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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	2022 – Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University 2018 – 2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University 2013 – 2018 Assistant Professor, School of Economics, University of Sydney
AFFILIATIONS	2026 – Criminal Justice Scientific Advisory Panel, <i>Arnold Ventures</i> 2026 – Expert Advisory Board, Evaluation of Ontario's Justice Centres and Therapeutic Courts, <i>Blueprint</i> (for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General) 2025 – Co-Editor, <i>Economic Inquiry</i> 2024 – Associate Member, School of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University 2023 – 2025 Criminal Justice Research Fellow, <i>Arnold Ventures</i> 2021 – Research Fellow, IZA@LISER Network 2021 – Member, Criminal Justice Expert Panel 2018 – Honorary Associate, School of Economics, University of Sydney 2018 – Member, Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies (CHEPS) Advisory Board , San Diego State University 2016 – 2021 Research Affiliate, IZA 2015 – 2018 Founder and Director, University of Sydney/BOCSAR Crime Lab (research partnership with the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research) 2015 – 2018 Faculty Affiliate, Charles Perkins Centre, Economics of Human Development 2014 – 2018 Research Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families Over the Life Course 2014 – 2018 Faculty Affiliate, University of Sydney Institute of Criminology 2012 – 2013 Economics of Crime Graduate Research Fellow, NSF/NBER 2012 – 2013 Graduate Student Fellow, Broom Center for Demography, UCSB 2011 – 2013 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley
DEGREES	2013 Ph.D. Economics, University of California Santa Barbara 2008 M.A. in Economics, University of Colorado Denver 2002 B.A. in Accounting and Finance, Loyola University New Orleans
RESEARCH FIELDS	Economics of Crime, Public Health
PUBLICATIONS	“A review of policy actions implemented during a toxic drug public health emergency in British Columbia, Canada (2016–2024)” (2026), with Zanette, Michelle and others. <i>International Journal of Drug Policy</i> , 157: 105509. “Opioid Use, Mortality Risks, and Crime: Insights from a Rapid Reduction in Heroin Supply” (2026), with Tim Moore. <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> , 108(4): 948-966. “Does nothing stop a bullet like a job? The effects of income on crime” (2025), with Jens Ludwig. <i>Annual Review of Criminology</i> , 8: 269-289. “Buprenorphine/Naloxone vs Methadone for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder” (2024), with Nosyk, Bohdan and others. <i>JAMA</i> , 332(21): 1822-1831. “What is the ideal time to begin tapering opioid agonist treatment? A protocol for a retrospective population-based comparative effectiveness study in British Columbia, Canada” (2024), with Yan, Ruyu and others. <i>BMJ Open</i> , 14(4): e083453.

“Comparative Analysis of Instrumental Variables on the Assignment of Buprenorphine/Naloxone or Methadone for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder” (2024), with Hodaya, Fahmida and others. *Epidemiology*, 35(2): 218-231.

“Hanging Out with the Usual Suspects: Peer Effects and Recidivism” (2022), with Steve Billings. *Journal of Human Resources*, 57(5): 1758-1788.

“The effect of a methadone reformulation on opioid agonist treatment outcomes: A population-based study in British Columbia, Canada, 2013-14” (2022), with Krebs, Emanuel and others. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 138: 108714.

“Diversion in the Criminal Justice System” (2021), with Mike Mueller-Smith. *Review of Economic Studies*, 88(2): 883-936.

“Life After Lead: Effects of Early Interventions for Children Exposed to Lead” (2018), with Steve Billings. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10(3): 315-344.

“Good Jobs and Recidivism” (2018), *Economic Journal*, 128(608): 447-469.

“The Value of a Healthy Home: Lead Paint Remediation and Housing Values” (2017), with Steve Billings. *Journal of Public Economics*, 153: 69-81.

“Asymptotic Behavior of a t Test Robust to Cluster Heterogeneity” (2017), with Andrew Carter and Doug Steigerwald. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99(4): 698-709.

“Economics of Incarceration” (2016), *Australian Economic Review*, 49(4): 515-523.

“Economic Adversity and Crime: Old Theories and New Evidence” (2015), with Don Weatherburn. *Australian Journal of Social Issues (Special 50th Anniversary Edition)*, 50(1): 89-106.

“College Football Games and Crime” (2009), with Dan Rees. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 10(1): 68-87.

CURRENT PROJECTS AND WORKING PAPERS

“The Direct and Intergenerational Effects of Criminal History-Based Safety Net Bans in the U.S.” (2023), with Michael G. Mueller-Smith, James M. Reeves, and Caroline Walker. *NBER Working Paper No. 31983*. Revisions requested at *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Welfare Payment Timing and Property Crime” (2026), with Hamza Abdelrahman.

“The Human Capital Benefits of Neonatal Care for Moderate-Risk Infants” (2026), with Steven Guthridge and Stefanie Schurer.

