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Appointments

University of Missouri, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, Fall 2020-present;
Assistant Professor, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, Fall 2023-present
Associate Director of Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center (EPARC), Fall 2023-present

University of Michigan, Criminal Justice Administrative Records System (CJARS),
Research Affiliate, Fall 2020-present; Postdoctoral Researcher, Fall 2019-Fall 2020

IZA Institute for the Study of Labor, Research Fellow, Spring 2024-present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Texas A&M University, May 2019
B.S. Economics and Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Missouri State University, May 2014

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Crime, Criminal Justice System

Peer-Reviewed Publications (link in title)

The Impact of Economic Opportunity on Criminal Behavior: Evidence from the Fracking Boom
forthcoming at Journal of Public Economics, 2025

Children's Indirect Exposure to the U.S. Justice System: Evidence from Longitudinal Links between Survey and Administrative Data (with Keith Finlay and Michael Mueller-Smith) *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2023

Self-Employment as a Channel for Economic Self-Sufficiency and Criminal Disqualifications in the Pay Check Protection Program (with Keith Finlay and Michael Mueller-Smith) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2022

The Effect of Own-Gender Juries on Convictions (with Mark Hoekstra), *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2021

The Effect of Investments in Physical Education on Student Health and Achievement (with Analisa Packham), *Economics of Education Review*, 2019

Published Technical Reports (link in title)

Costs of the Death Penalty in Wyandotte County, KS, State of Kansas Public Defender's Office, 2024
2024 Vehicle Stops report, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2025
2023 Vehicle Stops report, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2024
2022 Vehicle Stops report, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2023
2021 Vehicle Stops report, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2022
2020 Vehicle Stops report, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2021

Working Papers (*available on request until final clearance by the U.S. Census Bureau or link in title)

Convictions, Incarceration, and Earnings in an Event Studies Framework (with Keith Finlay and Michael Mueller-Smith) **draft pending disclosure to be posted online, email me if you would like a copy*

Self-Employment, Loan Access, and Criminal Justice Records (with Keith Finlay, Kylie Hwang, and Michael Mueller-Smith) **draft pending disclosure to be posted online, email me if you would like a copy*

The Vicious Circle of Blackouts and Revenue Collection in Developing Economies: Evidence from Ghana (with James Dzansi, Steve Puller, and Belinda Yebuah-Dwamena)

Works in Progress

The Economic Impacts of Substance Abuse Rehabilitation: Evidence from U.S. Drug Courts (with Garrett Anstreicher) *FSRDC project #mo-03117*

Why do local labor market policies and conditions matter for recidivism? The role of jobs, wages, and family support (with Emily Leslie) *FSRDC project #mo-02947*

Race Disparities in Neighborhood Exposure to Crime and Policing (with Felipe Goncalves and Emily Weisburst) *FSRDC project #mo-03164*

Long-run Impacts of Youth Exposure to Neighborhood Crime and Policing (with Felipe Goncalves and Emily Weisburst) *FSRDC project #mo-03164*

Children's Indirect Exposure to the U.S. Justice System: Changes over Time and Evolution in Household Structure (with Keith Finlay and Michael Mueller-Smith) *FSRDC project #p-07500378*

Second Chance for the Second Generation: The Intergenerational Impacts of Felony Diversion (with Michael Mueller-Smith and Kevin Schnepel) *FSRDC project #p-07500378*

The Effect of Drug Testing Policies on TANF and SNAP Participation (with Brendan Cirillo)

The Effect of Access to Subsidized Housing in the United States (with Emily Leslie) *FSRDC project #mo-02947*

Conferences, Seminars, and Visiting Positions (*scheduled)

- 2026:** IRP seminar series*, Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN) in Stockholm*
- 2025:** Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (TxECW), Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice at Becker Friedman Institute (BFI), Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop (SRW)*, Arnold Ventures Workshop on Women and the Criminal Justice System (keynote shared with Anne Piehl)*
- 2024:** University of Nebraska, ViCE, Duke University-DuPRI, Society of Labor Economists, OIGI Fellow at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve, Russell Sage Foundation conference, Cornell University, Association for Public Policy & Management, Southern Economic Association
- 2023:** CeMENT (mentee), TxECW (discussant), London School of Economics, U.S. Census Bureau, University of Texas, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Society of Labor Economists, Helsinki Crime Workshop (participant), NBER SI (participant), University of California—Merced, Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies at San Diego State University, CJARS training workshop (speaker), Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (participant)
- 2022:** American University, Association for Public Policy & Management, England-Clark Public and Labor Workshop, Society of Labor Economists, IRP SRW Institute for Research on Poverty, Western Economic Association International Conference, 11th Annual Risky Behaviors Conference, NBER (Children's and Crime), American Law and Economics Association, University of Pennsylvania, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Harvard Opportunity Insight's Mobility Conference, Federal Committee on

Statistical Methodology Research & Policy Conference, Rutgers University, American Society of Criminology, SEA Southern Economic Association, NBER Mobility Conference

2021: University of Florida, Southern Economic Association, Association for Public Policy & Management (moved to 2022), Tulane University, West Virginia University, NBER Gender in the Economy, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) SRW (participant), MEA-SOLE

