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Academic position

Assistant Professor **2023 - present**
School of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

Education

PhD in Criminology **2023**
University of Pennsylvania

MS in Public Policy and Management (Highest Distinction) **2019**
Carnegie Mellon University

BA in Political Science **2013**
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

BA in Economics (Thesis award) **2013**
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Research interests

Urban crime, Place-based interventions, Neighborhood investments, Applied econometrics, Causal inference

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

Chalfin, A., **Mitre-Becerril, D.** & Williams, M. C. (2024). Does Proactive Policing Really Increase Major Crime? A Replication Study of Sullivan and O’Keeffe (2017). *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics*, Vol.3 (2024-6). <https://doi.org/10.18718/81781.36>

MacDonald, J. M., Knorre, A., **Mitre-Becerril, D.**, & Chalfin, A. (2024). Place-based approaches to reducing violent crime hot spots: A review of the evidence on public health approaches. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 101984. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2024.101984>

Mitre-Becerril, D. & MacDonald, J. (2024) "Does Urban Development Influence Crime? Evidence from Philadelphia's New Zoning Regulations" *Journal of Urban Economics*. Volume 142, July 2024. 103667. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2024.103667>

Chalfin, A., Del Pozo, B. & **Mitre-Becerril, D.** (2023) "Overdose Prevention Centers, Crime, and Disorder in New York City" *JAMA Network Open* 6(11): e2342228. <http://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.42228>
- Media coverage: [New York Times](#), [Vice News](#), [New York Daily News](#), [Gothamist](#), [JAMA podcasts](#)

Mitre-Becerril, D., Tahamont, S., Lerner, S. & Chalfin, A. (2022) "Can Deterrence Persist? Long-Term Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Street Lighting" *Criminology & Public Policy* 00, 1-27, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12599>
- Media coverage: [CNN](#)

Mitre-Becerril, D. & Chalfin A. (2021). "Testing Public Policy at the Frontier: The Effect of the \$15 Minimum Wage on Public Safety in Seattle" *Criminology & Public Policy* 20(2): 291-328, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12539>
- Media coverage: [American Society of Criminology Press Release](#), [EurekAlert](#)

Research papers under review

"The Long-term Effects of Structural Discrimination on Public Safety: The 1930s Redlining Maps"

Research papers in progress

"Banks Against Crime: The Impact of Home Mortgages on Neighborhood Crime"

"Do Place-based Capital Investment Policies Influence Public Safety? Evidence from the Opportunity Zones Program"

- First prize, American Society of Criminology 2022 Gene Carte Student Paper Award

"NIMBY or YIMBY? Substance Disorder Treatment and Local Crime" (with Aaron Chalfin, Brandon Del Pozo, and Jonathan Cantor)

"Ambient Light and Public Safety: Evidence from Daylight Saving Time"

"Effects of Mental Health Treatment Services on Neighborhood Safety and Health" (with Bokyoung Kim)

Presentations (past and upcoming*)

Moving Beyond Implications: Research into Policy, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management* **2024**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting **2023**

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference **2022**

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Annual Southern PhD Economics Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Student Research Seminar, Penn Grad Talks, PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference **2021**

Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting **2020**

Latin America Social and Public Policy Conference 2018

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

CLAS Alan R Bennett Public Health Policy Research, University of Connecticut (\$26,925, Co-PI)	2024
CLAS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives, University of Connecticut (\$5,000)	2023
GAPSA Research Student Grant Award, University of Pennsylvania	2023
School of Arts and Sciences Travel Subvention Award, University of Pennsylvania	2023
First prize Gene Carte Student Paper Award, American Society of Criminology	2022
Equity & Inclusion Student Fellowship, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	2021
School of Arts and Sciences Travel Subvention Award, University of Pennsylvania	2021
SASGOV Professional Society Membership Grant, UPenn SAS Graduate Student Government	2021
SAS Graduate Student Government, University of Pennsylvania	2021
Technology Grant, UPenn Office of the Provost and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly	2020
XXVII National Tlacaélel Award for Economic Consulting (Undergraduate Thesis Award)	2013

Professional service

Reviewer: Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Environment & Behavior, Journal of Urban Health, Urban Affairs Review, World Development Perspectives

Ad hoc reviewer: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management reviewer program committee
Crime, Justice, and Drugs policy area

Discussant: North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

PP 5397 Data Analytics with R for Policy & Management (new course)	2024
PP 5314 Causal Inference for Program Evaluation	2024
PP 5376 Applied Quantitative Methods, University of Connecticut	2023-2024

Teaching Assistant:

CRIM 603: Research Methods/Crime Analysis, University of Pennsylvania	2021-2022
CRIM 602: Criminal Justice Data Analytics, University of Pennsylvania	2020

Trainer for new TAs:

TA Training Program, Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Pennsylvania

2021/2022**Non-academic professional experience**

Heinz College Systems Synthesis Project**2019**Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, *Pittsburgh, PA*

- Reviewed PA Sentence Risk Assessment Instrument, proposing accuracy and fairness improvements.

Graduate student project with Bayer Corporation**2017**Carnegie Mellon University, *Pittsburgh, PA***Summer internship****2017**Protokol Telecom, *Oaxaca, Mexico***Head of Analysis of Governmental Information Department****2016 - 2017**National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), *Mexico City***Head of Economic Research Department****2013 - 2016**National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), *Mexico City***Research Assistant****2012 - 2013**National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), *Mexico City***Skills & Languages**

Spanish (native), English (fluent), R, R-Shiny, Python, Stata, ArcGis, Qgis, Latex