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Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Georgia State University, 2009
M.A. Economics, Georgia State University 2007
A.B. Economics and “Spanish and Latin American Studies”, Duke University, 2002

CURRENT and SELECTED PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work 2016-present
Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 2018-2019
Luis O. Kelso Fellow, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations 2018-2019
Faculty Affiliate, USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics 2016-present
Faculty Affiliate USC Roybal Institute on Aging 2016-Present
Faculty Affiliate USC Race and Equity Center 2017-Present
Homeless Policy Research Institute Committee Member 2017-Present
Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Employment Equity 2017-2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime; Health; Labor; Aging; Housing Insecurity; Food Insecurity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Work: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work, Research and Evaluation for Community, Organization, and Business Environments, Policy and Advocacy in Comparative Social Policy Context

Economics: Econometrics, Senior Seminar in Economics (Senior Thesis), Economics of Crime, Urban Economics, Global Health, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Published

Cox, R., Lahey, J., Rhoades, H., Henwood, B., Wenzel, S. (2020). Does the Timing of Incarceration Impact the Timing and Duration of Homelessness? Evidence from “The Transitions to Housing” Study. *Justice Quarterly*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2019.1709883>

Cox, R. (2020). The Role of Broad Based Employee Ownership Opportunities in Prisoner Reentry. *AEA Papers & Proceedings*. 110, 424-429. <https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20201114>

Cox, R. Mor Barak, M. E. (2020). Applying the Theory of Social Good to Mass Incarceration and Civil Rights. *Research on Social Work Practice*. Advanced online publication. doi: 1049731519872838

Cox, R., Henwood, B., Rodnyansky, S., Rice, E., & Wenzel, S. (2019). Road Map to a Unified Measure of Housing Insecurity. *Cityscape*, 21(2), 93-128. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26696378>

Cox, R. (2018). "Mass Incarceration, Racial Disparities in Health, and Successful Aging." *Generations*, 42(2), 48-55.
<https://search.proquest.com/docview/2086655307?fromopenview=true&pq-origsite=gscholar>

Cox, R. (2016). The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities in Prison on Labor Market Outcomes of the Formerly Incarcerated. *Journal of Labor Research*, 37(4), 412-440.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12122-016-9229-0>

Cox, R. and Wallace, S. (2016), Identifying the Link Between Food Security and Incarceration. *Southern Economic Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/soej.12080>

Cox, R. (2011). The Impact of Mass Incarceration on the Lives of African American Women. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, 39(2), 203-212. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12114-011-9114-2>

Cox, R. (2010). Crime, Incarceration, and Employment in Light of the Great Recession. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, 37 (3), pp.283-294. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12114-010-9079-6>

Revise & Resubmit

Cox, R. and Cunningham, J.P. (2nd Revise and Resubmit). Financing the War on Drugs: The Impact of Law Enforcement Grants on Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Cox, R. (Revise & Resubmit). Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Job Market?: The Case of North Carolina. *Contemporary Economic Policy*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Technical Reports, Book Chapters, & Op-Eds

Cox, R. and Francis, D. (2020). Improved public school teaching of racial oppression could enable U.S. society to grasp the roots and effects of racial and economic inequality. Washington Center for Economic Growth. <https://equitablegrowth.org/improved-public-school-teaching-of-racial-oppression-could-enable-u-s-society-to-grasp-the-roots-and-effects-of-racial-and-economic-inequality/>

Cox, R. (2020). Overcoming Social Exclusion: Addressing Race and Criminal Justice Policy in America. EG2020. Washington, D.C.: Washington Center for Equitable Growth. <https://equitablegrowth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Cox.pdf>

Cox, R. (2018, November-December). Compassionate Release and the Decarceration of Older Prisoners. *Aging Today*. <https://www.asaging.org/blog/compassionate-release-and-decarceration-older-prisoners>. <https://www.asaging.org/blog/compassionate-release-and-decarceration-older-prisoners>

Cox, R. (2017). Toward a Unified Measure of U.S. Housing Insecurity. Washington Center for Equitable Growth. <https://equitablegrowth.org/toward-a-unified-measure-of-u-s-housing-insecurity/>

Cox, R. (2015). Where Do We Go from Here? Mass Incarceration and the Struggle for Civil Rights. Economic Policy Institute. <http://www.epi.org/publication/where-do-we-go-from-here-mass-incarceration-and-the-struggle-for-civil-rights/>

