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ACADEMIC POSITION

2024- Professor of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago
2021-2024 Associate Professor of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago
2014-2021 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago

EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
2006 B.A. with Honors, Economics and Latin American Studies, Brown University

AFFILIATIONS AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2024- NBER Faculty Research Associate
2023- Member, Criminal Justice Expert Panel
2022- Affiliate, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities
2022-2023 Consultant, Attorney General for the State of Illinois
2020-2021 Consultant, Council on Criminal Justice Task Force on Policing
2018- Consultant, Chicago Public Schools, Office of Social and Emotional Learning
2017- Consultant, Illinois Department of Corrections
2017 Consultant, City of Chicago Mayor's Office
2015- Affiliate, University of Chicago Education and Crime Labs
2015- Consultant, World Bank
2015-2019 Consultant, U.S. Department of Labor
2015 Committee Member, Chicago Design Competition to Reduce Youth Violence
2010-2011 Research Assistant, Professor Esther Duflo, MIT
2009-2010 Research Assistant, Professor Benjamin Olken, MIT
2007-2009 Research Assistant, Professor Rohini Pande, Harvard Kennedy School
2006-2007 Research Assistant, Profs. Kaivan Munshi and Nancy Qian, Brown University

PUBLICATIONS

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Ost, Ben, and Javaeria Qureshi. "Omitted Variable Bias in Interacted Models: A Cautionary Tale." Review of Economics and Statistics, forthcoming.

Adukia, Anjali, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Fatemeh Momeni. 2024. "Reparative Ripple Effects? Exploring the Impacts of Sibling Exposure to School-Based Restorative Justice." AEA Papers and Proceedings, 114: 512-516.

Edmonds, Eric, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Jessica Leight. 2023. "Advancing the Agency of Adolescent Girls." Review of Economics and Statistics, 105(4): 852-866.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2022. "Would Eliminating Racial Disparities in Motor Vehicle Searches Have Efficiency Costs?" Quarterly Journal of Economics, 137(1): 49-113.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2021. "Racial Divisions and Criminal Justice: Evidence from Southern State Courts." American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 13(2): 207-240.

Feigenberg, Benjamin. 2021. "Priced Out: Aggregate Income Shocks and School Pricing in the Chilean Voucher Market." Economic Inquiry, 59: 696-721.

Feigenberg, Benjamin. 2020. "Fenced Out: The Impact of Border Construction on U.S.-Mexico Migration." American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 12(3): 106-139.

Dell, Melissa, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Kensuke Teshima. 2019. "The Violent Consequences of Trade-Induced Worker Displacement in Mexico." American Economic Review: Insights, 1(1): 43-58.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Rivkin, Steven, and Rui Yan. 2019. "Illusory Gains from Chile's Targeted School Voucher Experiment." The Economic Journal, 129(623): 2805-2832.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Field, Erica, Pande, Rohini, Rigol, Natalia, and Shayak Sarkar. 2014. "Do Group Dynamics Influence Social Capital Gains among Microfinance Clients? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Urban India." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 33(4): 932-949.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Field, Erica, and Rohini Pande. 2013. "The Economic Returns to Social Interaction: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance." Review of Economic Studies, 80(4): 1459-1483.

WORKING PAPERS

Adukia, Anjali, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Fatemeh Momeni. 2024. "From Retributive to Restorative: An Alternative Approach to Justice." Revisions submitted, *American Economic Review*.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2024. "Class Disparities and Discrimination in Traffic Stops and Searches."

Ayromloo, Shalise, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Darren Lubotsky. 2020. "Employment Eligibility Verification Requirements and Local Labor Market Outcomes." NBER Working Paper No. 26676.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Ahn, So Yoon, Dizon-Ross, Rebecca, and Benjamin Feigenberg. "Broadening Women's Job Search."

Arora, Ashna, and Benjamin Feigenberg. "The Impact of Rehabilitation- and Treatment-Oriented Service Provision on Inmate Outcomes: A Randomized Evaluation of Illinois' Kewanee Life Skills Reentry Center."

Chioda, Laura, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Marcus Holmlund. "Moving Youth away from the Market for Crime: Interventions in the Honduras Safer Municipalities Project."

Derenoncourt, Ellora, Feigenberg, Benjamin, Miller, Conrad, and Heather Sarsons. "The Rise of Punitive Criminal Justice Policy in the Wake of the Great Migration."

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Hanushek, Eric, and Steven Rivkin. "The Geography of Educational Opportunity."

