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### EDUCATION

M.A. of Criminology, August 2022 - Pennsylvania State University (PSU)  
B.A. of Philosophy, May 2015 - Stevens Institute of Technology (SIT)  
B.S. of Computer Science, May 2015 - Stevens Institute of Technology (SIT)

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Risi, Joseph**, and Corina Graif. 2024. "Community Representation and Policing: Effects on Black Civilians." *Criminology* 62(3):454–502. doi: 10.1111/1745-9125.12376.

**Risi, Joseph**, Amit Sharma, Rohan Shah, Matthew Connelly, and Duncan J. Watts. "Predicting History". *Nat Hum Behav* 3, 906–912 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-019-0620-8>.

### REPORTS

Skemer, Melanie, Cindy Redcross, Howard Bloom, Brit Henderson, and **Joseph Risi**. *Implementation and Impacts of the New York City Pretrial Supervised Release Program*. New York: MDRC (2020). <https://www.mdrc.org/publication/pursuing-pretrial-justice-through-alternative-bail>.

### WORKING PAPERS

**Risi, Joseph** & Corina Graif. "The Intergenerational Effects of Prison Cycling: 1978 -2016."

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024 May - Faculty-Alumni Enrichment Award (\$1,200). *The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*.

2024 April - First place in 15th annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category. *The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*.

2024 March - **Risi, Joseph** and Ashley Rodriguez. Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) Student Seed Grant Research Award (\$2,000). *The Pennsylvania State University*.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Risi, Joseph** & Linda Zhao. Sunbelt (Edinburgh, Scotland). June 2024. "Investigating homophily within police officer activity spaces: Evidence from Chicago."

**Risi, Joseph** & Corina Graif. American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA). November 2023. “The Relationship Between Incarceration and the Health & Well-Being of Communities.”

**Risi, Joseph** & Corina Graif. Round table at American Sociology Association (Philadelphia, PA). August 2023. “”You are who you work with: Analyzing the effects of inter-racial contact on police behavior.”

**Risi, Joseph**, Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction (Penn State University), May 2023. “What you assume is what you get: Estimating the effects of Good Samaritan Laws.”

**Risi, Joseph**. American Society of Criminology (Atlanta, Georgia), November 2022. “You Are Who You Work With: The Effect of Police Working Groups On Officer Behavior”.

**Risi, Joseph** & Corina Graif. American Sociology Association (Los Angeles, CA), August 2022. “Diversifying the police force: Effects on police stops and use of force”.

**Risi, Joseph**. Social Thought Conference (Penn State University), April 2022. “Is Representation Enough? Evidence from Chicago Concerning the Relationship Between Racial Congruence and Police Stopping Behavior.” Canceled due to COVID19.

**Risi, Joseph**. American Society of Criminology (Chicago, IL), November 2021. “The Use Of Lethal Force By Police: The Interaction Between Race and Community Context”.

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

**Risi, Joseph**. “Basic Coding and Data Cleaning in R.” sponsored by the Coding & Data Committee in the Department of Sociology & Criminology at Penn State University, June 2022.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**CJARS-MDAC Disparities Research Project** - Penn State

Research Assistant

June 2023 - Present

**MDRC** - Manhattan, NY

Data Scientist

November 2017 - June 2020

**Microsoft Research** - Manhattan, NY

Research Assistant

December 2015 - June 2017

**Center for Decision Technologies at SIT** - Hoboken, NJ

Research Assistant

May 2012 – June 2014

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

[Data Volunteer](#) for the Data Liberation Project

October 2023

Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Quantitative Criminology

April 2023

## SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Research Committee, Council for Graduate Employees	2020 - Present
Graduate Student-Faculty Advisory Committee	2022 - 2024
Criminology/Sociology Journal Club	2022 - 2023
Dog & Cat Volunteer Handler, Centre County PAWS	2021 - 2023
Structural Reform Committee, 3/20 Coalition	2020 - 2023
Diversity Promotion Committee, Sociology and Criminology at Penn State	2020 - 2021
Graduate Alliance for Diversity & Inclusion, Penn State	2020 - 2021

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Goldstein, Dan. "Introduction: Leveling Up Applied Behavioral Economics." In Alain Samson (Ed.), *The Behavioral Economics Guide 2022*. Pp. vi - xviii.

<https://www.behavioraleconomics.com/be-guide/>.

Kyriakou, Harris. "Collective Innovation: Novelty, Reuse, and Their Interplay." *Stevens Institute of Technology* (2016). <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2931473>.

Kyriakou, Harris, Jeffrey V. Nickerson, and Gaurav Sabnis. "Knowledge Reuse for Customization in an Open Design Community for 3D Printing." *MIS Quarterly* (2017). <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.08072>.

Mao, Andrew, Lili Dworkin, Siddharth Suri, and Duncan J. Watts. "Resilient Cooperators Stabilize Long-Run Cooperation in the Finitely Repeated Prisoner's Dilemma." *Nature Communications* (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms13800>.

Mao, Andrew, Winter Mason, Siddharth Suri, and Duncan J. Watts. "An Experimental Study of Team Size & Performance on a Complex Task." *Plos One* 2016, <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0153048>.

**Risi, Joseph.** Successful completion of the Appalachian Trail and acceptance into the 2000-miler club. <https://appalachiantrail.org/miler-listings-year/2015/?milerSearch=Joseph%20Risi>.