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- RESEARCH AREAS** Gun availability, crime, street gangs, public policy, mixed-methods, and ethnography
- EDUCATION**
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| <i>Ph.D. Sociology</i>
Princeton University | Expected 2026 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee: Matthew Desmond (co-chair), Mitchell Duneier, Kathryn Edin, Reuben Miller, and Patrick Sharkey (co-chair) | |
| <i>M.A. Sociology</i>
Princeton University | 2023 |
| <i>Master in Public Policy</i>
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy | 2019 |
| <i>B.A. History and Political Science</i>
University of California, Berkeley | 2014 |
- AFFILIATIONS** Research Affiliate, [University of Chicago Crime Lab](#)
Co-investigator, [Violence Inequality Project](#)
Student Affiliate, [Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science & Public Policy](#)
- JOURNAL ARTICLES** See [my google scholar](#) page.
- Sharkey, Patrick and Megan Kang. 2023. “[The Era of Progress on Gun Mortality: State Gun Regulations and Gun Deaths From 1991–2016.](#)” *Epidemiology* 34(6): 786-792.
- Covered in [NYTimes](#), [Washington Post](#)
- Kang, Megan and Elizabeth Rasich. 2023. “[Extending the Firearm Suicide Proxy for Household Gun Ownership.](#)” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 65(5):916-922.
- Covered in [Aeon](#), [Vital City](#), [The Trace](#)
 - Innovation Award, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, 2023
- Kang, Megan and Elizabeth Rasich. 2023. “[State-Level Household Gun Ownership Proxy Dataset, 1949-2020.](#)” *Data in Brief* 50C.
- Kang, Megan, Jens Ludwig, and Elizabeth Rasich. 2021. “[Intervention of Choice: Behavioral Science and Gun Violence.](#)” *Quinnipiac Law Review* 39(3):409-418.
- COMMENTS** Sharkey, Patrick and Megan Kang. 2023. “[Balancing Empirical Trade-offs When Evaluating U.S. Gun Policy.](#)” *Epidemiology* 34(6): 796-797.

UNDER REVIEW	<p>Brown-Weinstock, Rachel, Megan Kang, Sarah Gold, Kaitlyn Bolin, and Kathryn Edin. "Other Adults in the New Other America: Improving Survey Measures of Youth's Non-Parental Adult Relationships." <i>R&R at Journal of Marriage and Family</i>.</p> <p>Kang, Megan. "Still Trapped In: Gang Disengagement Amid Changing Gang Structures and Boundaries."</p>										
IN PROGRESS	<p>Kang, Megan, Kathryn Edin, Jens Ludwig, Sendhil Mullainathan, and Timothy Nelson. "How the Truly Disadvantaged Endure: Trauma and Daily Functioning."</p> <p>Kang, Megan. "Tyranny of Uncertainty: An Ethnographic Study of Guns in Urban America."</p>										
DATASETS	<p>Kang, Megan, 2023. "Firearm Suicide Proxy for Household Gun Ownership, 1949-2020", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QVYDUD, Harvard Dataverse, V1.</p>										
OTHER WRITING	<p>Kang, Megan "Why America fell for guns." <i>Aeon</i>, Apr 9, 2024.</p> <p>Kang, Megan "Unraveling the threads of America's gun culture." <i>Vital City</i>, Nov 15, 2023.</p> <p>Kang, Megan. "This is what change looks like." <i>Ethnographic Marginalia</i>, Feb 7, 2021.</p> <p>Kang, Megan. "I embedded with Trump-supporting 'Stop the Steal' protesters. Here's what I learned." <i>Huffington Post</i>, Jan 19, 2021.</p>										
TEACHING	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> Claims and Evidence in Sociology (SOC 300) Princeton University Lead teaching assistant for Kathryn Edin and Filiz Garip </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> Fall 2022 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> Claims and Evidence in Sociology (SOC 300) Princeton University Teaching assistant for Kathryn Edin and James Raymo </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> Fall 2021 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Princeton University Teaching assistant for Matthew Salganik and Chris Bail </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> Summer 2021 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> Artificial Intelligence for Public Policy (PPHA 38829) University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Teaching assistant for Jens Ludwig and Sendhil Mullainathan </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> Winter 2018 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> High School English Language Arts Jalen Rose Leadership Academy 12th Grade Teacher </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> 2014-2015 </td> </tr> </table>	Claims and Evidence in Sociology (SOC 300) Princeton University Lead teaching assistant for Kathryn Edin and Filiz Garip	Fall 2022	Claims and Evidence in Sociology (SOC 300) Princeton University Teaching assistant for Kathryn Edin and James Raymo	Fall 2021	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Princeton University Teaching assistant for Matthew Salganik and Chris Bail	Summer 2021	Artificial Intelligence for Public Policy (PPHA 38829) University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Teaching assistant for Jens Ludwig and Sendhil Mullainathan	Winter 2018	High School English Language Arts Jalen Rose Leadership Academy 12th Grade Teacher	2014-2015
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AWARDS GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS	<p><i>Awards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Award, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, November 2023 • Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, May 2023 										

- Undergraduate History Thesis Honors Award, University of California, Berkeley, May 2014
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley, May 2013

Grants

- \$1,500, Dissertation Research Funding, African American Studies, Princeton University, May 2023
- \$500,000, Mechanisms Study of Violence Prevention Programs in Chicago, Baker Street Foundation (with Kathryn Edin, Jens Ludwig, Sendhil Mullainathan, and Timothy Nelson), April 2022
- \$15,000, Gang Exit Study, University of Chicago Crime Lab, 2018

Fellowships

- BRIDGS Emergent Scholar Fellow, BRIDGS Center: Bringing Research & Innovation into the Debate on Guns in Society, 2024
- Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Chicago Crime Lab, 2019-2020
- Teach for America Fellow, Americorps, 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS *“Still Trapped In: Gang Disengagement Amidst Changing Gang Landscapes”*

- Winter 2023. Collegio Carlo Alberto Seminar in Politics and Society
- Fall 2022. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting - Correlates of Crime Session
- Fall 2022. Rising Scholars Conference - Social Psychology and Organizational Behavior Section
- Fall 2022. University of Chicago Gang Workshop
- Summer 2022. American Sociological Association Conference - Deviance and Social Control Panel
- Spring 2022. Chicago Ethnography Conference - Criminology Section

“Extending the Firearm Suicide Proxy for Household Gun Ownership”

- Fall 2023. National Research Conference on the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
- Fall 2022. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting - Correlates of Crime Session
- Summer 2022. American Sociological Association Conference - Crime, Law, Deviance Panel

SERVICE

Refereed Publications

- American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Preventive Medicine

Departmental Service

- Graduate Student Advisee Committee, G1 Representative, 2020-2021

Mentorship

- Princeton ReMatch+ Graduate Mentor, 2021-2022

REFERENCES

Dr. Christopher Blattman, Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy *blattman@uchicago.edu*

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Dr. Jens Ludwig, Edwin A. and Betty L. Bergman Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab *jludwig@uchicago.edu*

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