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024	AER: Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award
2024-2025	“Sibling Spillovers and the Medium-Run Impacts of Restorative Justice”, Arnold Ventures, \$290,340 (co-PI)
2023-2026	“The Geography of Educational Opportunity”, National Science Foundation, \$349,640 (PI)
2023-2024	“From Retributive to Restorative: An Alternative Approach to Justice”, Arnold Ventures, \$99,980 (co-PI)
2022-2024	“Evaluation of a Rehabilitative Facility in Illinois”, Arnold Ventures, \$377,647 (co-PI)
2022-2024	“Prisons as Schools for Change: Evidence from Illinois”, National Institute of Justice, \$585,726 (co-PI)
2021-2023	“The Rise of Punitive Criminal Justice Policy in the Wake of the Great Migration”, Russell Sage Foundation, \$138,171 (co-PI)
2021-2023	“Broadening Women’s Job Search to Improve Their Employment”, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, \$95,150 (co-PI)
2021	“Broadening Women’s Job Search to Improve Employment: Experimental Evidence from the Middle East and North Africa”, Becker Friedman Institute Gender Initiative, \$20,000 (co-PI)
2020-2021	“Projecting Trends in Undocumented and Legal Immigrant Populations in the United States”, NBER Retirement and Disability Research Center, \$42,743 (co-PI)
2019-2020	“Causes and Consequences of Changing Immigration Law Enforcement”, UIC OSSR Seed Grant Funding, \$2,500 (co-PI)
2019	World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award
2018-2021	“Moving Youth Away from the Market for Crime: The Honduras Safer Municipalities Project Temporary Jobs Program”, Unorthodox Philanthropy, \$690,000 (co-PI)
2018	2018 Citibanamex Prize in Economics
2017-2019	“Social Network Mapping and Analysis for Youth Living in High-Violence Urban Neighborhoods in Honduras”, World Bank Knowledge for Change Network Analysis Fund, \$130,000 (co-PI)
2017-2018	“States Taking the Reins? Employment Verification Requirements and Immigration”, UIC OSSR Research Grant Support, \$9,000 (co-PI)
2015-2019	“The Impact of Mentoring and Life Skills on Secondary School Progression and Child Labor among Girls: A Randomized Controlled Trial in Rajasthan”, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of International Labor Affairs, \$1,304,957 (co-PI)
2013-2015	“Estimating Supply and Demand Responses to an Information Intervention in the Chilean Education Sector”, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, \$136,016 (co-PI)
2011-2012	Jameel Fellowship, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
2009-2011	MIT Presidential Fellowship
2009	MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives Award
2006	Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University

PRESENTATIONS

2024	AEA/ASSA, NBER Economics of Crime, NBER Law and Economics, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, NBER Summer Institute (discussant), University of Chicago Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (discussant), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Nebraska (scheduled), Syracuse University (scheduled)
2023	University of Chicago Workshop on Education, NBER Economics of Crime, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Urban Institute, Texas A&M University
2022	NBER Economics of Education, NBER Program on Children, Western Economic

	Association International
2021	AEA/ASSA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting (x2)
2020	Economics of Crime Seminar (Hosted by Jennifer Doleac, Texas A&M), NBER SI Labor Studies, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
2019	University of Arkansas, Inter-American Development Bank, North East Universities Development Consortium Conference, U.S. Department of Labor, University of Chicago Urban Labs
2018	Upjohn Institute, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, University of Chicago Development Day
2017	Queens College (CUNY), Association for Education Finance and Policy, University of Chicago/Northwestern Development Day, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
2016	Dartmouth College, ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration, World Bank Development Impact Evaluation, Michigan State University Development Day
2015	DePaul University, International Conference on Migration and Development, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Northwestern University Mini-Conference on Education, Michigan State University, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Centro de Estudios Monetarios Latinoamericanos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2014	University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Rochester, Pennsylvania State University, University of California at Berkeley, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, World Bank Research Department, World Bank Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean
2013	North East Universities Development Consortium Conference, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2022/24	Economic Development (Undergraduate), UIC
Spring 2017-2023	Economic Development (Graduate), UIC
Fall 2014-2024	Microeconomics I (Graduate), UIC
Spring 2015/16/20, Fall 2017	Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate), UIC
Spring 2013/14	Econometrics (Undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, MIT
Spring 2013	Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, MIT
Summer 2012	Applied Economics for Managers (MBA), Teaching Assistant, MIT Sloan Fellows Program
Summer 2009	Evaluating Social Programs (Executive Education), Teaching Assistant, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (Chennai, India)
2006-2007	Primary/Secondary School Teacher, Liceo Internacional (Quito, Ecuador)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, AER: Insights, American Educational Research Journal: Social and Institutional Analysis, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE) Selection Committee, Crime, Law, and Social Change, Development Innovation Ventures, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Selection Committee, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of

Economic Studies, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economic Journal, The Economic Journal, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

RECENT MEDIA

Chicago Sun-Times. “CPS Board, Springfield Could Hold Dueling Votes on School Cops.” Issa, Nader. 2024.

