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Employment

2025- Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
2024-2025 IRS Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University
2023-2024 Postdoctoral Scholar, IRLE UC Berkeley

Education

2023 Ph.D. in Economics, Columbia University
2017 Master of Public Policy (Honors), The University of Chicago
2016 B.A. in Economics, The University of Chicago

Publications

“The Effect of Police Oversight on Crime and Allegations of Misconduct: Evidence from Chicago”, with Bocar Ba
[Accepted at *The Review of Economics and Statistics*]

“The Black-White Recognition Gap in Award Nominations”, with Nayoung Rim, Andrea Kiss, and Bocar Ba
[Forthcoming at *Journal of Labor Economics*]

“Peer Effects in Police Use of Force”, with Justin Holz and Bocar Ba
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, May 2023

“The Role of Officer Race and Gender in Police-Civilian Interactions in Chicago”, with Bocar Ba, Dean Knox, and Jonathan Mummolo
Science, February 2021

“Disparities in Police Award Nominations: Evidence from Chicago”, with Nayoung Rim and Bocar Ba
AEA Papers and Proceedings, May 2020

Working Papers

“Release, Detain, or Surveil? The Effect of Electronic Monitoring on Defendant Outcomes”

“Market Response to Racial Uprisings”, with Bocar Ba and Alexander Whitefield

“The Effect of Minority Peers on Future Arrest Quantity and Quality”
[Revise and Resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*]

“Who are the Police? Descriptive Representation in the Coercive Arm of Government”, with Bocar Ba, Jacob Kaplan, Dean Knox, Mayya Komisarichik, Rachel Mariman, Jonathan Mummolo, and Michele Torres
[Revise and Resubmit at *American Journal of Political Science*]

“Police Officer Assignment and Neighborhood Crime”, with Bocar Ba, Patrick Bayer, Nayoung Rim, and Modibo Sidibe
[NBER Working Paper No. 29243]

Honors, Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

2023 Padma Desai Award for Best Dissertation (Columbia University, GSAS)
2022 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine)
2022 Program for Economic Research Graduate Student Summer Fellowship (Columbia University)
2022 Graduate Student Workshop (WEAI Annual Conference)
2021 Lewis A. Sanders Endowed Fellowship in Economics (Columbia University, GSAS)
2021 Wueller 4th Year Pre-Dissertation Award, Winner (Columbia University, Economics Department)
2021 Best Student Paper (Urban Economics Association 2021)
2021 Program for Economic Research Graduate Student Summer Fellowship (Columbia University)
2020 Harriss 2nd Year Paper Award, Winner (Columbia University, Economics Department)
2020 Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Diversity Grant (PIs: Bocar Ba and Nayoung Rim)
2018 Provost Diversity Fellowship (Columbia University, GSAS)

Conferences and Presentations

2023 ASSA, Georgetown McCourt, NYU, UT Austin, UC Berkeley, LSE, U of I Geis, Notre Dame, Duke, UC San Diego, Wash U, UPenn Quattrone, SOLE, WEAI, NBER SI Crime, ViCE, APPAM
2022 Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, CELS, SOLE, WEAI, SDSU, APPAM, CEP/LSE Crime Seminar
2021 CIVICA, UEA (North America), HBS Rising Scholars, SEA
2020 APPAM, SEA

Other Employment Positions

2020-2021 W. Bentley MacLeod, Research Assistant, Columbia University
2020-2021 Diversity Initiative, Co-President, Columbia University
2016-2018 Robert J. LaLonde, Research Assistant, University of Chicago
2017-2018 Amy Claessens, Research Assistant, University of Chicago
2017-2018 Invisible Institute, Data Scientist

Teaching

Spring 2022 Simon Lee, Introduction to Econometrics (Undergrad), Teaching Assistant, Columbia University
Spring 2020 Nima Haghpanah, Game Theory (Undergrad), Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

Fall 2019 Brendan O’Flaherty, Economics of Race (Undergrad), Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, American Law and Economics Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Quantitative Criminology