Working Papers

Cox, R., Rodnyansky, S., Henwood, B., Wenzel, S. (2017). Measuring Population Estimates of Housing Insecurity in the United States: A Comprehensive Approach. *Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Working Paper 2017-12*. Target Journal: *Urban Studies* https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3086243

Cox, R. and Cunningham, J.P. Financing the War on Drugs: The Impact of Law Enforcement Grants on Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests. *CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper*, (2017-005). <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3035640> (revise and resubmit *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*)

Cox, R., Henwood, B., Seva Rodnyansky, Wenzel, S. C., & Rice, E. (2016). Roadmap to a Unified Measure of Housing Insecurity. *CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper*, (2016-013). (published in *Cityscape*).

Cox, R. (2015). The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities in Prison on Labor Market Outcomes of the Formerly Incarcerated. *CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper* (2015-014). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2628780> (*Journal of Labor Research*)

Cox, R. and Wallace, S. (2013). The Impact of Incarceration on Food Insecurity Among Households with Children. *Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Research Paper Series* No. 13-05. <http://aysps.gsu.edu/uwrg/2013-0>

IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

Cox, R. The Impact of Incarceration on the Health Outcomes of Formerly Incarcerated Middle-Aged Men.

Cox, R. (Manuscript drafting) Broad Based Employee Ownership and Labor Market Outcomes of the Formerly Incarcerated.

Cox, R., and Clomax, A. (Manuscript drafting). Broad Based Employee Ownership and the Economic Wellbeing of the Formerly Incarcerated.

Cox, R., and Clomax, A. (Manuscript drafting). Broad Based Employee Ownership and the Mental Health of the Formerly Incarcerated.

Cox, R. (Manuscript drafting). Exposure to Incarceration and Cognitive Functioning among Middle-Aged Men.

Cox, R. and Wallace, S. (Manuscript drafting). The Role of Parental Incarceration on Racial Disparities in Food Insecurity Among Households with Children.

Cox, R., and Cunningham, J. (Manuscript drafting). The Impact of Federal Law Enforcement Grants on Incarceration Rates: Evidence from the Edward Byrne Program.

Cox, R., Strong, D., and Henwood, B. (Manuscript drafting). Characteristics of Homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Cox, R., Strong, D., and Henwood, B. (Manuscript drafting). Heterogeneity Among the Homeless Population in Los Angeles County.

Cox, R., Cunningham, J., and Ortega, A. The Threat of Affirmative Action Litigation and its Impact on Police Killings of Civilians.

Cox, R., and Jacobson, S. (Manuscript drafting). “Banning the Box”: Felony Convictions, Employment Outcomes, and Statistical Discrimination.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Suspension and Racial Disparities in Later Life Outcomes (with B.K. Elizabeth Kim and Jamein Cunningham)

Legacy of Lynching and Criminal Justice System Outcomes (with Jamein Cunningham and Carl Magnus Bjuggren)

Do State Prison Industrial Work Programs Help to Close the Revolving Door of Recidivism?

More Money, More Problems? – The Relationship between Income and Criminal Victimization in Mexico

INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

2020: Ostrom Institute Webinar on Race, Immigration, and Criminal Justice

(<https://institutostrom.org/agenda/racism-immigration-and-criminal-justice-rethinking-a-broken-system/>); Washington Center for Equitable Growth Vision 2020 Book Release panel (<https://equitablegrowth.org/equitable-growth-launches-vision-2020-book-with-discussion-of-research-and-policy-ideas/>)

2019: Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Masters' Commencement Speaker, Georgia State University; Economic Analysis & Research Network (EARN) and Economic Policy Institute Annual Conference (EARNCON); Minority Health Conference (David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA); American Economic Association Summer Program Brown Bag Seminar; University of California Irvine Economics of Crime Working Group; University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management;

2018: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Community Board Meeting; Workshop on "Prison Conditions, Labor Markets, and Recidivism," University of Bologna, Department of Economics, Italy; Connecting the Dots Between Poverty, Inequality, and Mobility, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

2017: Institute for Research on Poverty Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin Madison; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Expert Convening on Housing Insecurity