“Better Stealing Than Dealing: How do Felony Theft Thresholds Impact Crime?” (2025), with Stephen Billings, Michael Makowsky and Adam Soliman. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5169572>.

“New Contexts for Little Scandinavia: The Effect of Importing Scandinavian Correctional Principles into Pennsylvania Prisons”, with Sarah Tahamont, Benjamin Feigenberg, and Britte Van Tiem.

“Legacy of Lead: The Impact of Pb Exposure and Remediation Efforts in Colorado”, with Steve Billings, Ludovica Gazze, and Derek Wietelman.

“The Long-term Benefits of Removing Lead Exposure: Evidence from the Omaha Superfund Site Cleanup”, with Steve Billings, Mike Mueller-Smith, and Danny Tannenbaum.

REPORTS, POLICY BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS, & OP-EDS

“Breaking the Cycle: Applying Causal Research Findings to Reduce Recidivism.” (September 2026), panelist with Sheriff David Rhodes and Nina Salomon, *Arnold Ventures Public Safety Boot Camp*, Philadelphia PA.

“Expert testimony on House Bill 2217.” (January 2026), *Washington State House Committee on Community Safety*.

“State of the research: Lead exposure and lead service lines.” (October 21, 2025), *Arnold Ventures BRIDGE Day*, Washington DC.

“Addressing Youth Violence: Proven Interventions and Policy Considerations.” (September 2025), panelist with former Kentucky State Representative Whitney Westerfield, *Arnold Ventures Public Safety*

Boot Camp, New Orleans LA.

“Retail Theft and Felony Theft Thresholds.” (September 2025), panelist with Khris Hamlin (Retail Industry Leaders Association), *Arnold Ventures Public Safety Boot Camp*, New Orleans LA.

“State of the research: Community service as non-fine punishment.” (May 21, 2025), *Arnold Ventures BRIDGE Day*, Washington DC.

“Does nothing stop a bullet like a job?” (2024), with Jens Ludwig, *Vital City*.

“A snapshot of recent research focused on the causal impact of medicaid/health care on crime and recidivism.” (June 5 2024), *Arnold Ventures BRIDGE Day*, New York City.

“Life after Lead: Effects of Early Interventions for Children Exposed to Lead” (August 16, 2021), *Niskanen Center*, Reducing Violence Across the United States panel series, Session V (recorded).

“Diversion in the Criminal Justice System” (July 19, 2021), *Niskanen Center*, Reducing Violence Across the United States panel series (recorded).

“Second chance: the social benefits of diversion in the criminal justice system” (2021), *Microeconomic Insights*.

“COVID-19 Testing in State Prisons” (2021), Washington D.C.: *Council on Criminal Justice*.

“COVID-19 in U.S. State and Federal Prisons” (2020), Washington D.C.: *Council on Criminal Justice*.

“COVID-19 in U.S. State and Federal Prisons: December 2020 Update” (2020), Washington D.C.: *Council on Criminal Justice*.

“Do post-prison job opportunities reduce recidivism?” (2017), *IZA World of Labor*, 399. (*IZA Opinions commentary*)

EXTERNAL GRANTS

“Legacy of Lead: The Impact of Pb Exposure and Remediation Efforts in Colorado” (2026), funded by *Arnold Ventures*

“The Long-term Benefits of Removing Lead Exposure: Evidence from the Omaha Superfund Site Cleanup” (2025), funded by *Arnold Ventures*

“Causal Determinants of Recidivism” (2022), funded by the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)*

“Emulating target trials with big data to strengthen the evidence base for the clinical management of opioid use disorder ” (2021), with Bohdan Nosyk (PI), Hitoshi Shigeoka and several others, funded by the *U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH)*

“Drinking Water Contaminants and Infant Health” (2019), with Heather Royer and Katherine Grooms, funded by the *U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH)*

“National Evaluation of the Housing and Neighborhood Impact of the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, 1993-2016” (2017), with Steve Billings, Ludovica Gazze, and Michael Greenstone funded by the *US Department of Housing and Urban Development*

“The Altruism of the Arts Customer” (2016), with Bob Slonim and Agnieszka Tymula, funded by a *Australian Research Council Linkage Grant*

“Improving the Developmental Outcomes of Northern Territory Children: A Datalinkage Study to Inform Policy and Practice in Health, Family Services and Education” (2015), with Stefanie Schurer and many others, funded by the *National Health and Medical Research Council* of Australia

“Local Labor Market Opportunities and Recidivism Among Paroled Offenders in California” (2011), funded jointly by the *U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics* and the *American Statistical Association*

