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## Academic Appointments

2016 to present	Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park
2013-2016	Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Criminal Justice & Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy State University of New York, Albany
2013-2016	Embedded Scholar, Office of Justice Research & Performance New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Lead research collaborations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing and testing a new protocol for demographic matching data to the Computerized Criminal History Database when fingerprint records or state identifiers are not available.</li><li>• Describing pathways of criminal justice contact for the decade preceding prison incarceration for a cohort of first-time prison inmates in New York State.</li></ul>

## Education

2013	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> Goldman School of Public Policy <i>Ph.D.</i> in Public Policy Committee: Steve Raphael (chair), Rucker Johnson, Frank Zimring Dissertation Title: <i>Essays on the Effects of Correctional Policies on Prison Misconduct</i>
2009	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> Goldman School of Public Policy <i>M.P.P.</i> in Public Policy
2004	<b>Vassar College</b> <i>B.A.</i> in History, Women's Studies, Italian

## Peer Reviewed Publications

- Hickert, A., Tahamont, S. & Bushway, S.B. (2017) A Tale of Two Margins: Exploring the Probabilistic Processes that Generate Prison Visits in the First Two Years of Incarceration. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. DOI: 10.1007/s10940-017-9351-z
- Bushway, S.D. and Tahamont, S. (2016). Modeling long term criminal careers: what happened to the variability? *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 53(3), 371-392.
- Tahamont, S., Yan, S., Bushway, S., and Liu, J. (2015) Pathways to Prison in New York State. *Criminology and Public Policy* 14(3), 431-453.

## Invited Chapters

- Chalfin, A. & Tahamont, S. (in press). The economics of deterrence: a review of theory and evidence. In D.S. Nagin, F.T. Cullen, and C.L. Jonson (Eds.), *Deterrence, Choice, and Crime: Contemporary Perspectives*. Abingdon: Routledge.
- Tahamont, S. & Chalfin, A. (2016). The Effect of Prisons on Crime. In J. Wooldredge & P. Smith (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on Prisons and Imprisonment*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199948154.013.29

## Research in Progress

- The Effect of Facility Security Classification on Serious Rules Violation Reports in California Prisons: A Regression Discontinuity Design (*under review*)
- Correctional Classification and Security. In preparation for *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Henry Pontell, Editor in Chief. (with Nicole Frisch, *under review*)
- The effect of mandatory minimum punishments on the efficiency of criminal justice resource allocation (with Steve Raphael)
- Not so conservative after all: Exact matching and attenuation bias in randomized experiments (with Zubin Jelveh, Shi Yan, Aaron Chalfin, and Ben Hansen)
- Incarceration as a (Re)turning Point: Investigating Arrest Trajectories Before and After Prison (with Nicole Frisch)
- The effect of the New York City Summer Youth Employment Program on criminal justice outcomes (with Alexander Gelber, Adam Isen, and Judd Kessler)
- Ineligible anyway: Evidence on the Barriers to Pell Eligibility for Prison Inmates in the Second Chance Pell Pilot Program in Pennsylvania (with Jordan Hyatt, Jennifer Lafferty, Nicolette Bell and Michele Hiester)
- Specialization and Criminal Careers: Integrating Time & Memory (with Tom Loughran, Kyle Thomas and Shi Yan)
- The effect of visitation on prison misconduct.
- Closer to home: estimating the causal effect of prison visits on recidivism (with Shawn Bushway and Steve Raphael)

## Invited Presentations & Seminars

- “The Effect of Facility Security Classification on Serious Rules Violation Reports in California Prisons: A Regression Discontinuity Design.”
- University of Chicago Crime Lab — New York, New York, NY. September, 2016.
  - Bloch School of Management Colloquium Series, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO. October, 2014.
  - University of Maryland School of Criminology & Criminal Justice Interdisciplinary Lecture Series, College Park, MD. April, 2014.
  - Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center Seminar, Albany, NY. April, 2014.

