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Academic appointments

- 2026-present *Assistant Professor*
School of Criminal Justice
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2024-2026 *Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing Postdoctoral Scholar*
Criminal Justice Research Center
Pennsylvania State University

Education

- 2024 Ph.D., Criminology
University of Cambridge
Dissertation: *Essays on law enforcement misconduct and social network analysis*
- 2021 M.Phil. (with distinction), Criminological research
University of Cambridge
- 2020 B.A. (*magna cum laude*), Political science and mathematics
Williams College

Publications

Journal articles

Goldrosen, Nicholas, Jordan Zvonkovich, Brett Miller, Noah Painter-Davis, and Matthew Kleiman (in press), “Developing a more accurate picture of veteran offending: A short report on the potential of linked administrative data,” *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (editor-reviewed).

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2026), “Sentencing in the shadow of promotion: The impacts of circuit court nomination on federal judges,” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 23(3).
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jels.70034>

Goldrosen, Nicholas and Ben Jones (2026), “The imminence divide: Public judgments of police and civilian use of deadly force,” *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-026-09759-z>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2026), “The interorganizational effects of reform prosecution declination policies,” *Justice Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2026.2643212>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2025), "Network structures of police misconduct vary by type and severity of misconduct," *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251363974>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2025), "Is misconduct worse when a cop does it? Public perceptions of police misconduct," *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-025-09682-9>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2025), "Police misconduct hearings as legitimacy dialogues," *Policing & Society* 35(7), 951-966. <http://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2024.2442715>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2025), "The republican and retributivist punishment of police misconduct," *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 19(1), 105-121. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11572-024-09737-4>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2025), "Social embeddedness and organizational justice in a UK police force," *Policing: An International Journal* 48(1), 175-193. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-04-2024-0048>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2024), "Is correctional officers' use of force networked? Network structure, brokerage, and key players in the New York City Department of Correction," *Journal of Criminal Justice* 92, 102191. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102191>

Goldrosen, Nicholas, Christian Michael Smith, Maria-Veronica Ciocanel, Rebecca Santorella, Shilad Sen, Shawn Bushway, and Chad M. Topaz (2023), "Racial disparities in criminal sentencing vary considerably across federal judges," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 179(1), 92-113. <https://doi.org/10.1628/jite-2023-0005>.

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2022), "Null effects of a progressive prosecution policy on marijuana enforcement," *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society* 23(1), 23-45. <https://doi.org/10.54555/ccjls.4234.34103>

Faculty-edited law review articles

Goldrosen, Nicholas, Matthew Kleiman, and Chris Thomas (2026), "Practical remedies for inaccurate criminal justice race and ethnicity data," *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 38(3). <https://doi.org/10.1215/10539867-12442806>

Goldrosen, Nicholas and C. Clare Strange (2025), "Legitimacy and risk assessment at sentencing: Lessons from Pennsylvania," *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 37(3-4). <https://doi.org/10.1215/10539867-11834208>

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2024), "Subtracting 420 from 922: Empirical evidence against the federal prohibition of gun possession by marijuana users," *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law* 21(2), 127-176. <https://kb.osu.edu/handle/1811/105404>

Student-edited law review articles

Goldrosen, Nicholas (2021), "The new preemption of progressive prosecutors," *Illinois Law Review Online* (April 18, 2021), 150-157. <https://illinoislawreview.org/online/the-new-preemption-of-progressive-prosecutors/>

Working papers (drafts available upon request)

Goldrosen, Nicholas, Jeffery Ulmer, and Noah Painter-Davis, “Revisiting the federal-state prosecution nexus and its consequences for geographic and racial sentencing disparity” (R&R)

Goldrosen, Nicholas, Noah Painter-Davis, and Jeffery Ulmer, “Criminal sentencing as a downstream response to local drug overdose deaths” (R&R)

Goldrosen, Nicholas, “Sentencing motonormatively” (in preparation)

Select non-academic writing

Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (2025), “A Comprehensive Study of Veterans Involved in the Criminal Justice System (SR 196),”

<https://pennstateoffice365.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/PCSFileshare/EdqYH4VfyuVGpSZcOtb7cWEB6toxOP44mvIluvQqRcGoiVQ?e=2H0Fpa>

Ciocanel, Veronica, Nicholas Goldrosen, and Chad Topaz (2023), “Quantifying Federal Sentence Disparities Through Inferred Sentencing Records,” *SLAM News*

<https://www.siam.org/publications/siam-news/articles/quantifying-federal-sentence-disparities-with-inferred-sentencing-records/>

Camacho, Jorge, Nicholas Goldrosen, Rick Su, and Marissa Roy (2023), “Preempting Progress: States Take Aim at Progressive Prosecutors,” *Local Solutions Support Center White Paper*.

