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### Education

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2006

Dissertation: "The Role of Statistical and Taste Discrimination in Racial Disparities"

Advisors: Hanming Fang, Joseph Altonji and Patrick Bayer

B.A., Economics (*with departmental honors*), University of California, Berkeley, 2000

### Employment:

Full Economist, *The RAND Corporation*, 2015-

Assistant Professor, *Carnegie Mellon Heinz School of Public Policy*, 2006-2015.

### Fields:

Economics of Crime, Economics of Discrimination, Labor Economics, Public Economics

### Publications:

"An Alternative Test of Racial Prejudice in Motor Vehicle Searches: Theory and Evidence," (with Hanming Fang), *American Economic Review*, March 2006, Vol. 96, No. 1, 127-151.

"Testing a Bayesian Learning Theory of Deterrence Among Serious Juvenile Offenders" (with Tom Loughran), *Criminology*, August 2011, Vol. 49, No. 3, 667-698.

"Testing for Discrimination: Evidence from the Game Show *Street Smarts*", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, January 2012, Vol.81(1), 268-285.

"The Impact of Jury Race in Criminal Trials" (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2012, Volume 127(2), 1017-1055.

"Testing for the Role of Prejudice in Emergency Departments Using Bounceback Rates" (with Hanming Fang), *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy (Advances)*, November 2012, Volume 13 (3).

"The Role of Age in Jury Selection and Trial Outcomes" (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson), *Journal of Law and Economics*, November 2014, Volume 57(4).

“Testing for Racial Prejudice in the Parole Board Release Process: Theory and Evidence” (with Hanming Fang), *Journal of Legal Studies*, January 2015, Volume 44.

“Politics in the Courtroom: Political Ideology and Jury Decision Making” (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 17.3 (2019): 834-875.

“A Jury of *Her* Peers: The Impact of the First Female Jurors on Criminal Convictions” (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson), *The Economic Journal*, 129.618 (2019): 603-650.

### **Working Papers:**

“Unequal Jury Representation and Its Consequences” (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson).

“For Whom Does Job Training Reduce Arrests? Evidence from a Disadvantaged Worker RCT” (with Matthew Baird, John Engberg, and Rosanna Smart).

“The Role of Juror Demographics in Civil Jury Trials” (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson).

“The Impact of Remote Video Arraignment on Bail Hearing Decisions” (with Andres Rengifo and Jessica Saunders).

“Racial Disparities in Virginia Felony Court Cases” (with Patrick Bayer and Randi Hjalmarsson).

“An Empirical Analysis of the Presidential Pardon Process” (with James Anderson and Nick Pace).

### **RAND Publications:**

Anwar S, Matsuda M, Spohn C, and Cahill M. *An Evaluation of New Mexico’s Online Intake System for Civil Legal Aid*. RAND RR-2640. 2018.

### **Grants**

Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, “Measuring the Effects of Defense Funding”, \$299,929, July 2015- August 2019.

Principal Investigator, National Institute of Justice, “Racial Disparities in Virginia Felony Court Cases”, \$99,517, January 2017-December 2019.

Principal Investigator, RAND Institute for Civil Justice, “The Role of Juror Demographics in Civil Jury Trials”, \$84,790, October 2016-September 2019.

Principal Investigator, Arnold Ventures, “The Impact of Public Defense at First Appearance”, \$713,859, November 2018-July 2023.

Principal Investigator, RAND Institute for Civil Justice, “Variation in the Size of Federal Civil Juries”, \$248,850, June 2019-September 2022.

Principal Investigator, RAND-Initiated Research, “Racial Disparities in Criminal Convictions for Speeding”, \$165,000, October 2019-September 2021.

### **Teaching Experience:**

Introduction to Econometric Theory (Ph.D. level)  
Intermediate Empirical Methods for Public Policy  
Data Analysis for Managers

### **Selected Press Coverage**

“The Impact of Jury Race in Criminal Trials”

*Freakonomics Blog, The New York Times*, September 22, 2010.

*CNN Opinion Piece*, “A Jury Pool’s Race Can Deny Justice”, May 23, 2012.

*The Economist*, “Race and Juries”, July 16, 2013.

“The Role of Age in Jury Selection and Trial Outcomes”

*Wall Street Journal* blog, “Senior Citizens with Conviction”, Christopher Shea, March 9 2012.

*Freakonomics Blog*, “Are Older Jurors More Likely to Convict?”, March 7, 2012.

### **Invited Presentations/Conferences**

RAND Institute for Civil Justice Board Meeting, 2021

National Convening on Research and Data in Indigent Defense, 2020

American Society of Criminology annual meeting, 2019

RAND Institute for Civil Justice Board Meeting, 2018

American Society of Criminology annual meeting, 2016

Pittsburgh Economics Medley Conference, 2013

HEC Montreal, 2012

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2012

NBER Summer Institute (Law and Economics meetings), 2012

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Mentoring Workshop

(participant), 2012  
American Law and Economic Association annual meeting, 2011  
AEA annual meeting, 2010  
NBER Summer Institute (Economics of Crime meetings), 2010  
American Society of Criminology annual meeting, 2009  
Carnegie Mellon University, 2006  
CUNY-Hunter, 2006

### **Professional Service**

Referee: *American Economic Review, American Law and Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economics Journal, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Policy Studies Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics*