

## Curriculum Vitae (September 2022)

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**Citizenship:** U.S.A

#### **Employment**

*Claremont McKenna College – Robert Day School of Economics and Finance*

Department Chair, July 2022 – present.

Russell S. Bock Professor of Public Economics, 2019 – present.

Associate Professor of Economics, 2011 – 2018.

Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2007 – 2010.

*RAND Corporation*

Research Fellow in Population Studies, 2005 - 2007.

*McMaster University*

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2003 –2007.

#### **Other Affiliations**

*Fellow of the Society for Empirical Legal Studies*, 2020 – present.

*Research Affiliate*, Computational Justice Lab, 2019 – present.

*Research Fellow*, IZA (Institute for Study of Labor), 2009 – present.

#### **Education**

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

M.S., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

B.A., Economics, Carleton College.

#### **Research Areas of Interest**

Criminal Justice, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Urban Poverty.

## Scholarly Publications

Bjerk, David and Shawn Bushway. (Forthcoming). "The Long-term Incarceration Consequences of Growing Up in a Crime Boom." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

Bjerk, David. (2022). "Does Greater Police Funding Help Catch More Murderers?" *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 19(3): 528-559. (Lead Article)

Bjerk, David. (2021). "Socially Optimal Plea Bargaining with Costly Trials and Bayesian Juries." *Economic Inquiry* 59(1): 263-279.

Bjerk, David and Eric Helland. (2020). "What Can DNA Exonerations Tell Us About Racial Differences in Wrongful Conviction Rates?" *Journal of Law and Economics* 63(2): 341-366.

Bjerk, David. (2019). "Replication of Mismatch Research: Ayers, Brooks, and Ho (comment)." *International Review of Law and Economics* 58: 3-5.

Bjerk, David and I. Serkan Ozbeklik. (2018). "Using Samples-of-Opportunity to Assess Gender Bias in Principal Evaluations of Teachers: A Cautionary Tale." *Journal of Labor Research* 39(3): 235-258. (Lead Article)

Bjerk, David. (2017). "Mandatory Minimums and the Sentencing of Federal Drug Crimes." *Journal of Legal Studies* 46(1): 93-128.

Bjerk, David. (2017). "Mandatory Minimum Reform and the Sentencing of Crack Cocaine Defendants: An Analysis of the Fair Sentencing Act." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 14(2): 370-396.

Bjerk, David. (2016). "In Front of and Behind the Veil of Ignorance: An Analysis of Motivations for Redistribution." *Social Choice and Welfare* 47(4): 791-824.

Bjerk, David and Caleb Mason. (2014). "The Market for Mules: Risk and Compensation of Cross Border Drug Couriers" *International Review of Law and Economics* 39: 58-72.

Bjerk, David and Caleb Mason. (2013). "Inter-Judge Sentencing Disparity on the Federal Bench: An Examination of Drug Smuggling Cases in the Southern District of California." *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 25(3): 190-196.

Bjerk, David. (2012). "Re-examining the Impact of Dropping Out on Criminal and Labor Market Outcomes in Early Adulthood." *Economics of Education Review* 31(1): 110-122.

Bjerk, David. (2010). "Thieves, Thugs, and Neighborhood Poverty." *Journal of Urban Economics* 68: 231-246.

- Bjerk, David. (2009). "How Much Can We Trust Causal Interpretations of Fixed Effects Estimators in the Context of Criminality?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 25(4): 391-417.
- Bjerk, David. (2009). "Beauty vs. Earnings: Gender Differences in Human Capital, Earnings, and Priorities Over Spousal Characteristics in a Matching Model." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 69: 248-259.
- Bjerk, David. (2008). "Glass Ceilings or Sticky Floors? Statistical Discrimination in a Dynamic Model of Promotion and Hiring," *Economic Journal* 118(July): 961-982.
- Bjerk, David. (2008). "On the Role of Plea Bargaining and the Distribution of Sentences in the Absence of Judicial System Frictions." *International Review of Law and Economics* 28(1): 1-7 (Lead Article).
- Bjerk, David. (2007) "Guilt Shall Not Escape or Innocence Suffer? The Limits of Plea Bargaining When Defendant Guilt is Uncertain," *American Law and Economics Review* 9(2):305-329 (Lead Article).
- Bjerk, David and Seungjin Han. (2007). "Assortative Marriage and the Effects of Government Homecare Subsidy Programs on Gender Wage and Participation Inequality," *Journal of Public Economics* 91(5-6): 1135-1150.
- Bjerk, David. (2007). "Racial Profiling, Statistical Discrimination, and the Effect of a Colorblind Policy on the Crime Rate," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 9(3): 543-567.
- Bjerk, David. (2007). "The Differing Nature of Black-White Wage Inequality Across Occupational Sectors." *Journal of Human Resources* 42(2): 398-434.
- Bjerk, David. (2007). "Measuring the Relationship Between Youth Criminal Participation and Household Economic Resources," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 23(1): 23-39.
- Bjerk, David. (2005). "Making the Crime Fit the Penalty: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion Under Mandatory Minimum Sentencing." *Journal of Law and Economics* 48(2): 591-627.

