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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)

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

"Crime and disorder trends associated with the introduction of overdose prevention centers in New York City" (with Aaron Chalfin and Brandon del Pozo)

"Does Urban Development Influence Crime? Evidence from Philadelphia's New Zoning Regulations" (with John M. MacDonald), Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Urban Economics*

"Does Proactive Policing Really Increase Major Crime? Accounting for an Ecological Fallacy" (with Aaron Chalfin and Morgan C. Williams, Jr.)

Research papers in progress

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

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

"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

Presentations (past and upcoming*)

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

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: Justice Quarterly, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Urban Health, Environment & Behavior

Discussant: North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars

Teaching Experience

Instructor:
PP 5376 Applied Quantitative Methods, University of Connecticut **Fall 2023**

Teaching Assistant:
CRIM 603: Research Methods/Crime Analysis, University of Pennsylvania **Spring 2021/2022**
CRIM 602: Criminal Justice Data Analytics, University of Pennsylvania **Fall 2020**

Trainer for new TAs:
TA Training Program, Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Pennsylvania **Summer 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