2020: AL CAPONE 11th Annual Conference (cancelled), SEA Southern Economic Association, Notre Dame University, NBER Gender in the Economy, ALEA American Law and Economics Association (cancelled), Purdue University (cancelled), MEA-SOLE (cancelled), Public Choice Conference (cancelled), Endogenous Rules, Risk, and Legal Institutions Workshop, AEA American Economic Association

2019: SOLE Society of Labor Economists, APEE Association of Private Enterprise Education, TxECW Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (participant), AEA American Economic Association, Louisiana State University

2018: APPAM Association for Public Policy & Management, SEA Southern Economic Association, STATA TX Empirical Microeconomics Conference

2017: SEA Southern Economic Association, APPAM Association for Public Policy & Management (poster), WEAI Western Economic Association International, SAAER Symposium

Instructor of Record

University of Missouri

Adv. Empirical Methods II, Topics in Policy Analysis (ECONOM 9447)

SP2021: 14 students, overall rating 4.83/5

SP2022: 8 students, overall rating 4.71/5

SP2023: 4 students, overall rating 4.94/5

SP2025: 9 students, overall rating¹ 4.33/5

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECONOM 4351/7351)

SP2021: 85 students, overall rating 4.57/5

SP2022: 140 students, overall rating 4.47/5

SP2023: 101 students, 4.39/5

Texas A&M University

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 323)

SP2018: 228 students, overall instructor rating 4.8/5

Grants, Contracts, and Awards

Arnold Ventures, 2025, \$1,400,000, Co-PI with Felipe Goncalves and Emily Weisburst

Arnold Ventures Grant, 2024, \$550,830, Co-PI with Garrett Anstreicher

Arnold Ventures Grant, 2024, \$98,714, Co-PI with Kylie Hwang

Arnold Ventures Planning Grant, 2024, \$68,460 Co-PI with Emily Leslie

Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant, 2023, \$30,000, Co-PI with Emily Leslie

University of Michigan, Children and the US Justice System, 2022-2023, \$42,000, PI

Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stops Report Contract. 2024-2025 \$25,000, Co-PI with Jeffrey Milyo

Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stops Report Contract. 2023-2024 \$25,000, Co-PI with Jeffrey Milyo

Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stops Report Contract. 2022-2023 \$25,000, Co-PI with Jeffrey Milyo

Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stops Report Contract. 2021-2022 \$20,000, Co-PI with Jeffrey Milyo

Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stops Report Contract. 2020-2021 \$15,000, Co-PI with Jeffrey Milyo

NBER's Gender in the Economy Study, The Determinants and Aftermath of Victimization in U.S. households and the Implications of Covid-19, 2020-2021, \$19,930, PI

University of Michigan, Mobility from Poverty Center and National Criminal Justice Data Expansion, 2020, \$59,857, PI

¹ New student evaluation form implemented starting Fall 2023, thus not comparable to previous years.

Research Mentor Award Nominee (2024 and 2025)
Mizzou Faculty International Travel and Arts & Humanities Domestic Travel funding (2023)
Alumni Leaders Board Faculty Fellowship Award (2023)
Murray Faculty Fellowship (2021)
Best Graduate Instructor Award (2018)
Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (2018-2019)
Private Enterprise Research Center Graduate Fellow (2016-2018)
Summer Time Advancement in Research (STAR) Award (2017)
First place 4th-year graduate departmental presentations (2018)
First place 3rd-year graduate departmental presentations (2017)
Diversity Fellowship (2014-2017)
APPAM First Place Poster Presentation (2017)
SAAER Top Paper Award (2017)

Related Service

Referee: American Economic Journal: Applied; Canadian Journal of Economics; Contemporary Economic Policy; Economics of Education Review; Economic Inquiry; European Journal of Law and Economics; Industrial Relations; International Review of Law & Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Journal of Public Economics; Justice Quarterly; Law and Social Inquiry; Review of Economics and Statistics; Resources Policy; Science Advances; Quarterly Journal of Economics;

Grant/conference review service: Arnold Ventures Foundation reviewer, Russell Sage Foundation reviewer, Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Conference Scientific Committee, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE) Workshop Scientific Committee

PhD Student Advising:

Brendan Cirillo (co-advisor, Economics, expected 2026)
Sehrish Haroon (committee member, Truman, expected 2028)
Tabitha Juneau (committee member, Economics, graduated 2024)
Jeonghyun Kim (committee member, Economics, expected 2026)
Sungjin Lee (committee member, Truman, graduated 2023)
Youngbin Lee (committee member, Truman, expected 2026)
Jorge Martinez (committee member, Agricultural Economics, expected 2025)
Moenes Mellouli (advisor, Economics, expected 2025)
Guthrie Scoblic (advisor, Economics, expected 2027)
Duan Zhang (co-advisor, Economics, expected 2026)

MA Student Advising: Emma Gould, Savannah McAuley

Undergraduate/MA Student Advising for Research: Dili Maduabum (MIT predoctoral researcher, Yale MA, UMICH PhD), Samantha Mackley (MizzouForward fellow, summer REU, West Point Predoctoral researcher), John Martin (McNair fellow, summer REU), Peter Schaefer (Wells Fargo Bank)