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State College, PA

## **Education**

Ph.D. in criminology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. 2024.

Supervisors: Prof. Paolo Campana and Prof. Justice Tankebe

Thesis: *Essays on Law Enforcement Misconduct and Social Network Analysis*

Examiners: Prof. Lawrence Sherman and Prof. Aili Malm

M.Phil. (with distinction) in criminological research, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. 2021.

Examined fields: criminological theory, research methods, criminal justice processes, policing

Thesis: *Police Reaction and Adaptation to "Progressive Prosecution"*

B.A. (*magna cum laude*) in political science (highest honors) and mathematics (honors), Williams College, Williamstown, MA, USA. 2020.

## **Research Interests**

Sentencing; police oversight and misconduct; drug enforcement; prosecutorial discretion and criminal justice reform

## **Academic positions**

Postdoctoral Scholar, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing and Criminal Justice Research Center  
Pennsylvania State University, 2024-present.

## **Publications**

### Criminology

Nicholas Goldrosen (2024), "The Republican and Retributivist Punishment of Police Misconduct," *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, in press.

Nicholas Goldrosen (2024), "Is corrections officers' use of illegal force networked? Network structure, brokerage, and key players in the New York City Department of Correction," *Journal of Criminal Justice* 92, 102191. [LINK](#)

Nicholas Goldrosen, Christian Michael Smith, Maria-Veronica Ciocanel, Rebecca Santorella, Shilad Sen, Shawn Bushway, and Chad M. Topaz (2023). "Racial Disparities in Criminal Sentencing Vary Considerably across Federal Judges," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 179(1), pp. 92–113. [LINK](#)

Nicholas Goldrosen (2022), "Null Effects of a Progressive Prosecution Policy on Marijuana Enforcement," *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society* 23(1), pp. 23–45. [LINK](#)

## Law reviews

Nicholas Goldrosen (2024), “Subtracting 420 from 922: Empirical Evidence Against the Federal Prohibition of Gun Possession by Marijuana Users,” *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, in press.

Nicholas Goldrosen (2021), “The New Preemption of Progressive Prosecutors,” *University of Illinois Law Review Online* (Apr. 18, 2021), pp. 150–157. [LINK](#)

Nicholas Goldrosen (2021), “What Happens in the Jury Room Stays in the Jury Room: *R v Mirza*, the Criminal Justice and Courts Act, and the Problem of Racial Bias,” *Cambridge Law Review* VI(1), pp. 236–262. [LINK](#)

## **Working Papers** (latest full versions all available upon request)

“Social Embeddedness and Organisational Justice in a UK Police Force.” (R&R)

“Police Misconduct Hearings as Legitimacy Dialogues.” (under review)

“Network Structures of Police Misconduct Vary by Type and Severity of Misconduct.” (under review)

## **Selected Non-Academic Writing**

Veronica Ciocanel, Nicholas Goldrosen, and Chad Topaz (2023), “Quantifying Federal Sentence Disparities Through Inferred Sentencing Records,” *SLAM News*. [LINK](#).

Jorge Camacho, Nicholas Goldrosen, Rick Su, and Marissa Roy (2023), “Preempting Progress: States Take Aim at Progressive Prosecutors,” Local Solutions Support Center White Paper. [LINK](#)  
2024 paper supplement/update: [LINK](#)

Cambridge Pro Bono Project (2022), “Complainant Phone Data Extraction by Police in England and Wales: Outstanding Issues and Practical Guidance,” Cambridge Pro Bono Project White Paper, July 2022. [LINK](#)

## **Honors/awards**

- First prize, Graduate Poster Competition, American Society of Criminology (2023)
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship (2021–2024)
- *Proxime accesserunt* for the Manuel López-Rey Graduate Prize, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge (2021)
- Herchel Smith Fellowship for study at the University of Cambridge, Williams College (2020–2021)
- Francis Sessions Hutchins, 1900, Memorial Fellowship Prize, Williams College (2020)
- Sentinels of the Republic Essay Prize in Government, Williams College (2020)

