

# JONATHAN KURZFELD

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics with focus on Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Education, and Contract Theory.

## EDUCATION

*PhD in Economics*                    2012 – 2018        The University of California, Riverside  
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
Advisors: Prof. Richard ARNOTT & Prof. Steven CLARK  
Dissertation: *Homo Economicus Goes to Prison: Individual and Group Behavior in Confinement*

*Master of Science  
in Economics*                    2010 – 2012        The University of Oregon  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Specialization: *Microeconometrics*

*Bachelor of Arts in  
Economics*                    2007 – 2010        California State University, Sacramento  
College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies  
*Magna Cum Laude* · Minor: *Theatre Arts*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor*                    2013 – 2018        The University of California, Riverside  
Public Finance (2016) · Labor Economics (2015) · Industrial Organization (2014)

*Teaching Assistant*                    Graduate Microeconomic Theory (2014 – 2017)  
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (2014, 2016)  
Principles of Microeconomics (2013, 2015)  
Intro to Environment Economics (2017)  
Law & Economics · Money & Banking (2015)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (2014)  
Intro to Econometrics (2013)

*Teaching Assistant*                    2010 – 2012        The University of Oregon  
Principles of Microeconomics (2010, 2011)  
Public Economics · Intermediate Macroeconomics (2012)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (2011)  
Gender Economics · Law & Economics (2011)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

*Research*                    2017 · Research Grant - UC Consortium on Social Science & Law  
*Teaching*                    2016 · Outstanding Teaching Award – UCR Graduate Division  
*Research*                    2015 · Grad. Research Fellowship - Presley Center for Crime & Justice Studies

## WORKING PAPERS

- Prison Violence*      *Prison Crowding and Violent Misconduct:  
Evidence from California Public Safety Realignment*  
This paper uses a significant shock to California prison populations to analyze the the impact of crowding on inmate violence. Using monthly observations of 30 California prisons, provides the first evidence of the effect of crowding on the rate of prison violence using a quasi-experimental design.  
Author: Jonathan KURZFELD
- Prison Violence*      *Why Are There No Peaceful Prison Gangs?  
Informal Governance and Motives for Misconduct*  
The modeling framework provided in this paper offers new perspective on gang violence in the prison setting. Gangs are modeled as profit-maximizing entities in an informal marketplace where the gangs interact strategically to provide contract enforcement.  
Author: Jonathan KURZFELD
- Witness Identification*      *Who You See When:  
An Impact Analysis of Reforms in Witness Identification Protocol*  
State level reforms implementing sequential line-ups, in place of traditional simultaneous line-ups, are evaluated to determine the impact on department clearance rates for law enforcement agencies. Multiple identification strategies utilize variation across state, time, and crime category to isolate the impact on clearance rates for crimes that typically involve a witness.  
Authors: Jonathan KURZFELD, Steven CLARK

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Prison Violence*      *Disrupting the Status Quo:  
Empirical Evidence of Disequilibrium Effects on Prison Violence*
- Informal Markets*      *Transitioning Prohibited Goods to the Formal Market:  
Theory and Evidence of GE Consequences (with Matthew Taylor)*
- Asymmetric Info*      *Parsing Mixed Messages:  
Optimal Contracts in Multi-task Agency Problems (with Urmee Khan)*

## PRESENTATIONS

- Oct. 13th, 2017      *12th Annual Conference of Empirical Legal Studies  
Ithaca, NY*
- June 28th, 2017      *Western Economic Association International, 92nd Annual Conference  
San Diego, CA*
- April 9th, 2017      *2017 APPAM California Regional Conference  
Riverside, CA*
- Oct. 20th, 2015      *Economics Department Research Colloquium, University of California  
Riverside, CA*

## OTHER INFORMATION

### *Languages*

ENGLISH · Mothertongue

SPANISH · Basic (simple vocabulary and phrases)

FRENCH · Basic (simple vocabulary and phrases)

GERMAN · Basic (simple vocabulary and phrases)

### *Interests*

Jonathan is passionate about international travel, preferring cultural immersion to the usual tourist attractions. His favorite past destination was the Meghalaya region of India. He also enjoys hiking and hopes to soon revisit Glacier National Park and backpack the Lost Coast trail in California. Not at all a connoisseur, he does enjoy wine tasting and is particularly fond of Pinot Noir varietals from Oregon. Jonathan enjoys learning various forms of social dance during his free time and still likes some "extreme" activities such as snowboarding and paintballing. His newest interest is in learning to sail.

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