2016: MCHC/RISE-UP LA; USC Lecture Series on Diversity, Race, and Equity

2015: Keynote, African American Heritage Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2011: U.S. Department of Labor (with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Attorney General Eric Holder <http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20110621-eeoc/>)

PRESENTATIONS

2020: ASSA Annual Meeting

2019: Western Economic Association, Beyster Symposium, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Seminar Series Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, ASSA Annual Meeting, Rutgers University (Luis O. Kelso Mid-year Workshop),

2018: GSA, ASHE/NEA Freedom and Justice Conference, ASSA Annual Meeting

2017: Urban Institute, Population Association of America, The American Society of Criminology

2016: APPAM International Conference (London, UK), National Health Policy Conference, Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting

2015: USC, UC Davis, Economic Analysis and Research Network Annual Conference (EARNCON), ASSA Annual Meeting

2014: USC, SEA, Federal Reserve Board of Atlanta, APPAM, UCLA, Food and Nutrition Services

2013: Morehouse College
2012: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Florida A&M University
2011: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Morehouse College Research Colloquium, University of Kentucky, University of Kentucky, Bennett College, ASSA Annual Meeting,
2010: Economic Policy Institute, Spelman College, Howard University
2009: Duke University
2008: ASSA Annual Meeting
2007: Duke University

IMPACT

Interviews/Podcast

2020: KNX-CBS
2019: WURD, Philadelphia; Juvenile Film Documentary (<https://www.juvenilefilm.com>)
2017: City of Inmates USC Bedrosian Bookclub Podcast
2015: WABE (Atlanta's NPR Station) A Closer Look with Rose Scott and Denis O'Hare
2014: WBOK/1230am New Orleans
2013: Spirit Alive Network (National Blog Talk Radio)
2012: Business Matters (Nationally Syndicated Radio Program)
2009: NPR's The State of Things (North Carolina)

Media Spotlights

Bullinger, J. (June 12, 2020). Police Violence and the Pandemic: A Joint Crisis Roiling People of Color. *Bitterroot The West Magazine*. <https://bitterrootmag.com/2020/06/12/police-violence-and-the-pandemic-a-joint-crisis-roiling-people-of-color/>

Rajagopal, B. and Venkat, N. (April 24, 2020). After first spiking in wealthy L.A. County communities, coronavirus infections now surging in some low-income neighborhoods. *The Eastsider*. https://www.theeastsiderla.com/news/city_news/after-first-spiking-in-wealthy-l-a-county-communities-coronavirus-infections-now-surging-in-some/article_9cfc67d6-8642-11ea-a0e0-23c0e28caabc.html

Boyarsky, B. (April 21, 2020). The True Story of COVID-19 in LA Must be Confirmed by a Lot More Testing. *Fox and Hounds*. <https://www.foxandhoundsdaily.com/2020/04/the-true-story-of-covid-19-in-la-must-be-confirmed-by-a-lot-more-testing/>

III, Alfonso, F. (April 7, 2020). Why some people of color say they won't wear homemade masks. *CNN*. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/07/us/face-masks-ethnicity-coronavirus-cdc-trnd/index.html>

Rajagopal, B. and Kahn, G. (April 1, 2020). Why does 'wealthy LA' have a higher infection rate? *Crosstown*. <https://xtown.la/2020/04/01/wealthy-los-angeles-high-coronavirus-infection-rate/>

Pettit, E. (October 30, 2019). It Was a Mistake for Me to Choose this Field: A Survey Lays Bare The Experiences of Black Women Economists. *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<https://www.chronicle.com/article/It-Was-a-Mistake-for-Me-to/247446>

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Research Blog (October 3, 2019). Ensuring Financial Stability for Ex-Convicts Reduces Recidivism.
<https://dworakpeck.usc.edu/news/ensuring-financial-stability-for-ex-convicts-reduces-rates-of-recidivism>

The Crime Report (October 4, 2017). Byrne Grants Did Not Improve Police Effectiveness: Study. <https://thecrimereport.org/2017/10/04/byrne-grants-did-not-improve-police-effectiveness-study/>

Bar-On, S. (June 20, 2017). USC Professors Participate in LA Homelessness, Research Census. *Daily Trojan*. <http://dailytrojan.com/2017/06/20/usc-professors-participate-la-homelessness-research-census/>

