

# David Mitre Becerril

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## Academic position

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**Assistant Professor** **2023 - present**  
School of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

## Education

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**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

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Urban crime, Place-based interventions, Neighborhood investments, Applied econometrics, Causal inference

## Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

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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

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"Does Urban Development Influence Crime? Evidence from Philadelphia's New Zoning Regulations" (with John M. MacDonald), Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Urban Economics*

"Does Proactive Policing Really Increase Major Crime? Accounting for an Ecological Fallacy" (with Aaron Chalfin and Morgan C. Williams, Jr.), Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics*

## Research papers in progress

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"Banks Against Crime: The Impact of Home Mortgages on Neighborhood Crime"

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

"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

## Presentations (past and upcoming\*)

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Moving Beyond Implications: Research into Policy **2024**

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

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

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

Criminology Consortium Annual Meeting, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting **2020**

Latin America Social and Public Policy Conference **2018**

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

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CLAS Funding for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives, University of Connecticut (\$5,000) **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

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<b>Reviewer:</b>	Justice Quarterly, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Urban Health, Environment & Behavior, Journal of Development Economics
<b>Discussant:</b>	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

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<b>Instructor:</b>	
PP 5397 Data Analytics with R for Policy & Management (new course)	Spring 2024
PP 5314 Causal Inference for Program Evaluation	Spring 2024
PP 5376 Applied Quantitative Methods, University of Connecticut	Fall 2023
<b>Teaching Assistant:</b>	
CRIM 603: Research Methods/Crime Analysis, University of Pennsylvania	Spring 2021/2022
CRIM 602: Criminal Justice Data Analytics, University of Pennsylvania	Fall 2020
<b>Trainer for new TAs:</b>	
TA Training Program, Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Pennsylvania	Summer 2021/2022

## Non-academic professional experience

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<b>Heinz College Systems Synthesis Project</b>	2019
Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	
- Reviewed PA Sentence Risk Assessment Instrument, proposing accuracy and fairness improvements.	
<b>Graduate student project with Bayer Corporation</b>	2017
Carnegie Mellon University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	
<b>Summer internship</b>	2017
Protokol Telecom, <i>Oaxaca, Mexico</i>	
<b>Head of Analysis of Governmental Information Department</b>	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), *Mexico City*

**Research Assistant**

**2012 - 2013**

National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC), *Mexico City*

**Skills & Languages**

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