RESEARCH SEMINARS

2026: *Université de Montréal* (November 2026). **2025:** Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) Seminar; University of British Columbia Okanagan. **2024:** University of Manitoba; University of British Columbia; University of Victoria. **2023:** University of Texas Austin **2022:** University of Michigan, Purdue University **2021:** Centre for Economic Performance (LSE) Policing and Crime Workshop (virtual) **2020:** Online

Economics of Crime Seminar; University of Regina; University of Victoria. **2019:** San Diego State University; University of Manitoba; Clemson University. **2018:** Western Washington University; University of Technology Sydney; University of Tokyo; Simon Fraser University; UCLA (Public Policy); Claremont McKenna College. **2017:** University of California Merced; University of Western Australia; IZA Institute of Labor Economics (Bonn, Germany); Exeter University; Bristol University; National University Ireland Galway; Stirling University (Scotland); Queens University Belfast; University of Oregon; University College Dublin. **2016:** American University (School of Public Affairs); University of Virginia (Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy); Cornell University (Dept. of Policy Analysis & Management); Monash University (Centre for Health Economics); Victoria University Wellington; Oregon State University; University of Oregon; University of Chicago Crime Lab New York; Charles Darwin University (Menzies School). **2015:** University of Melbourne; Australia National University. **2014:** University of Colorado Denver; University of North Carolina Charlotte; University of Wollongong. **2013:** University of New South Wales; University of Technology Sydney; University of California Berkeley; Montana State University; Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Loyola Marymount University; RAND Corporation (Santa Monica); Uppsala University; Copenhagen Business School; The University of Sydney; Victoria University Wellington.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: University of California, Berkeley (Institute for Research on Labor and Employment). **2025:** Western Economic Association Annual Conference (San Francisco); Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference (Montreal); CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics 2025 (Munich). **2023:** Western Economic Association Annual Conference (San Diego). **2022:** Western Economic Association Annual Conference (Portland). **2020:** Southern Economic Association Annual Conference. **2019:** University of Chicago and London School of Economics Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice; Keynote speaker for the Applied Research in Crime and Justice 2019 Conference (NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research). **2018:** NBER Summer Institute (Health Economics); Workshop on "Prison conditions, labor markets, and recidivism" (Bologna). **2017:** Workshop on Natural Experiments (Deakin University); Asian and Australian Association of Labor Economics Inaugural Conference (Canberra); Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Fall Research Conference (Chicago); Labour and Econometrics Workshop (Auckland); European Society of Population Economics Annual Conference (Glasgow); Conference on Risk and Risky Behavior (Copenhagen); ASSA Annual Meeting (by co-authors, Chicago). **2016:** NBER Summer Institute (by co-author, Economics of Crime Working Group, Cambridge MA); Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (Washington DC); Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Duke); Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Sydney); University of Sydney / University of Geneva Life Course Centre Workshop (Geneva); Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing (Melbourne). **2015:** NBER Summer Institute (Economics of Crime/Labor Studies, Cambridge MA); SOLE / EALE World Conference (Montreal); Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (New Orleans); Western Economic Association International Conference (Honolulu); Western Economic Association International Pacific Rim Conference (Wellington NZ); The Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference (Sydney). **2014:** Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (Atlanta); Workshop on Upward Mobility (Sydney); Labour and Econometrics Workshop (Dunedin NZ); Transpacific Labor Seminar (Sydney). **2013:** Population Association of America (New Orleans); Society of Labor Economics (Boston).

AWARDS

SFU Economics Lawrence Boland Outstanding Instructor Award (2025); University of Sydney SOAR Fellowship (2018, 2019); University of Sydney Dean's Commendation for Excellence in Teaching (2015, 2016); School of Economics Award for Teaching Excellence (2014); UCSB Affiliates Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (2011); UCSB Economics Department Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2011); UCSB Regents Special Fellowship (2008-2013); UCSB Andron Departmental Fellowship (2008); University of Colorado Denver Woodbridge Scholarship (2007); John X. Wegmann Award for Most Outstanding Graduating Senior at Loyola University New Orleans (2002); Wall Street Journal Award for Most Outstanding Finance Graduate at Loyola University New Orleans (2002).

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Economics PhD Research Seminar (SFU); Social Data Analytics Capstone Project (SFU), Data Visualization and Economic Analysis (SFU), Cause and Effect in Economic Data (SFU), MA Econometrics I (SFU), MA Research Paper (course coordinator, SFU), Economic Analysis of Data (SFU), Economics of Crime (SFU, Sydney), Applied Microeconomics Honours (Sydney); Law and Economics (Sydney); Economic Analysis of Law and Public Policy (Masters of Economics, Sydney); Applied Microeconomics (AEA Minority Scholarship Program); Introductory Stata Workshop (UCSB); Principles of Macroeconomics (CU Denver); Economic Principles (Adams State Prison College Program).

Assistant: Ph.D. Econometrics (UCSB); Graduate (M.A.) Econometrics (UCSB); Undergraduate Econometrics (UCSB); The Geography of Surfing (UCSB); Development Economics (UCSB); Data Research and Methodology (CU Denver).

