Barriers in the MA Trial Court
- 2019 – 2021 *Data Scientist* – Executive Office of the Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department
- 2018 – Present *Member* – American Economics Association Mentoring Program
- 2018 – 2020 *Research Fellow*, Criminal Justice Policy Program, Harvard Law School
- 2017 *Mentor* – Harvard University Research Scholars Initiative

2016 – 2022      *Stone Scholar* – Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University

2016 – 2018      *Mentor* – Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard

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### Teaching Experience

Spring 2018      Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
Econometric Methods for Applied Research II (Ph.D. Level)  
*Head Teaching Fellow*

Spring 2018;      Mass. Correctional Institution at Norfolk (Boston University Prison Education Program)  
Spring 2016      Math; Social Studies; High School Equivalency  
*Tutor*

Fall 2018;      Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government  
Fall 2017;      Markets and Market Failure (Micro Theory, M.P.P. level),  
Fall 2016      *Teaching Fellow*

Summer 2017      Harvard University, Strengthening Learning and Teaching Excellence Program  
*Content Developer and Research Assistant*

Summer 2015      Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Institute  
Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis (M.P.P. level)  
*Instructor*

AY 2014 –      University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy  
2015      Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods (M.P.P. level)  
*Student Instructor*

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### Additional Professional Experience

2021      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  
*Pathways Intern, Decision-making and Behavioral Studies Group*

2013 – 2014      National Bureau of Economic Research  
*Research Assistant, Professor Alexander Gelber*

2011 – 2013      Cornerstone Research  
*Analyst*

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**Personal Information**

**Citizenship:** U.S.A.

**Date of Birth:** June 1989

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

**Hobbies:** Hand percussion, bouldering, ultimate frisbee, board games