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Education

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Ph.D. (Expected 2010), H. John Heinz III College (August 2006–Present)

- Thesis: Redemption in the Face of Stale Criminal Records Used in Background Checks
- Committee: Professors Alfred Blumstein, Daniel Nagin, and Melvin Stephens

University of California, Irvine California USA

M.A., Demographic and Social Analysis, June 2005

B.A., Criminology, Law and Society, June 2004
Magna cum Laude

Sophia University Tokyo, Japan

Department of Psychology, April 1999 - June 2001

Research Interests

Criminal Career, Life Course / Developmental Criminology, Recidivism and Reentry, Social Network Analysis, Quantitative Methods

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Blumstein, Alfred, and Kiminori Nakamura. 2009. "Redemption in the Presence of Widespread Criminal Background Checks." *Criminology* 47:2 327-359.

Other Publications

Blumstein, Alfred, and Kiminori Nakamura. 2009. "'Redemption' in an Era of Widespread Criminal Background Checks." *NIJ Journal* No. 263 10-17 (Reprinted in <http://www.corrections.com/articles/21876> Published: 07/13/2009).

Submitted Manuscripts

"Violence in the Balance: A Structural Analysis of How Rivals, Allies, and Third-Parties Shape Inter-Gang Violence" (with George Tita and David Krackhardt)

Work in Progress

"Race, Recidivism, and Redemption" (with Alfred Blumstein)

"Caught in the War on Drugs and Cannot Get Out: Redemption for drug offenders" (with Alfred Blumstein)

"Evolution of Crime Specialization" (with Jionglin Wu)

"Effect of Criminal History Patterns on Redemption"

“Redemption and Desistance”

**Book Chapter
in Preparation**

Blumstein, Alfred, and Kiminori Nakamura. Invited. “Redemption for Sex Offenders.” In *Sex Offenders: A Criminal Career Approach*, eds. Arjan Blockland, Brijder Verslavingszorg, and Patrick Lussier.

**Conference
Presentations**

11/2009 “Process of Redemption Should be Built into the Use of Criminal-History Records for Background Checking” Accepted for Policy Session (Forthcoming)
American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia

11/2009 “Robustness Testing of Redemption Estimates” (Forthcoming)
American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia

11/2009 The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH) Membership Group Meeting, Washington, D.C.

10/2009 The Herbert M. Singer and Richard Netter Conference Race, Criminal Records and Employment: Legal Practice and Social Science Research, New York

08/2009 “Redemption in an Era of Widespread Background Checking”
American Correctional Association 2009 Congress of Correction, Nashville

06/2009 “Criminal Background Checks and Hiring Ex-Offenders”
National Institute of Justice Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

11/2008 “Developments in Redemption”
American Society of Criminology, St. Louis

11/2007 “Redemption in the Presence of Widespread Criminal Background Checks”
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta

11/2006 “Gang Territory and Community Social Networks”
American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada

04/2006 “Street Gangs -Structure and Violence-”
Sunbelt Conference, Vancouver, Canada

Invited Talks

03/2009 “Redemption in an Era of Widespread Background Checking” (with Alfred Blumstein)
Occasional Series on Reentry Research, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York

01/2008 “Redemption in the Presence of Background Checking - Some Preliminary Results” (with Alfred Blumstein)
Conference organized by American Bar Association’s Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions “Fair Use of Criminal Records in Employment”, Washington, D.C.

Grants

Current

“Potential for Redemption in Criminal Background Checks”
Co-PI with Alfred Blumstein. National Institute of Justice. June 2007–June 2009 (no cost extension to June 2010). (\$60K)

Pending

“Extension of Current Estimates of Redemption Times: Robustness Testing, Out-of-State Arrests, and Racial Differences”
Co-PI with Alfred Blumstein. National Institute of Justice. Applied: April 2009.

Awards and Fellowships

Carnegie Mellon University

- H. John Heinz III College Doctoral Fellowship, 2006–present
- Nominated for the Heinz College Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2008

University of California, Irvine

- In-state Financial Award and Teaching Assistantship for the MA program in Demographic and Social Analysis, 2004

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

Teaching Experience

Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching Assistant

- **Intermediate Empirical Methods for Public Policy and Management**
Fall 2008, 2009
Graduate course
Provided weekly review sessions and answer keys for weekly assignments, held weekly office hours, and graded exams
- **Applied Econometrics I** Fall 2009
Graduate course
Provided weekly review sessions
- **Management Science I: Optimization and Multicriteria Methods**
Spring 2009
Graduate course
Held weekly office hours, and graded exams and homework
- **Decision Making Under Uncertainty** Spring 2009
Graduate course
Held weekly office hours, and graded exams and homework

University of California, Irvine

Learning and Academic Resource Center (LARC)

Tutor

- **Probability and Statistics in the Social Sciences** Fall 2003 - Spring 2004
Tutored UCI undergraduate students in introductory statistics
- Obtained advanced tutoring certification from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)

Other Academic Experiences

University of California, Irvine, California USA

Undergraduate Researcher 2004

- UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Fellow
- Presented a research project titled “Victims, Offenders, and Places: Spatial Patterns in LA Gang Homicide” at the UROP symposium

Workshop Participation

Summer Institute on Longitudinal Research, The UCLA Center for Advancing Longitudinal Drug Abuse Research, Los Angeles, CA., August 2008

Event History & Survival Analysis by Paul Allison, Philadelphia, PA., Summer 2006

Space, Networks and Social Influence Workshop, sponsored by the National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR). University of California, Irvine, February 2006.

Appearances in Popular Media

“When is it Safe To Hire Someone With a Criminal Record?”
Press Release that was prepared by Carnegie Mellon University appeared in the online version of *The Wall Street Journal*, May 27, 2009
(<http://sec.online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20090527-905810.html?mod=crnews>).

“Shedding the Stigma of Prison: Cultural, Personal Changes Will Help Ex-Inmates Find Redemptive Place in Society, Advocates Say” by Martin Ricard.
The Washington Post, September 05, 2009 (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/05/AR2009090501018.html>).

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
International Network for Social Network Analysis

Additional Information

Computer Skills:
Statistical: R, SAS, Stata, SPSS
Social Network: UCINET, SIENA, ORA, AutoMap
Spatial analysis: ArcGIS, GeoDa
Other: LaTeX

Languages: English and Japanese

References

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