## Teaching

*Economics of Crime and Criminal Justice* (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College.

*Economics of Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination* (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College.

*Seminar and Tutorial in Economics for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Program (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College.*

*Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College.*

*Senior Research Seminar (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College.*

*Public Economics (PhD Level), McMaster University.*

*Economics of the Labor Market (Undergraduate), McMaster University.*

### **Professional Service**

Board of Directors, *Society for Empirical Legal Studies (SELS)*, 2018-2022.

Area Organizer, *American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) - Criminal Law, Crime, Law Enforcement Sessions*, 2021.

External Review Committee, Macalester College, Department of Economics, 2021.

Co-chair, *Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)*, 2019.

Associate Editor, *International Review of Law and Economics*, September 2018-present.

Area Organizer, *American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) - Criminal Law, Crime, Law Enforcement Sessions*, 2018.

Program Committee Member, *Program in Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference*, 2018-2019.

External Review Committee, Carleton College, Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation (PEAR) Department, 2014.

Program Committee Chair - *Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (SoCCAM)*, 2014-2015.

Area Organizer, *American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) - Criminal Law, Crime, Law Enforcement Sessions*, 2013.

Referee-

*American Economic Review*;

*American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*;

*American Economic Journal – Economic Policy*;

*American Law and Economics Review*;

*Applied Economics Research Bulletin*;

*B.E. Journal of Economic Policy and Analysis;*  
*Canadian Public Policy;*  
*Canadian Journal of Economics;*  
*Contemporary Economic Policy;*  
*Economics Bulletin;*  
*Economics of Education Review;*  
*Economic Inquiry;*  
*Economic Journal;*  
*Empirical Economics;*  
*European Economic Review;*  
*Games and Economic Behavior;*  
*International Migration Journal;*  
*International Migration Review;*  
*International Review of Law and Economics;*  
*IZA Journal of Labor Policy;*  
*Journal of Drug Issues;*  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization;*  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies;*  
*Journal of Human Resources;*  
*Journal of Human Capital;*  
*Journal of Labor Economics;*  
*Journal of Labor Research;*  
*Journal of Law and Economics;*  
*Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization;*  
*Journal of Legal Studies;*  
*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management;*  
*Journal of Political Economy;*  
*Journal of Population Economics;*  
*Journal of Public Economics;*  
*Journal of Urban Economics;*  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology;*  
*Justice Quarterly;*  
*Labour Economics;*  
*Law, Probability, and Risk*  
*Social Choice and Welfare;*  
*Southern Economic Journal;*  
*RAND Journal of Economics;*  
*Review of Economics of the Household;*  
*Review of Economics and Statistics;*  
*Review of Economic Studies;*  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics.*

2016-2018 Distinguished Referee for *Journal of Legal Studies*.

Reviewer- *Oxford University Press; Oxford Bibliographies; National Science Foundation (NSF); Routledge; Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); Guggenheim Foundation; Israeli Science Foundation (ISF).*

