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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 Role of Ambient Light in Shaping Public Safety: Evidence from Daylight Saving Time"

Research papers in progress

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

"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)

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

Presentations (past and upcoming*)

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

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

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

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting, **2021**
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

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, PI) 2024

CLAS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives, University of Connecticut (\$5,000, PI) 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:

- Criminology: Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly
- Economics: Applied Economic Letters, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Development Economics
- Other fields: 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:

Summer Workshop Series on Microsoft Excel, UConn 2024

PP 5397 Data Analytics with R for Policy & Management (new course), UConn 2024

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| PP 5314 Causal Inference for Program Evaluation, UConn | 2024 |
| PP 5376 Applied Quantitative Methods, UConn | 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

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| Heinz College Systems Synthesis Project | 2019 |
| Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> | |
| - Reviewed PA Sentence Risk Assessment Instrument, proposing accuracy and fairness improvements. | |
| Graduate student project with Bayer Corporation | 2017 |
| Carnegie Mellon University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> | |
| Summer internship | 2017 |
| Protokol Telecom, <i>Oaxaca, Mexico</i> | |
| Head of Analysis of Governmental Information Department | 2016 - 2017 |
| National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), <i>Mexico City</i> | |
| Head of Economic Research Department | 2013 - 2016 |
| National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), <i>Mexico City</i> | |
| Research Assistant | 2012 - 2013 |
| National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), <i>Mexico City</i> | |

Skills & Languages

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