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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA	Expected 2023
PhD: Criminology. In Progress (ABD)	
Minor: Social Data Analytics	
Certificate in Quantitative Methodology	
The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA	2020
Master of Arts: Criminology	
Thesis: <i>Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency</i>	
Hope College, Holland MI	2016
Bachelor of Science: Engineering—electrical emphasis (ABET accredited)	
Bachelor of Arts: Sociology	
Minor: Mathematics	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Crime / delinquency; Religion and communities; Health; Quantitative methods; Big data; Machine learning; Spatial analysis

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates Equal Co-authorship

Block, Ray*, Michael Burnham*, Kayla Kahn*, Rachel Peng*, Jeremy Seeman*, & **Christopher Seto***. “Perceived Risk, Political Polarization, and Adherence to COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines.” *Social Science & Medicine* 305, 115091. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115091>

Seto, Christopher. 2022. “Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Deaths of Despair.” *Social Science & Medicine* 293, 114642. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114642>

Seto, Christopher & Iman Said. 2022. “Religious Perceptions of Crime and Implications for Punitiveness.” *Punishment & Society* 24(1), 46-68. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474520960038>

Seto, Christopher. 2021. "Religious Identity and Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian and Non-religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom." *British Journal of Criminology*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azab100>

Seto, Christopher. 2021. "Understanding Delinquency Among the Spiritual but not Religious." *Sociology of Religion* 82(2): 156-178.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/sraa042>

Staff, Jeremy, Jennifer Maggs, **Christopher Seto**, Julia Dillavou, & Michael Vuolo. 2020. "Electronic and Combustible Cigarette Use in Adolescence: Links with Adjustment, Delinquency, and Other Substance Use." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 66:39-47.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (available upon request)

* Indicates Equal Co-authorship

Seto, Christopher*, Aria Khademi*, Claire Kelling, Vasant Honavar, & Corina Graif. "Interconnected Places: Commuting Networks and COVID-19 Spillovers."

Seto, Christopher & Selena Ortiz. "Church in context: Religious affiliation, support for inclusive COVID-19 aid, and the broader social environment"

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (available upon request)

Seto, Christopher. "God and group: The ecology of religiously motivated hate crimes."

Seto, Christopher. "Fighting for Votes: Ethno-racial Violence and Political Competition across Three Elections."

Seto, Christopher & Corina Graif. "Driving home the violence: Crime diffusion over commuting networks"

Graif, Corina, **Christopher Seto**, & Vasant Honavar. "Network Contagion and Child Overdose across US Communities: Exploring Racial and Ethnic Disparities."

Ortiz, Selena, **Christopher Seto**, & Daryl Cameron. "Perspective-Taking, Moral Inclusion, and Support for Inclusive COVID-19 Policies"

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022. Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Fellowship (\$15,000)
Social Science Research Council

2022. Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)
The Russell Sage Foundation

2022. Conference travel grant award (\$862)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2022. First place in 13th annual Criminology Paper Competition, Published Paper Category
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology
2021. C-SoDA Seed Grant Accelerator Award, co-PI (\$5,000)
The Pennsylvania State University, Center for Social Data Analytics
2021. Second place in national Gene Carte Student Paper Competition
American Society of Criminology (ASC)
2021. First place in 12th annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology
2021. CJRC Graduate Student Research Award Grant (\$2,000)
The Pennsylvania State University, Criminal Justice Research Center
2021. First place in annual Criminology Master's Thesis Award
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology
2020. First place in 11th annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology
- 2018-2019. University Graduate Fellowship (\$30,000)
The Pennsylvania State University
2016. Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, lifetime member
Hope College Chapter
2016. Senior Sociology Award
Hope College, Department of Sociology
- 2012-2016. Presidential Scholarship
Hope College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). "Collateral Consequences of Coronavirus: Exploring Contextual and Situational Predictors of Anti-Asian Hate Incidents in the United States during 2020." Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA).
2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). "Exploring ecological predictors of violent hate crime against racial and ethnic minorities: A machine learning approach" PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference.

2021. Graif, Corina & **Christopher Seto** (presenter). “Driving home the Crime? Commuting Network Spillovers and Spatial Criminology.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference (Chicago, IL).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Exploring Spatial and Temporal Predictors of Hate Crime in the US: A Machine Learning Approach.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference (Chicago, IL).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Broadening Questions of Religion and Delinquency.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Conference (Portland, OR).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian, and Non-Religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Deaths of Despair.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter), Aria Khademi, Vasant Honavar, & Corina Graif. “Commuting Network Spillovers and COVID-19 Deaths across US Counties.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Divine Interventions: Articulating a Causal Model and Estimating Religious Effects on Adolescent Substance Use” PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference.

2020. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Understanding Delinquency among the Spiritual but not Religious” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- Cancelled due to COVID-19

2020. Graif, Corina (lead presenter), **Christopher Seto** (presenter), & Vasant G. Honavar. “Network Contagion and Child Overdose across US Communities: Exploring Racial and Ethnic Disparities.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2019. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

2015. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Collective Emotional Feedback to Dating Relationships” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Death of Despair” Penn State Criminology Brown Bag. State College, PA.

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Collateral Consequences of Coronavirus: Exploring Contextual and Situational Predictors of Anti-Asian Bias Incidents in the United States during 2020” Penn State Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) Criminology Forum. State College, PA.

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian, and Non-Religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom” Penn State Criminology Brown Bag. State College, PA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate January 2021-Present
The Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute

Graduate Research Assistant August 2018-Present
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Director of Beta Testing and Customer Feedback October 2016-June 2018
Fathom Drones Inc.

Undergraduate Research Assistant August 2014-December 2014
Hope College, Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Research Assistant May 2013-June 2014
Hope College, Department of Engineering

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecturer, *Sociology of Deviance* (SOC/CRIM 406) April 2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Guest lecturer, *Communities and Crime* (CRIM 559) April 2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

PRI Advanced Methods Workshop Leader March 2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute

Instructor, Graduate Statistical Coding Lab (SOC 596) August 2021-December 2021
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

- Designed original syllabus focused on statistical programming with Stata
- Delivered lectures to teach coding and research skills to first-year graduate students
- Wrote and evaluated course homework and final projects
- Received consistently positive student feedback (available upon request)

Guest lecturer, *Sociology of Deviance* (SOC/CRIM 406) June 2021
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Coding and Data Committee Workshop Leader August 2020-December 2020
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Instructor, *Introduction to Criminology* (CRIM/SOC 12) May 2020-June 2020
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

- Designed original syllabus focused on criminological theory and research
- Presented lectures and guided classroom discussion
- Created and evaluated original course exams and writing assignments
- Received consistently positive student feedback (available upon request)

Guest lecturer, *Communities and Crime* (CRIM 459) January 2020
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Occasional reviewer, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*

Occasional reviewer, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Occasional reviewer, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Coding and Data Committee 2020-present
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee (Co-chair since 2021) 2019-present
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Diversity Promotion Committee 2018-present
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
Section on Sociology of Religion
Section on Drugs and Society
Section on Sociology of Population

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

Association for the Society of Religion (ASR)