STUDENT
SUPERVISION AND
THESIS EXAMINATION

Ph.D. primary supervisor (SFU): Garam Kim (in progress; currently at the BC Ministry of Health); Stanislav Hetalo (2024; Senior Research Economist, Conference Board of Canada); Matthew McDonald (2023; BC Ministry of Health).

Ph.D. committee member: Zhifeng Sun (SFU, 2025); Toshio Ferrazares (UC Santa Barbara, 2025); Boyuan Wang (SFU, 2024); Michael Topper (UC Santa Barbara, 2024); Minoru Higa (SFU, 2023).

External examiner: Francis Graham, Ph.D. thesis, Monash University (2026); Heather Bone, Ph.D. defense, University of Toronto (2025); Yupei Ma, Ph.D. defense, University of British Columbia (2025); Ronja Helensdotter, Ph.D. final seminar discussant, University of Gothenburg (2023); Olivia Wills, Ph.D. defense, Victoria University of Wellington (2020).

Internal examiner (SFU): Shayan Zarifian, Ph.D. (2025); Cynthia Paquet-Clouston, Ph.D. Criminology (2021); Jacquelyn Draper, M.A. thesis (2020); Yaser Sattari, Ph.D. (2019).

Undergraduate research assistants: Matthew Fraser (USRA, 2024); Usama Toor (USRA, 2022); June Nguyen (USRA, 2021); Bryce Balanuik and Andrew Hicks (USRA, 2020–2021); Hamza Abdelrahman (USRA, 2019–2020); Federico Cerani (research assistant, co-supervised with David Jacks, 2019–2020).

Honours theses, informal supervision (SFU): Bryce Balanuik, Andrew Hicks, Garrick Lau, and Mason Taykandy (2021); Hamza Abdelrahman and Albert Kho (2020). Andrew Hicks and Hamza Abdelrahman each won the department's award for the top honours thesis.

Honours thesis supervisor (University of Sydney): Thomas Westrup, Paige Taylor, Andrew Hartley, Owen Taverner, and Andrew Tai (2018); Nicholas Ng (2017); Max William Gillespie (2016); Jimmy Huang, Sundar Odgers, Xanthe Smith, and Mira Odgers (2015).

CONFERENCE
ORGANIZATION

2026	Internal co-organizer, Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Conference, with Steeve Mongrain
2026	Co-organizer, Vancouver Applied Microeconomics Conference (inaugural), Simon Fraser University, with Serena Canaan, Mike Gilraine, and Pierre Mouganie
2025	Co-organizer and moderator, Arnold Ventures PhD Research Workshop (Houston, October 2025)
2022 – 2026	Organizer, Economics of Crime sessions, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference: 27 sessions (Portland 2022: 5; San Diego 2023: 6; Seattle 2024: 8; San Francisco 2025: 5; Denver 2026: 3)
2019	Program committee member, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)
2015	Co-organizer, Contemporary and Future Crime Trends Conference, University of Sydney Law School, with Garner Clancey, Jennifer Kent, and Harriet Westcott
2015	Co-organizer, Workshop on Early Childhood and Adolescence, Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney, with Stefanie Schurer

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Referee: American Economic Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of Political Economy; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Review of Economics and Statistics; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Economic

Journal; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; European Economic Review; Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; *Economica*; Canadian Journal of Economics; Economics of Education Review; Education Finance and Policy; Labour Economics; Health Economics; American Journal of Health Economics; Economic Inquiry; Economics of Human Biology; Journal of Sports Economics; Southern Economic Review; Contemporary Economic Policy; Bulletin of Economic Research; Economic Record; Economic Papers; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Criminology; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency .

University Service: Graduate Program Chair (SFU, 2025-2026); Department of Economics Tenure and Promotions Committee (SFU, 2024-2025); Department of Economics Appointments Committee (SFU, 2023-2024); Department of Economics Appointments Committee (SFU, 2020-2021); Department of Economics Tenure and Promotions Committee (SFU, 2019-2020); Department of Economics Chair Search Committee (SFU, 2019); Department of Economics External Seminar Coordinator (SFU, 2018-2019; 2021-2022); Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Social Inclusion committee member (Sydney); Life Course Centre External Seminar Coordinator (Sydney); School of Economics External Seminar Coordinator (Sydney, 2014-2015).

Other: Reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant Program; Expert Reviewer of National Science Foundation proposals; Detailed Assessor for applications under the Australian Research Council's *National Competitive Grants Program*; Social Interventions Portfolio Committee Member for the Australian Research Council's Life Course Centre; Expert consultant, Review of the Juvenile Justice NSW Objective Detainee Classification System (NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, 2017–2019); Consultations as an academic expert with the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet (2017); External member of interview committee for the New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (2016).