## Conference Presentations

- “Not so conservative after all: Exact matching and attenuation bias in randomized experiments” (Joint work with Zubin Jelveh, Shi Yan, Aaron Chalfin and Ben Hansen) Association of Public Policy and Management, Chicago, IL. November, 2017.

## Conference Presentations, continued

“Specialization and Criminal Careers: Integrating Time & Memory” (Joint work with Thomas Loughran and Kyle Thomas)

- American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. November 2017
- Western Society of Criminology, Las Vegas, NV. February 2017.
- American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA. November 2016.

“The Effect of Visitation on Recidivism in New York State” (Joint work with Steven Raphael and Shawn Bushway)

- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Miami, FL. November, 2015.
- American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC. November, 2015.

“Pathways to Prison in New York State” (Joint work with Shi Yan, Shawn Bushway, and Jing Liu) American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. November, 2014.

“The Effect of Facility Security Classification on Serious Rules Violation Reports in California Prisons: A Regression Discontinuity Design.” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. November, 2013.

“Overriding the Security Classification Instrument: Prison Misconduct and Mandatory Minimum Placements in California.”

- Western Society of Criminology, Berkeley, CA. February, 2013.
- American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. November, 2012.

“The Effect of Visitation on Prison Misconduct.”

- American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC. November, 2011.
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC. November, 2011.
- Law and Society Association, San Francisco, CA. June, 2011.

## Posters

“Pathways to Prison in New York State” (Joint work with Shi Yan, Shawn Bushway and Jing Liu) Poster presented at the Association of Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM. November, 2014.

“The Effect of Facility Security Classification on Serious Rules Violation Reports in California Prisons: A Regression Discontinuity Design.” Poster presented at the Association of Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C. November, 2013.

**Third Place Prize Winner**

“The Effect of Visitation on Prison Misconduct.” Poster presented at

- All California Labor Economics Conference. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. September, 2012.
- National Science Foundation IGERT 2011 Poster Competition Finalist Poster Session, Arlington, VA. May, 2011. **Top Prize Winner**

## Teaching Experience

### University of Maryland

- Professor **CCJS620: Fundamentals of Criminological Research** Fall 2016 & 2017  
Core Graduate Course  
First in a three part statistical methods sequence designed to equip students with analytic reasoning and statistical tools necessary to pursue rigorous research.
- CCJS 452: The Treatment of Criminals and Delinquents** Fall 2016 - Spring 2018  
Upper Division Undergraduate Course  
Examines topics related to the treatment of juveniles and adults at various stages in the U.S. criminal justice system. Explores implications of the policy choices that mold and shape the experience of those individuals who are “caught up in the system.”
- CCJS 678K: Research Methods** Summer II 2016 & 2017  
CCJS-Nanjing Normal University Law School Joint MA Program  
Fundamentals of research methodology includes development of research questions and hypotheses, literature review, and study design. This course prepares students for the program capstone that follows.

### University of California, Berkeley

- Instructor **Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute (PPIA) Policy Analysis and Communications Core Course** Summer 2013  
Designed syllabus, developed course materials and was the sole instructor for a course designed to introduce students to the policy analysis process and develop their written and oral communication skills.
- PPIA Junior Summer Institute - Leadership Module** Summer 2012 & 2013  
Developed curriculum and led PPIA fellows in a 3 day module designed to introduce students to the core concepts and practice of leadership and management.
- Graduate Student Instructor **Stata for the Policy Analyst** Spring 2013  
Designed syllabus, developed course materials and was the sole instructor for a lab course training M.P.P. students to use Stata statistical software.
- Introduction to Policy Analysis** Spring 2009 & 2010, Fall 2012  
Upper division undergraduate course introduces analytical approaches to public policy using microeconomic concepts
- Public Leadership and Management** Fall 2011  
Core course for M.P.P. students in which students learn and apply leadership and management concepts; the GSI leads weekly 2 hour lab group; facilitates application of concepts gives feedback on written work and presentations.
- Political Analysis and Agency Management Aspects of Public Policy** Fall 2008 & 2009  
Core course for M.P.P. students that covers political analysis and includes extensive instruction on memo writing
- Tutor **PPIA Core Quantitative Methods & Microeconomics** Summer 2012  
Tutored PPIA fellows in microeconomics and quantitative methods in one-on-one and group settings and introduced fellows to Stata statistical software.

