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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](https://doi.org/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).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024 December - Doctoral Summit Scholarship. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)*.

2024 December - **Risi, Joseph** and Ashley Rodriguez. Social Data Analytics (SoDA) Student Seed Grant Research Award (\$3,000). *The Pennsylvania State University*.

2024 December - 2024 Fall Student Research Award (\$3,000). *Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)*.

2024 November - Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Liberal Arts Dissertation Support (\$2,000). *The Pennsylvania State University*.

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

Joseph Risi & Corina Graif. Poster at Population Association of America (Washington DC). April 2025. Effects of Incarceration on Communities: Understanding Time-Lagged Effects of Incarceration on Children's Health and Community Composition

Corina Graif, Christopher Han-Fei Seto, and **Joseph Risi**. American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA). November 2024. "Gun violence risk transmission across networks of neighborhoods: Understanding exposure effects on mental distress".

Joseph Risi & Corina Graif. American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA). November 2024. "Incarceration effects on communities: Understanding the delayed effects on children."

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

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

Joseph Risi & 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.'"

Joseph Risi. 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."

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

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

Joseph Risi. 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.

Joseph Risi. 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

Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Quantitative Criminology
[Data Volunteer](#) for the Data Liberation Project

April 2023; April 2025
October 2023

SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organizing 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>.