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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017–2023 DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Professor of Law (2022–current)
Associate Professor of Law (2020–2022)
Assistant Professor of Law (2017–2020)

2015–2017 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL
Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow & Lecturer in Law

2014–2015 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT
Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas Ambro

2014–2015 PENNSYLVANIA LAWYERS FOR YOUTH
Board of Directors

2008–2009 URBAN INSTITUTE, JUSTICE POLICY CENTER
Research Assistant

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA

PH.D. Criminology Department, 2015
Committee: Stephanos Bibas, Charles Loeffler, John MacDonald, Tracey Meares

J.D. Law School, 2014
Articles Editor, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW
Supreme Court Clinic

A.M. Statistics Department, 2014

B.A. Philosophy & Sociology Departments, 2008
Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

- Submitted **Ben Grunwald**, [Racial Bias in Criminal Records](#).
- 2022 **Ben Grunwald**, Julian Nyarko & John Rappaport, [Police Agencies on Facebook Overreport on Black Suspects](#), 119 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
Reviewed in: Tony Cheng, [Racialized Policing in the Social Media Age](#), 119 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
- 2022 **Ben Grunwald**, [Toward an Optimal Decarceration Strategy](#), 33 STANFORD LAW & POLICY REVIEW 1.
- 2021 **Ben Grunwald**, [Distinguishing Plea Discounts and Trial Penalties](#), 37 GEORGIA STATE LAW REVIEW 261.
- 2020 **Ben Grunwald** & John Rappaport, [The Wandering Officer](#), 128 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1676.
- 2019 John Hollway & **Ben Grunwald**, [Applying Sentinel Event Reviews in Policing](#), 18 CRIMINOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY 705.
- 2019 **Ben Grunwald** & Jeffrey Fagan, [The End of Intuition-Based High-Crime Areas](#), 107 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 345.
- 2018 **Ben Grunwald**, [Strategic Publication](#), 92 TULANE LAW REVIEW 744.
- 2017 **Ben Grunwald**, [The Fragile Promise of Open-File Discovery](#), 49 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 771.
- 2017 **Ben Grunwald** & Andrew Papachristos, [Project Safe Neighborhoods in Chicago: Looking Back a Decade Later](#), 107 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW & CRIMINOLOGY 131.
- 2016 John MacDonald, Jonathan Klick & **Ben Grunwald**, [The Effect of Private Police Services on Crime: A Geographic Regression Discontinuity Design](#), 179 JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: SERIES A 831.
- 2015 **Ben Grunwald**, [Questioning Blackmun's Thesis: Does Uniformity in Sentencing Entail Unfairness?](#), 49 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 449.
- 2015 Charles Loeffler & **Ben Grunwald**, [Decriminalizing Delinquency: The Effect of Raising the Age of Majority on Juvenile Recidivism](#), 44 JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 361.
- 2015 Charles Loeffler & **Ben Grunwald**, [Processed as an Adult: A Regression Discontinuity Estimate of the Crime Effects of Charging Juveniles as Adults](#), 52 JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN CRIME & DELINQUENCY 890.
- 2013 **Ben Grunwald**, Comment, [Suboptimal Social Science and Judicial Precedent](#), 161 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1409.

- 2013 John MacDonald, Robert Stokes, **Ben Grunwald** & Ricky Bluthenthal, [*Privatization of Public Safety in Urban Neighborhoods*](#), 47 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 621.
- 2013 **Ben Grunwald** & John MacDonald, *Propensity Score Matching*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (eds. Gerben Bruinsma & David Weisburd).

POPULAR/SHORT PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Ben Grunwald**, [*Data-Driven Decarceration*](#), INQUEST, Jan 12, 2023.
- 2021 John Rappaport & **Ben Grunwald**, [*Opinion: It Will Take More Than the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act To Fix Our Broken System*](#), WASH. POST, Feb. 5, 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

- Fall 2022 Criminal Procedure: Investigations
- Spring 2018– Criminology & Criminal Procedure (4 times)
- Fall 2017– Criminal Law (5 times)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL

- 2015–2017 Legal Research & Writing (2 times)
- Spring 2017 Criminology & Criminal Procedure

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

- 2013 Crime and Human Development
Teaching Assistant for Charles Loeffler
- 2012 Criminological Theory
Teaching Assistant for Raymond Paternoster

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Start Small, \$200,000 grant (with John Rappaport)
- 2013 National Science Foundation, NBER Crime Fellowship
- 2012 Law and Society Association Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2011 American Society of Criminology, Sentencing & Corrections Student Paper Award
- 2009–2013 University of Pennsylvania Benjamin Franklin Fellowship
- 2008 Elmaleh Essay Prize in the Social Sciences