USC Press Room (January 24, 2017). Understanding the LA Homeless Count.
<https://pressroom.usc.edu/understanding-the-la-homeless-count/>

Derby, M.S. (June 20, 2016). Activist Group Presses for Diversity on Fed Board. *Wall Street Journal*. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/activist-group-presses-for-diversity-on-fed-boards-1466442002>

Lindberg, E. (March 15, 2016). Putting People Behind Bars Has Hidden Costs for Society. *USC News*. <https://news.usc.edu/92906/putting-people-behind-bars-has-hidden-costs-for-society/>

Policy

Federal Reserve Board of Governors- advised on criminal justice survey questions for the Report on the Economic Wellbeing of U.S. Households in 2019 (May 2020).
<https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/2020-economic-well-being-of-us-households-in-2019-preface.htm>

US Department of Housing and Urban Development to Introduce a Housing Insecurity Measure based on research conducted by Cox et al. (2019) and Cox et al. (2016, revised 2017).
<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/working-papers/2019/adrm/rsm2019-08.pdf>

ACLU of Pennsylvania (2018). Request for Meeting to Discuss Reform of First Judicial District Bail Practices cites Cox & Wallace (2013).

AWARDED GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Scholar – *Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*

Principal Investigator - *Washington Center for Equitable Growth* (with Jamein Cunningham)

Luis O. Kelso Fellowship – *Rutgers University Institute for the Study of Employee Ownership and Profit Sharing*

Co-Principal Investigator- *Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority* 2017 Homeless Count

Principal Investigator- *Russell Sage Foundation* (with Jennifer Doleac, Benjamin Hansen, and Sarah Jacobson), awarded

USC’s Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, *NIA/NIH Pilot Grant Program*, awarded

Co-Principal Investigator (with Sally Wallace)- *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Research Program on Childhood Hunger*,

Principal Investigator- *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Young Investigator Development Grants Program*

Andrew Young Fellowship- *Georgia State Department of Economics*

CONSULTING

Program Evaluator for Correction Enterprises - North Carolina Department of Corrections 2010-2016

Alliance for Excellent Education: Data Analysis for “Saving Future Saving Dollars”
<http://all4ed.org/reports-factsheets/saving-futures-saving-dollars-the-impact-of-education-on-crime-reduction-and-earnings>

HONORS/AWARDS

Masters Commencement Speaker, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Georgia State University Fall 2019

[Expert](#) UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab

Visiting Scholar Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute 2018-2019

Luis O. Kelso Fellow 2018-2019

2016 FED-UP and The Center for Popular Democracy [Suggested](#) Federal Reserve Board Candidate for San Francisco Federal Reserve

Butler-Williams Scholars Program Participant (NIA/NIH) 2016

Rand Summer Institute Participant 2015

Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Scholar, USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, 2014-2015

CeMent Regional Mentoring Workshop Participant AEA CSWEP 2011 Cohort
Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future AAC&U 2011 Inaugural Cohort

Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) 2010 Cohort

Golden Key International Honour Society Georgia State University 2008-Present

AEA CSMGEP Dissertation Workshop Presenter, 2008

Andrew Young Fellowship Recipient Georgia State University 2004-2007

Predocutorial Diversity Fellowship Honorable Mention Ford Foundation 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship Duke University 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship University of Colorado 2002

OTHER RELEVANT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Spelman College 2010-2015

Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Scholar, USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, 2014-2015

UCLA Department of Public Policy, Visiting Scholar, 1/2014-6/2014

Operation Hope Faculty Fellow, Operation Hope 2012-12/2014

Duke University, Postdoctoral Associate, 1/2009-6/2010

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journals: Southern Economic Journal, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Feminist Economics, Review of Black Political Economy, Journal of Family Issues, Social Problems, Criminology and Public Policy

Conferences: Invited to propose and organize a session on Race, Criminal Justice, and Inequality for the 2020 Population Association of America Annual Conference; Session Organizer: Race, Inequality, and Criminal Justice Policy, American Economic Association's 2019 Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Conference (ASSA)

Grants: Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Systems for Action Scientific Review Committee, Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Strategy Evaluation, Secondary Analysis of Data on Early Care and Education (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Planning Research and Evaluation)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, National Economic Association (Elected Board Member 2011-1/31/2018), Society for Social Work and Research, Population Association of America, Gerontological Society of America

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Language: English and Spanish (conversational)