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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia Expected May 2021
Dissertation: "Addressing Racial Disparities in the Classroom and the Courtroom"
Committee: Leora Friedberg lf6s@virginia.edu (434) 924-3225
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M.A. Economics, University of Virginia December 2016
B.S. Economics; B.A., Mathematics and English Literature, Arizona State University May 2015
Summa cum laude

FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

WORKING PAPERS:

"No Spending without Representation: School Boards and the Racial Gap in Education Finance,"
(*R&R*, *AEJ: Economic Policy*)
"Is There Racial Bias in Plea Bargaining—And Can Defense Attorneys Help Prevent It?"
"Who Should Re-enroll in College?" (*Under review*) with Kelli Bird (UVa), Benjamin Castleman (UVa), and Benjamin Skinner (University of Florida)

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

"How Do Harsh Judges React to Lenient Laws? Evidence from Marijuana Legalization"
"Politically Charged? Prosecutor Partisanship and Prosecutorial Discretion," with Brandon Garrett (Duke University School of Law)
"The Spillover Effects of Incarceration on Neighborhoods," with Eric Chyn (Dartmouth)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor, University of Virginia
Econ 4445: Policy Analysis (Fall 2020)
Econ 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics (Summer 2020)

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia
Econ 4445/4559: Policy Analysis (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
Econ 2010: Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Spring 2020)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

45th AEFPP Annual Conference; 113th Annual NTA Conference on Taxation 2020

AWARDS:

Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship (UVa) 2020
Bankard Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (UVa) 2019
Snively Award for Outstanding Dissertation Proposal (UVa) 2018
Snively Award for Outstanding Summer Paper (UVa) 2017