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APPOINTMENTS & EDUCATION

- Assistant Professor of Sociology.** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 2023-
- Ph.D. in Criminology,** The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA 2020-2023
Dissertation: *Ecologies of Belief: Implications for Crime and Deviance in the Contemporary United States*
Minor: Social Data Analytics
Graduate Certificate: Quantitative Methodology
- M.A. in Criminology,** The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA 2018-2020
Thesis: *Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency*
- B.S. in Engineering, B.A. in Sociology,** Hope College, Holland MI 2012-2016
Minor: Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hate crime and violence; Delinquency; Religion and ideology; Health; Quantitative methods; Big data; Machine learning; Spatial analysis.

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

* Indicates Equal Co-authorship

- Seto, Christopher** & Laura Upenieks. 2023. "Under God and under threat: Christian nationalism and conspiracy beliefs as links between political orientation and gun ownership" *Justice Quarterly* (advanced, online publication), 1–26.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2023.2197482>
- Seto, Christopher,** Corina Graif, Aria Khademi, Vasant Honavar, & Claire Kelling. 2022. "Connected in health: Place-to-place commuting networks and COVID-19 spillovers." *Health & Place* 77, 102891.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2022.102891>
- Block, Ray*, Michael Burnham*, Kayla Kahn*, Rachel Peng*, Jeremy Seeman*, & **Christopher Seto***. 2022. "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* 62(4): 857-876. <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.

WORKING PAPERS

- 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"

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023. Distinguished New Criminologist Award
University of Alabama, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
2022. First place in ASC Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes Student Paper Award
American Society of Criminology (ASC)
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 (\$850)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2021. Second place in national Gene Carte Student Paper Competition
American Society of Criminology (ASC)

INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023. CJRC Seed Grant Award, co-investigator (\$7,500)
Big Data and Violence Diffusion across US Communities: Was Diffusion Exacerbated or Weakened during the Covid-19 Pandemic?
The Pennsylvania State University, Criminal Justice Research Center

2023. First place in 14th annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

2022. Outstanding Criminology Student Work Award

- Awarded to one criminology graduate student each year for demonstrating outstanding achievement
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

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. 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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter) & Corina Graif “Locked down but spilling over? Spatial and social diffusion of violence and drugs before and during the Covid-19 pandemic” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter) “God and group: The ecology of religiously motivated hate crimes” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter) & Selena Ortiz. “Church in context: Religious affiliation, support for inclusive COVID-19 aid, and the broader social environment” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Conference (Baltimore, MD).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Ethnoracial Violence and Political Competition across Three Elections: A Machine Learning Approach” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Under God and under Threat: Christian Nationalism and Conspiracy Beliefs as Links between Political Orientation and Gun Ownership” Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA).

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

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Epidemic of Hate: Understanding Anti-Asian Violence during COVID-19.” Penn State Criminology Brown Bag. State College, PA.

2023. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Epidemic of Hate: Understanding Anti-Asian Violence during COVID-19.” University of Alabama, Distinguished New Criminologist Presentation, Tuscaloosa, AL.

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 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

Graduate Research Assistant August 2018-2023

- Including collaborating on projects funded by National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Graduate Research Assistant January 2021-June 2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute

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: COURSES INSTRUCTED

Instructor, Graduate Statistical Coding (SOC 596) August 2022-December 2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

- Incorporated student feedback from the previous year into syllabus and course content.
- Designed and delivered lectures and assignments focused on coding and graduate research skills.

Instructor, Graduate Statistical Coding (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

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

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecturer, *Introduction to Criminology* (CRIM/SOC 12) June 2023
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Teaching assistant, *Introductory Statistics* (SOC 574) August 2022-Present
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Teaching assistant, *Introductory Statistics* (SOC 574) August 2021-December 2021
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

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

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

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

Teaching assistant, *Communities and Crime* (CRIM 459) January 2020-April 2020
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Occasional reviewer, *Journal of Health and Place*

Occasional reviewer, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Occasional reviewer, *Sociological Imagination*

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

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

Coding and Data Committee (co-founder) 2020-2022
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Chair 2021-2023
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Diversity Promotion Committee 2018-2022
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)

Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

Association for the Society of Religion (ASR)