USA Today. “One School District Stopped Suspending Students for Minor Misbehavior. Here’s What Happened.” Cornwall, Gail. 2024.

The Gothamist. “NYC Expands Restorative Justice Programs: ‘This is for Them to Come Feel Safe’.” Max, Samantha. 2024.

Restorative Works! Podcast. “Restorative Practices in Chicago Schools.” De Mézerville López, Claire. 2024.

Reset with Sasha-Ann Simons. “What’s Behind the Drop in Suspension Rate at CPS?” 2023.

WGN News. “Research Examines Restorative Practices in Chicago High Schools.” Hall, Gaynor, and Andrew Smith. 2023.

WTTW News. “Research Shows Benefits of Using Restorative Practices in Chicago Public Schools.” Soto, Emily. 2023.

Outside the Loop Radio. “Sustainability for the Future, Restorative Practices in Schools +New Music from the Sideshow Villains.” Stephen, Mike. 2023.

The Pie Podcast. “Restorative Justice: What Happened When Chicago Public Schools Replaced Suspensions with Restitution?” Vigeland, Tess. 2023.

Chalkbeat. “Is Chicago’s Shift to Restorative Justice and Fewer School Police Working? Some Say Yes.” Vevea, Becky. 2023.

Education Week. “Restrictions on Suspending Students from School show Evidence of Being Effective.” Sparks, Sarah. 2023.

BBC. “President Biden expands Mexican border wall - but can it stop crossings?” Debusmann Jr., Bernd. 2023.

Washington Post. “A program to cut school suspensions in Chicago worked very, very well. Here’s how.” Kirp, David. 2023.

BET. “Black Chicago Public Schools Students Benefit More from Restorative Practices, Study Says.” Roberts, Nigel. 2023.

NPR Chicago. “Black CPS teens benefit most from shift from suspensions toward restorative practices.” Karp, Sarah. 2023.

Washington Post. “Drones and Missiles Can’t Solve America’s Drug Problem.” Porter, Eduardo. 2023.

Probable Causation. "Episode 99: Ben Feigenberg on Class Disparities in Traffic Stops." Doleac, Jennifer. 2023.

NEA News. "Do Restorative Practices Work? In the nation's fourth-largest school district, the answer appears to be yes." Walker, Tim. 2023.

UIC Today. "Restorative practices in schools reduce arrests, suspensions." Stone, Emily. 2023.

FutureEd (Georgetown University think tank). "Study Reports 'Restorative' Discipline Policies Reduce School Crime." Koshkin, Elena. 2023.

NPR Chicago. "Re-imagining safety in schools." Mendoza, Marie. 2022.

Probable Causation. "Episode 45: Conrad Miller on Racial Disparities in Sentencing." Doleac, Jennifer. 2021.

American Economic Association podcast. "Building barriers." Fleisher, Chris. 2020.

Reason Magazine. "E-verify: Making Life Harder for Workers and Small Businesses, With Enthusiastic Maga Support." Doherty, Brian. 2020.

VoxDev. "The impact of school-based life skills classes for adolescent girls in India." Edmonds, Eric, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Jessica Leight. 2020.

Berkeley News. "Report says many traffic stops are inefficient, as well as unjust." Kell, Gretchen. 2020.

The Journalist's Resource. "Building border walls and barriers: What the research says." Ordway, Denise-Marie. 2020.

Berkeley Haas Newsroom. "Criminal punishment is harshest in racially diverse counties, study finds." Walsh, Dylan. 2020.

Finance & Development Magazine (International Monetary Fund flagship magazine). "Globalization and Narcos." Dell, Melissa. 2019.

VoxDev. "Globalisation and the rise of Narcos: Understanding violent crime in urban Mexico." Dell, Melissa, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Kensuke Teshima. 2019.

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (non-native fluent)