

Curriculum Vitae (December 2024)

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Employment

Claremont McKenna College – Robert Day School of Economics and Finance

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

Department Chair, July 2022 – June 2024.

Associate Professor of Economics, 2011 – 2018.

Assistant Professor of Economics, 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 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. (2023). "The Long-term Incarceration Consequences of Growing Up in a Crime Boom." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 39: 1003-1025.
- 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 Criminal Justice;
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 Research on Crime and Delinquency;
Journal of Urban Economics;
Journal of Quantitative Criminology;
Justice Quarterly;
Labour Economics;
Law, Probability, and Risk;
Social Choice and Welfare;
Social Forces
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

The Use of DNA in Investigations, Arnold Ventures BRIDGE Series, Houston TX, December 2024 (invited participant).

Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Workshop, University of Wisconsin, June 2023 (presenter).

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).