<https://www.supportdemocracy.org/the-latest/new-white-paper-preempting-progress-states-take-aim-at-local-prosecutors>

Awards, prizes, and grants

Grants/fellowships

2026	Rock Ethics Institute Seed Grant, Pennsylvania State University (\$5,000): The Political Meaning of Defund the Police (co-PI, PI: Ben Jones)
2026	Consortium on Moral Decision-Making Ember Seed Grant, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,000): The Political Meaning of Defund the Police (co-PI, PI: Ben Jones)
2025	Criminal Justice Research Center Seed Grant, Pennsylvania State University (\$3,200): Public Judgments of Police and Civilian Uses of Force (PI)
2025	Criminal Justice Research Center Seed Grant, Pennsylvania State University (\$6,500): Organizational Dimensions of Prosecutorial Discretion (PI)
2021-2024	Gates Cambridge Scholarship, University of Cambridge (approx. £140,000)

2020-2021 Herchel Smith Fellowship, Williams College: To support study at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (approx. \$65,000)

Prizes

2025 Nigel Walker Prize, University of Cambridge: For an outstanding PhD in criminology by a member of the University of Cambridge.

2023 First prize, Graduate Student Poster Competition, American Society of Criminology

2021 *Proxime accesserunt* for the Manuel López-Rey Prize, University of Cambridge: Second-best performance on the M.Phil. course

Presentations

2026 “Public judgments of police and civilian use of force,” Penn State Criminal Justice Research Center seminar; “Implementation and effectiveness of non-weight-based drugs sentencing guidelines,” British Society of Criminology annual meeting; “Sentencing motonormatively,” Cars and Crime Symposium; “Messaging and messengers matter in support for diversion,” American Society of Criminology annual meeting (planned)

2025 “Federalism and drug sentencing,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; “A veteran-responsive justice system: The veteran’s cascade of care model,” New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Public Safety Symposium; “The organizational dimensions of prosecutorial discretion,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

2024 “The retributive and republican punishment of police misconduct,” Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative Symposium, Pennsylvania State University; “Sentencing in the shadow of promotion,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting and Penn State Postdoctoral Research Symposium

2023 “Subtracting 420 from 922: Empirical evidence against the federal prohibition of gun possession by marijuana users,” Drugs and Public Safety Conference, Arizona State University College of Law; “Penal theory and police misconduct,” British Society of Criminology and European Society of Criminology Annual Meetings; “Clusters of misconduct amongst correctional officers” and “Network structures of police misconduct,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

2022 “Inter-judge variation in racial sentencing disparities,” Institute of Criminology Brown Bag Lunch, University of Cambridge; “Preemption of prosecutorial discretion,” with Jorge Camacho, Marissa Roy, and Rick Su, International Municipal Lawyers Association; “Network structures of police misconduct vary by type and severity of misconduct,” Gates Cambridge Day of Research, University of Cambridge

- 2021 “Discretion and the backlash to criminal justice reform,” Emmanuel College Graduate Research Symposium, University of Cambridge; “Null effects of progressive drug prosecution policies on drug arrests,” Edinburgh Postgraduate Law Conference, University of Edinburgh; “Citizen court watching: opportunities and challenges for data analysis,” ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership Conference, University of Cambridge
- 2020 “Analysis of 2018-2020 Williamstown police traffic stop data,” Williamstown, Mass. Town Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Equity Committee

Teaching

Rutgers-Newark (all as instructor of record)

Ethical and Philosophical Foundations of CJ (undergraduate, NJ-STEP)
Case Processing: Law and Courts (undergraduate)

University of Cambridge

Social network analysis (graduate), co-instructor
Introductory criminology and criminal justice (undergraduate), recitation instructor
Criminology, sentencing, and the penal system (undergraduate), recitation instructor
Quantitative methods thesis supervisions (graduate)
Organized crime (graduate), guest lecturer

Pembroke College Cambridge Summer Program

Forensic psychology (undergraduate), co-instructor

Williams College

Introductory statistics (undergraduate), teaching assistant
Introduction to US politics (undergraduate), teaching assistant

Teaching training/professional development

Penn State Course in College Teaching
Associate Certification, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)

Service

Government

- 2020-2022 Member, Electronic Public Access User Group, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Department/ University

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| 2025 | Co-organizer, Research Practice Partnership Symposium, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing |
| 2025 | Judge, Undergraduate Exhibition for Research, Inquiry, and Creative Activity, Pennsylvania State University |
| 2025 | Marking/examining for master's theses, University of Cambridge |
| 2024 | National fellowships institutional endorsement committee, Williams College |
| 2022-4 | Criminology Ph.D. conference planning committee, University of Cambridge |
| 2021-2 | Criminology student-staff liaison committee, University of Cambridge |

Reviewing

Crime & Delinquency, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Public Policy, Justice Quarterly, Law & Society Review, Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice, Policing & Society, Wellcome Open Research
(<https://doi.org/10.21956/wellcomeopenres.20758.r59614>)