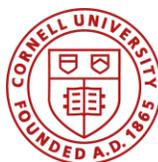


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Education

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)

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Works in Progress

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

Scared Straight? How Close Election Victories Influence Candidate Party Loyalty

How Trade Exposure in Childhood Impacts Adult Earnings (with [Victor Besse](#))

Working Papers

[Drug Money, Police Incentives, and Crime: Evidence from Civil Asset Forfeiture](#) (sole author)
[under review as of 2/2026]

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](#), 2025-2026

Research Assistant for Professor [Amanda Agan](#), Cornell University, 2025-2026

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

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

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Select Awards	<p>Young Scholar Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Feb 2026</p> <p>Price Theory Summer Camp Participant, University of Chicago, June 2025</p> <p>Outstanding TA Award, Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University, May 2025</p> <p>Exemplary Service Award, Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University, May 2025</p> <p>Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award, Dept. of Economics, Montana State University, May 2023</p> <p>Phi Kappa Phi Honorary, Montana State University, January 2023</p> <p>Summer Honors Student, American Enterprise Institute, June 2021</p> <p>National Champion in Parliamentary Debate, Pi Kappa Delta National Championship, May 2021</p>
Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants	<p>Brooks School of Public Policy Fellowship, Cornell University, 2023 – 2029</p> <p>Diversity Scholarship Grant, Dept. of Economics, Montana State University, SP 2023</p> <p>Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, SP 2023</p> <p>Hillsdale Merit Scholarship, Hillsdale College, 2017 – 2021</p>
Teaching	<p><u>Instructor of Record</u> EC 297: Economics of Crime, Colby College, Winter Session 2025 [Syllabus]</p> <p><u>Tutoring</u> Private Tutor, PUBPOL 2000: Intermediate Microeconomics, Cornell University, SP 2025 Brooks School Tutor, ECON 6090: Microeconomic Theory I (Ph.D.), Cornell University, FA 2024</p> <p><u>Teaching Assistantships</u> 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</p>
Seminars & Conferences	<p>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)</p> <p>2024-25: Labor Works in Progress Seminar (LWIPS, Cornell)</p>
Academic Service	<p><u>Referee</u>: <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM)</i> x1</p> <p><u>Leadership</u>: 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</p>
Software skills	<p>Programming: Stata (advanced), R (advanced), Python (proficient), SQL (proficient), LaTeX (proficient)</p> <p>Other: LaTeX, GitHub, Microsoft Office Suite</p>