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Employment

The Pennsylvania State University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Criminal Justice Research Center, August 2026 – Present

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

PhD in Economics, May 2026

Committee: Andrew Jordan (Chair), George-Levi Gayle, Brad Larsen, Ismael Mourifié, Derek Neal

MA in Economics, December 2022

Covenant College

BA in Economics, May 2019

BA in History, May 2018

Research Interests

Empirical Microeconomics, Economics of Criminal Justice, Economics of Inequality and Discrimination, Industrial Organization

Research

Working Papers

Consumer Choice in Illinois Prison Commissaries (Job Market Paper)

Tenure Effects in Police Investigatory Stops, with Andrew Jordan (R&R at *Economic Inquiry*)

The Impacts of Parole Supervision, with Andrew Jordan and Derek Neal

Works in Progress

How (Much) Do Financial Repercussions Affect Pre-trial Behavior? The Treatment Effect of Cash Bail in Cook County

Research Experience, Washington University in St. Louis

Research Assistant for Andy Jordan, 2022-2024

Research Assistant for George-Levi Gayle, 2022

Teaching

Instructor of Record, Washington University in St. Louis

Socioeconomic Perspectives on Inequality (Econ 382), Summer 2024

Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Structural Microeconometrics (Econ 5175), Spring 2023

Advanced Microeconometrics (Econ 5141), Fall 2022

Microeconomics I & II (Econ 503 & 504), 2021-2022

Economics of Criminal Justice (Econ 354), Spring 2024

Environmental Policy (Econ 451), Fall 2023

Tutor, Covenant College

Modern Languages Lab (French), 2015-2018

Student Teaching

Dade County Middle School (Trenton, GA), Fall 2016

Yorktown Middle School (Yorktown, IN), Fall 2014

Professional Activities

Invited Conferences and Workshops

ASC Annual Meeting, November 2026

APPAM Annual Fall Research Conference, November 2026

MEA Annual Meetings, March 2026

NBER Summer Institute: Economics of Crime, July 2025*

WEAI Annual Conference, June 2025

MEA Annual Meetings, March 2025

** Presentation by co-author*

Department Service, Washington University in St. Louis

Member, Economics Graduate Student Association, 2021-2025

President, Economics Graduate Student Association, 2023-2024

Senator, Graduate Student Senate, 2023-2024

Organizer, Economics Graduate Student Conference, 2022 & 2023

Code & Software Proficiency

R, Stata, Julia, SQL, Matlab, Tableau