## **Presentations**

2024: “The Retributive and Republican Punishment of Police Misconduct,” Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative Symposium, Pennsylvania State University; “Sentencing in the Shadow of Promotion,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (scheduled)

2023: “Subtracting 420 from 922: Empirical Evidence Against the Federal Prohibition of Gun Possession by Marijuana Users,” Drugs and Public Safety Conference, Arizona State University College of Law; “Penal Theory and Police Misconduct,” British Society of Criminology and European Society of Criminology Annual Meetings; “Clusters of Misconduct Amongst Correctional Officers,” and “Network Structures of Police Misconduct,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

2022: “Inter-judge Variation in Racial Sentencing Disparities,” Institute of Criminology Brown Bag Lunch, University of Cambridge; “Preemption of Prosecutorial Discretion,” with Jorge Camacho, Marissa Roy, and Rick Su, International Municipal Lawyers Association; “Network Structures of Police Misconduct Vary By Type and Severity of Misconduct,” Gates Cambridge Day of Research, University of Cambridge.

2021: “Discretion and the Backlash to Criminal Justice Reform,” Emmanuel College Graduate Research Symposium, University of Cambridge; “Null Effects of Progressive Drug Prosecution Policies on Drug Arrests,” Edinburgh Postgraduate Law Conference, University of Edinburgh; “Citizen Court Watching: Opportunities and Challenges for Data Analysis,” ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership Conference, University of Cambridge.

2020: “Analysis of 2018-2020 Williamstown Police Traffic Stop Data,” Williamstown, Mass. Town Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Equity Committee.

## **Teaching**

### University of Cambridge

#### *Co-instructor:*

“Forensic psychology,” Pembroke College summer undergraduate course, 2023 and 2024

“Social network analysis,” graduate criminology module, AY2022 and AY 2023

#### *Small-group teaching:*

“Foundations in Criminology,” undergraduate sociology course, AY2022 and AY2023

“Criminology, Sentencing, and the Penal System,” undergraduate law course, AY2022 and AY2023

#### *Guest lecturer:*

“Drugs” lecture for “Organized Forms of Crime,” graduate criminology module, March 2023 and March 2024

“Legitimacy” lecture for Fast Track program, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, August 2022

## Williams College

### *Teaching assistant:*

STAT 201, “Statistics and Data Analysis,” AY2019.

PSCI 201, “Power, Politics, and Democracy in America,” AY2018.

## **Relevant Work/Volunteer Experience**

Tutor and consultant, Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing (March 2023-present)

Member, Electronic Public Access User Group, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (Feb. 2020-June 2022)

Investigator Intern, Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (June 2019-Aug. 2019)

Student Director, Learning Intervention for Teens, Berkshire County Juvenile Court (Jan. 2017-Dec. 2019)

## **Other Research Experience**

Project Manager, Cambridge Pro Bono Project (Oct. 2021-August 2022)

Research Assistant to Dr. Paolo Campana (Oct. 2021-Jan. 2022)

Researcher, Cambridge Pro Bono Project (Dec. 2020-April 2021)

Research Assistant, Williams College Math Department (Aug. 2019-March 2020)

Research Assistant, Williams College History Department (Jan. 2020-March 2020)

## **Professional/Departmental Service**

### Peer reviewing

*Wellcome Open Research* ([LINK](#)); *Journal of Criminal Justice*

### University of Cambridge

- Vice-president, Scholars’ Council, Gates Cambridge Trust (Nov. 2022-Dec. 2023)
- Student-Staff Liaison Committee, Institute of Criminology (Jan. 2022-Oct. 2022)
- Orientation Co-Director, Gates Cambridge Trust (March 2022-Oct. 2022)

### Williams College

- Student Chair, Honor and Discipline Committee (June 2017-May 2020)
- Political Science Student Liaison Committee (Sept. 2018-May 2020)
- Catholic Chaplain Search Committee (Jan. 2020-May 2020)