### **Invited Talks and Presentations**

*Smith College - Department of Economics, November 2021.*  
*University of California – Irvine, Department of Economics, October 2021.*  
*West Virginia University, Department of Economics, September 2019.*  
*Newkirk Center for Science and Society, UC-Irvine March 2019.*  
*University of California - Riverside, Applied Economics Seminar, March 2019*  
*University of Michigan, Law and Economics Seminar, Oct 2018.*  
*University of Southern California, Law and Social Science Seminar, Oct 2018.*  
*University of Waterloo, Waterloo Economics Workshop, March 2017.*  
*University of California - Davis, Department of Economics, May 2016.*  
*Claremont Graduate University, Department of Economics and Politics, Nov 2015.*  
*University of Colorado-Denver, Department of Economics, Oct 2015.*  
*University of Houston/Rice University, Departments of Economics, Oct 2013.*  
*Claremont Graduate University, Dept of Economics and Politics, Apr 2013.*  
*University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) – Dept. of Economics, December 2011.*  
*University of California – Irvine, Department of Economics, October 2010.*  
*Vanderbilt University, Law School, February 2010.*  
*University of California – Santa Cruz, Department of Economics, January 2010.*  
*San Diego State University, Department of Economics, April 2009.*  
*University of Southern California, Department of Economics, March 2009.*  
*University of California – Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, October 2007.*  
*University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), Department of Economics, June 2007.*  
*Emory University, Department of Economics, April 2007.*  
*RAND Corporation, November 2006.*  
*Claremont McKenna College, Department of Economics, October 2006.*  
*Texas A&M University, Department of Economics, October 2006.*  
*Rice University/University of Houston, Departments of Economics, October 2006.*  
*York University, Department of Economics, September 2006.*  
*University of Quebec at Montreal, Department of Economics, November 2005.*  
*University of British Columbia, Department of Economics, October 2005.*  
*Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics, October 2005.*  
*University of Toronto, Department of Economics, April 2005.*  
*University of Waterloo, Department of Economics, October 2004.*  
*University of Western Ontario, Department of Economics, April 2004.*  
*Brown University, Department of Economics, March 2003.*  
*Washington and Lee University, Department of Economics, February 2003.*  
*McMaster University, Department of Economics, February 2003.*  
*RAND Corporation, January 2003.*  
*University of Kentucky, Department of Economics, January 2003.*  
*University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics, November 2002.*

## Conference Participation

*Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*, University of Toronto Law School, November 2021 (presenter, discussant).

*Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*, Denver, Nov 2019. (presenter)

*Program in Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2019 (discussant).

*Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*, University of Michigan Law School, November 2018 (presenter, discussant).

*All-California Labor Economics Conference*, University of Southern California, October 2018 (presenter).

*American Law and Economics Association Annual Meetings*. Boston University Law School, May 2018 (presenter).

*Program in Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2018 (discussant).

*Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics*, Claremont McKenna College, March 2018 (discussant).

*Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*, Duke University Law School, November 2016 (presenter).

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2016 (presenter).

*Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2016 (presenter).

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2014 (presenter).

*Justice Database Meeting*, Center for Policing Equity, Department of Justice: Washington DC, April 2014 (invited participant).

*Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*, University of Pennsylvania Law School, October 2013 (presenter).

*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, Vanderbilt University Law School, May 2013 (presenter).

*Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2013 (discussant).

*Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*, Northwestern University Law School, November 2011 (presenter)

*San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Applied Micro Conference*, July 2010 (presenter)

*Southern California Applied Economics Workshop*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2010 (presenter).

*Crime and Population Dynamics Summer Workshop*, U. of Maryland, June 2009 (discussant).

*Canadian Law and Economics Association*, University of Toronto, September 2008 (presenter, session chair).

*National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)*, Economics of Crime Working Group, July 2008.

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2008 (presenter).

*Crime and Population Dynamics Summer Workshop*, U. of Maryland, June 2007 (presenter).

*Population Association of America*, New York, March 2007 (presenter).

*Canadian Law and Economics Association Meetings*, University of Toronto, Sept. 2006 (presenter).

*Workshop on Criminology and the Economics of Crime*, U. of Maryland, June 2006 (presenter).

*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, U. California Berkeley, May 2006 (presenter).

*Population Association of America*, Los Angeles, April 2006 (session chair, discussant).

*Canadian Economics Association*, McMaster University, May 2005 (session chair).

*Canadian Public Economics Research Group*, McMaster University, May 2005 (presenter).

*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, New York University, May 2005 (presenter).

*Meetings of the Southern Economics Association*, New Orleans, Nov. 2004 (presenter).

*CIBC Project on Human Capital and Productivity*, U. of Western Ontario (session chair).

*Canadian Public Economics Research Group*, University of Toronto, June 2004 (presenter).

*Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists*, San Antonio, May 2004 (presenter, discussant).

*Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists*, Toronto, September 2003 (presenter).

*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, Harvard University, May 2002 (presenter).