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 *The Private Security Officer*
Law of Policing Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- 2022 *Police Agencies on Facebook: Overreport on Black Suspects*
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Online.
Law of Policing Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- 2022 *Using Data to Advance Criminal Justice Reform*
Law & Economics Society, Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC.
- 2022 *The Costs of Top-Down Control: Discretion and Departures Among Federal Prosecutors*
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, online (co-author presented).
Duke Law School Criminal Law Works in Progress, Durham, NC.
- 2021 *Racial Bias in Criminal Records*
Law & Society Conference, Lisbon Portugal.
University of Virginia Law & Economics Workshop, Charlottesville, VA.
American Psychology & Law Society Works in Progress Workshop.
Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA.
Law & Society Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2020–2022 *Toward an Optimal Decarceration Strategy*
Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Reform Reading Group, Cambridge, MA.
National Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Mass Incarceration Committee.
University of Minnesota Law School Public Law Workshop, Minneapolis, MN.
ABA-AALS-Academy for Justice Criminal Justice Roundtable.
Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable, Duke University, Durham, NC.
The Criminology Consortium, Online Conference.
Law & Society Association Conference, Denver, CO.
Duke University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Durham, NC.
- 2018–2019 *Distinguishing Plea Discounts and Trial Penalties*
CrimFest Conference, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY.
Criminal Justice Works in Progress, Duke University School of Law.
- 2018–2021 *The Wandering Officer*
University of Illinois College of Law, Policing Series, Champaign, IL.
Texas A&M Flash Webinars on Policing Research, College Station, TX.
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Claremont, CA.
Gonzaga University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Spokane WA.
Yale Law Journal Scholarship Workshop, New Haven, CT.
European University Institute for the Rule of Law, St. Petersburg, Russia.
ETH Zurich Conference on Data Science & Law, Zurich, Switzerland.
Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden.
Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA.
Wilson Center for Science and Justice, Duke Law, Durham, NC.
Law & Society Association Conference, Washington, DC.

- Criminal Law Roundtable, UNC School of Law, Chapel, Hill, NC.
 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
 Duke University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Durham, NC.
- 2017–2018 *The End of Intuition-Based High-Crime Areas*
 Symposium, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL.
 Criminal Law Roundtable, Columbia Law School, New York, NY.
 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY.
 Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden.
 Criminal Law Roundtable, Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA.
 Law & Society Association Conference, Toronto, Canada.
 Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA.
 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
 Duke University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Durham, NC.
- 2016–2017 *Strategic Publication*
 America Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Haven, CT.
 Chicago Junior Scholars Workshop, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL.
 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Duke Law School, Durham, NC.
- 2016 *The Fragile Promise of Open-File Discovery*
 Law & Society Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
 CrimFest Conference, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY.
 University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 *The Role of Prosecutorial Charge Screening in Police Charge Decisions* (with Charles Loeffler)
 Law & Society Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2014 *A Theory of Criminal Discovery*
 London School of Economics Law School Doctoral Panel, London, UK.
- 2013 *Project Safe Neighborhoods in Chicago: Looking Back a Decade Later*
 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 *Effect of Processing Juveniles as Adults: A Regression Discontinuity* (with Charles Loeffler)
 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
 NBER Summer Inst., Crime Workshop, Cambridge, MA (co-author presented).
- 2012 *The Effect of Private Police Services on Crime: A Geographic Regression Discontinuity Design*
 American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 *The Effect of Victimization on Institutional Attachment*
 American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2009 *The DNA Field Experiment: Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Use of DNA in the Investigation of High-Volume Property Crimes* (with John Roman)
 American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020–2022 CONFERENCE ORGANIZER
Annual Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable (with Brandon Garrett)
- 2013–2022 PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL REFEREE
Journal of Law & Economics; American Law and Economics Review; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; European Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; International Journal of Law and Criminal Justice; Law and Social Inquiry; Criminology and Public Policy; Justice Quarterly; Police Quarterly; International Journal of Drug Policy; Youth Justice; International Review of Law & Economics
- 2017–2021 LAW REVIEW REFEREE
Yale Law Journal; Duke Law Journal; Columbia Law Review; California Law Review
- 2018 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP
American Society of Criminology, Methods Workshop Committee
- 2018–2022 DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES
Ajenai Clemmons, Duke Sanford School of Public Policy (currently Assistant Professor of Public Policy, University of Denver)
Tyler Moran, Duke Department of Economics

BAR ADMISSIONS (INACTIVE)

- 2015 BAR OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT
2015 BAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA