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Cornell University

Education

Cornell University

Ph.D. in Economics, 2023 – 2029 (Brooks School Fellowship)

Montana State University

M.S. in Applied Economics, 2021 – 2023 (GPA: 3.96, Best Thesis Award)

Hillsdale College

B.A. in Economics, 2017 – 2021 (*Magna Cum Laud*, Dept. Honors)

Fields

Primary Field: Labor Economics

Secondary Fields: Public Economics, Economics of Crime

References

[Amanda Agan](#)

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[Elio Nimier-David](#)

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Works in Progress

Information, Technology, and Police Effectiveness: Evidence from Police Drones [data collection ongoing]

Criminal Records in the Labor Market: Industry Concentration and Employer Dynamics (with [Amanda Agan](#)) [Census FSRDC proposal under review]

The Impacts of Graduate Student Unionization (with [Seth Sanders](#) and [Evan Riehl](#))

Scared Straight? How Close Election Victories Influence Candidate Party Loyalty (with [Gabe Sekres](#))

Working Papers

[Drug Money, Police Incentives, and Crime: Evidence from Civil Asset Forfeiture](#) [revising]

Abstract: Do drug-money seizures influence police behavior? In this paper, I exploit variation from the 2015 suspension of a federal asset forfeiture program that sent monetary kickbacks to local law enforcement for policing drug crimes. Using a difference-in-differences design, I find that participating local agencies cut drug-related arrests in response to the suspension of adoptions payments. The decline scales with pre-suspension participation and is strongest for possession offenses and municipal police departments. I also find suggestive evidence that violent crime increased after the suspension, implying forfeiture revenue can expand enforcement effort in ways that may be socially beneficial.

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Professors [Seth Sanders](#) and [Evan Riehl](#), Cornell University, 2025-present

Research Assistant for Professor [Amanda Agan](#), Cornell University, 2025-present

Research Assistant for Professor [Donald Kenkel](#), Cornell University, Summer 2025

Research Assistant for Professor [Isaac Swensen](#), Montana State University, 2021-2023

Research Assistant for Professor [Wendy Stock](#), Montana State University, Fall 2022

Research Assistant for Professor [Carly Urban](#), Montana State University, Fall 2021

Select Awards

Young Scholar Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Feb 2026
Price Theory Summer Camp Participant, University of Chicago, June 2025
Outstanding TA Award, Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University, May 2025
Exemplary Service Award, Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University, May 2025
Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, Dept. of Economics, Montana State University, May 2023
Phi Kappa Phi Honorary, Montana State University, January 2023
Summer Honors Student, American Enterprise Institute, June 2021
National Champion in Parliamentary Debate, Pi Kappa Delta National Championship, May 2021

**Fellowships,
Scholarships,
and Grants**

Brooks School of Public Policy Fellowship, Cornell University, 2023 – 2029
Diversity Scholarship Grant, Dept. of Economics, Montana State University, SP 2023
Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, SP 2023
Hillsdale Merit Scholarship, Hillsdale College, 2017 – 2021

Teaching

Instructor of Record
EC 297: Economics of Crime, Colby College, Winter Session 2025 [[Syllabus](#)]

Tutoring
Private Tutor, PUBPOL 2000: Intermediate Microeconomics, Cornell University, SP 2025
Brooks School Tutor, ECON 6090: Microeconomic Theory I (Ph.D.), Cornell University, FA 2024

Teaching Assistantships
PUBPOL 3100: Multiple Regression, Cornell University (Prof. Sule Alan), SP 2025 [[Evals](#)]
PUBPOL 2040: Public Economics, Cornell University (Prof. Brandon Tripp), FA 2024 [[Evals](#)]
ECNS 310: Health Economics, Montana State University (Prof. Marianna Carrera), SP 2023
ECNS 312: Labor Economics, Montana State University (Prof. Isaac Swensen), SP 2023
ECNS 451: Behavioral Economics, Montana State University (Prof. Mariana Carrera), SP 2023
ECNS 301: Intermediate Micro, Montana State University (Prof. Isaac Swensen), FA 2022
ECNS 403: Intro to Econometrics, Montana State University (Prof. Carly Urban), SP 2022

**Seminars &
Conferences**

2025-26: 50th Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE), Presentations in Emerging Research (PIERS, Cornell), The Work in Progress Seminar (TWIPS, Cornell)
2024-25: Labor Works in Progress Seminar (LWIPS, Cornell)

Academic Service

Referee:
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM) x1

Leadership:
PhD Mentor, Cornell Department of Economics, 2025-26
Co-President, Graduate Students in Public Policy (GSPP), 2024-25
PhD Mentor, Jeb E Brooks School of Public Policy, 2024-25

Software skills

Programming: Stata, R, Python, SQL, LaTeX
Other: GitHub, Microsoft Office Suite (Word/Excel)