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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School, 2017-current
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2015-2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2016
M.S., Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2011
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, UC Berkeley 2009 (Highest Distinction)

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

Assessing Risk Assessment in Action, MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming, Volume 103; winner of Young Legal Scholars Paper Competition, Federalist Society, 2017)

The Scale of Misdemeanor Justice, BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, (Forthcoming, Volume 98, May, 2018; joint with Sandra Mayson)

The Downstream Consequences of Misdemeanor Pretrial Detention, 69 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 711, 2017, joint with Paul Heaton and Sandra Mayson

Breaking Bad: Mechanisms of Social Influence and the Path to Criminality in Juvenile Jails, 99 REVIEW OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS 824, 2017

Bail Reform: New Directions for Pretrial Detention and Release, ACADEMY FOR JUSTICE, A REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM (Erik Luna ed., 2017)

Green Industrial Policy: Trade and Theory, WORLD BANK POLICY RESEARCH WORKING PAPER (2012, joint with Larry Karp)

WORKING PAPERS

Misdemeanors By the Numbers (joint with Sandra Mayson; date of most recent draft: April 15, 2017)

Algorithmic Risk Assessment and the Double-Edged Sword of Youth (joint with Christopher Slobogin; date of most recent draft: April 13, 2018)

A Decomposition of Racial Disparities in Pretrial Detention (date of most recent draft: Jan. 27, 2018)

Distortion of Justice: How the Inability to Pay Bail Affects Case Outcomes (Revise & Resubmit, JOURNAL OF LAW, ECONOMICS & ORGANIZATION, date of most recent draft: Jan. 20, 2018)

***n* Dangerous Men** (joint with Sandra Mayson; date of most recent draft: Nov. 4, 2016)

Tests of Random Assignment to Peers in the Face of Mechanical Negative Correlation: An Evaluation of Four Techniques (date of most recent draft: Aug. 9, 2015)

Better Bargaining: Using Machine Learning to Decrease Sentence Disparities (joint with David Abrams, Aurelie Ouss, Colin Sullivan and Brian Collopy)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2017-2018 (including forthcoming): Panel on Algorithmic Fairness (Symposium on the Law & Economics of Privacy and Data Security), CrimFest, ALEA, Rebellious Lawyering Conference (Yale Law School), Vanderbilt University Panel on Risk Assessment, University of Louisville School of Business, Federalist Society Young Legal Scholars Panel (at AALS), ACLU Convening on Racial Fairness and Risk Assessments, Boston University Symposium on Misdemeanors

2016-2017: AALS Summer Session on Criminal Law, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt School of Law, George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School, University of Arizona, School of Public Policy, NBER Summer Institute, Brookings Institution

2015-2016: University of Chicago Crime Lab in New York City, University of Virginia Law and Economics Colloquium, Transatlantic Workshop on Crime (Sweden), Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Germany) Understanding Guilty Pleas

2014-2015: American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Indiana Bloomington School of Public Policy, UC Davis Labor Economics Seminar, WEAI Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, 2014

2013-2014: ARE Departmental Seminar, University College London Workshop on Crime (England), Berkeley Statistics Seminar

AWARDS

Winner, Young Legal Scholars Paper Competition, Federalist Society, 2017 (*Assessing Risk Assessment in Action*)

RESEARCH FUNDING

American Constitution Society
National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant
Russell Sage Small Grants in Behavioral Economics
Laura and John Arnold Foundation
IBER Dissertation Award
Graduate Student Summer Fellowship
Breslauer Award
Banque Syz & Co. Scholarship

TEACHING

Economic Foundations of Legal Studies, Criminal Law

ACADEMIC SERVICES AND MEDIA

Refereeing (Law & Economics Journals): Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, American Law & Economics Review

Refereeing (Other Economics Journals): American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Cuadernos de Economia, Journal of Development Economics

Refereeing (Law): Behavioral Sciences and Law

Refereeing (Criminology): Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Refereeing (Grant Review): Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada)

Op-Eds:

- *In U.S. Bail Reform, Justice by Algorithm Can Only Go So Far*, THE HILL, Feb. 2, 2018
- *Risk Assessment: The Devil's in the Details*, THE CRIME REPORT, Aug. 31, 2017
- *Are Criminal Risk Assessment Scores Racist?*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, Aug. 22, 2016 (with Jennifer Doleac)
- *Bail System is Unjust and Undermines Public Safety*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, Aug. 18, 2016 (with Paul Heaton and Sandra Mayson)
- *Reform Systems for Pretrial Incarceration in Philly*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Sept. 9, 2016

In the Media:

- *Assessing Risk Assessment in Action*: Newsweek, Science Magazine, The Verge
- *Distortion of Justice: How the Inability to Pay Bail Affects Case Outcomes*: The Atlantic, Philadelphia Inquirer

- *The Downstream Consequences of Misdemeanor Pretrial Detention:* Houston Chronicle, Marginal Revolution, ABC News, ABA Journal