## Teaching Experience, continued

Patten University, Oakland, CA Prison University Project - San Quentin State Prison

Instructor	<b>Math50B</b> College preparatory pre-algebra course prepares students for entry into college-level algebra.	Summer 2013
	<b>Introduction to Statistics</b> This course provides an elementary introduction to statistical reasoning, including sampling, elementary probability, and statistical inference.	Summer 2011
	<b>English 99B</b> Composition course designed to prepare students for college level writing.	Summer 2010
Lead Coordinator & Tutor	<b>Math 50 A &amp; B</b> Self-paced course prepares students for entry into college level algebra course; Responsible for the administration of course in conjunction with PUP staff; coordinates a team of tutors	Spring 2010–Fall 2012

## Awards & Fellowships

<b>University of Maryland</b> Most Valuable Professor, Maryland Women's Lacrosse	2017
<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> Dissertation Year Fellowship	2013
Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty	2013
Graduate Division Dean's Normative Time Fellowship	2011–2012
<b>Center for the Study of Law and Society</b> Berkeley Empirical Legal Scholars (BELS) Fellowship	2011–2012
<b>National Science Foundation</b> Integrated Graduate Research, Education, and Training Program in Politics, Economics, Psychology and Public Policy Fellowship (IGERT-PEPP)	2010–2011
<b>Goldman School of Public Policy</b> Graduate Opportunity Fellowship	2007–2008

## Professional Service & Affiliations

### Professional Organizations

American Society of Criminology (ASC), Member  
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Member  
Western Society of Criminology (WSC), Member

### Service to the Field

#### Editorial Board Member

*Criminology*

#### Manuscript Reviewer

*Criminology; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Criminology and Public Policy; Justice Quarterly; Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology; Journal of Experimental Criminology; PLOS-One; Crime, Law and Social Change*

#### Other Reviewing

National Science Foundation (Law and Social Sciences Program); National Institute of Justice; Bureau of Justice Statistics

## Program Committee

*Sub-Area Chair - Prisons and Jails*, ASC Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Fall 2018

## University Affiliations

ADVANCE Keeping Our Faculty (KOF) Mentoring Program

2016-2017

Teaching and Learning Transformation Center Faculty Launch Program

2016-2017

## Department Service

### Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

*Leader*, CCJS Writing Bootcamp

Spring 2017 - present

Lead weekly structured writing session, facilitate discussions about empirical evidence on scholarly productivity and tactics for optimizing productivity.

*Faculty Adviser*, Petey Greene Program at the University of Maryland, College Park

Spring 2017 - present

#### *Committee Service*

Paternoster Memorial Lecture Committee

Fall 2017 - present

Statistical Advisory Committee

Fall 2016 - present

Qualifying Exam - Theory Committee

Fall 2017 - present

General Comprehensive Exam Committee

Fall 2016 - present

Faculty Search Committee

Fall 2016, 2017 & Spring 2018

### Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, SUNY

*Associate Director*, Albany Policy Evaluation and Analysis Research Lab

2013-2016

Albany PEARL is a multi-disciplinary scholarly community dedicated to implementing rigorous, social scientific approaches to important policy questions and fostering the professional development of its members. Primary responsibilities:

- Collaborate with faculty to mentor student members of Albany PEARL
- Facilitate bi-weekly meetings focused on methodological problem solving and professional development

## Community Service

Petey Greene Program DC Advisory Board

2017-present

## References

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