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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
Assistant Professor of Public Policy, July 2018-Present

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego
Ph.D., Economics, 2018

Dartmouth College
B.A., Economics and Asian Studies, 2008
Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Economic History, Race, Media

PUBLICATIONS

“The Birth of a Nation: Media and Racial Hate”, *American Economic Review*, June 2023.
Media: Economist, Econofact, Harvard Gazette

“Civic Responses to Police Violence” with John Tebes, *American Political Science Review*, June 2023.
Media: LSE US Politics and Policy

“The Effects of Police Violence on Inner-City Students”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, February 2021.
Media: New York Times, Economist, VOX, FiveThirtyEight, CBS News, NBC News, Education Next

“Do 40-Year-Old Facts Still Matter: Long-Run Effects of Federal Oversight under the Voting Rights Act”,
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, July 2019. [lead article]
Media: The Atlantic, National Affairs, Cato Institute, AEA Research Highlight

“Association between Academic Medical Center Pharmaceutical Detailing Policies and Physician Prescribing”
with Ian Larkin, Jonathan Steinhart, Matthew Chao, Mark Patterson, Sunita Sah, Tina Wu, Michael Schoenbaum,
David Hutchins, Troyen Brennan and George Loewenstein, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2017
Media: CNBC, Forbes, Foreign Affairs, NBC News, Newsweek, NPR, Slate, U.S. News

“Restrictions on Pharmaceutical Detailing Reduced Off-Label Prescribing of Antidepressants and Antipsychotics
in Children” with Ian Larkin, Jerry Avorn and Aaron Kesselheim, *Health Affairs*, 2014
Media: Wall Street Journal

WORKING PAPERS

“Vanguard: Black Veterans and Civil Rights after World War I” with Sahil Chinoy, **revise & resubmit**,
Quarterly Journal of Economics

“Community Engagement with Law Enforcement after High-Profile Acts of Police Violence” with Panka
Bencsik, Jesse Bruhn and Ellora Derenoncourt, **conditionally accepted**, *American Economic Review: Insights*
Media: Economist

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Misperceptions of Life Expectancy” with Todd Rogers and Benjamin Schneer

“Paywalls” with Avi Moorthy and Benjamin Schneer

“Media and Racial Bias in Incarcerations”

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

W.E. Upjohn Institute, Early Career Research Award, 2021

University of California, President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2017-2018

University of California, California Poverty and Socioeconomic Fellowship, 2017-2018

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2015-2018

University of California, San Diego, Clive Granger Research Fellowship, 2016-2017

Russell Sage Foundation, Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics, 2016

University of California, San Diego, Frontiers of Innovation Scholar, 2015-2016

University of California, San Diego, Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2016

Dartmouth College, Reynolds Scholar, 2011

U.S. State Department, Fulbright Scholar, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Presentations

2023: Duke University; Syracuse University; Race, Racism and Structural Inequality Conference; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Brown University (Population Studies and Training Center); London School of Economics (Political Science & Political Economy); University of Warwick; University of Essex

2022: University of California, San Diego; Northwestern University; Brown University; University of California, Los Angeles (Anderson); University of Nottingham; Princeton University; Inter-American Development Bank; Tufts University; University of Milan; Bocconi University; San Diego State University; University of Chicago, (Booth)

2021: Williams College; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; New York University; University of Southern California; University of Virginia

2020: APSA Annual Meeting; University of California, Berkeley (Political Science); University of California, Berkeley (Economics); Harvard University; University of Virginia; Columbia University; Pomona College; London School of Economics

2019: Boston University; IZA Education; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop; Behavioral Science & Policy Association Annual Conference

2018: University of Arizona; RAND Corporation; Dartmouth College; University of Illinois, Chicago; Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government; Tulane University; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; Harvard University, Opportunity Insights; NBER, Economics of Education

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Sociological Review; Annals of Regional Science; Criminology & Public Policy; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics & Politics; Economic Letters; Journal of European Economic Association; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Economics; Law & Society Review; Race and Social Problems; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; SSM – Mental Health; Quarterly Journal of Economics

Excellence in Refereeing: AER: Insights (2021)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship: USA