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### EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA	Expected 2023
PhD: Criminology. In Progress (ABD)	
Minor: Social Data Analytics	
Certificate in Quantitative Methodology	
The Pennsylvania State University, State College PA	2020
Master of Arts: Criminology	
Thesis: <i>Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency</i>	
Hope College, Holland MI	2016
Bachelor of Science: Engineering—electrical emphasis (ABET accredited)	
Bachelor of Arts: Sociology	
Minor: Mathematics	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Crime / delinquency; Religion and communities; Health; Quantitative methods; Big data; Machine learning; Spatial analysis

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### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

\* Indicates Equal Co-authorship

- Seto, Christopher**, Corina Graif, Aria Khademi, Vasant Honavar, & Claire Kelling. 2022. "Connected in health: Place-to-place commuting networks and COVID-19 spillovers." *Health & Place* 77, 102891. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2022.102891>
- Block, Ray\*, Michael Burnham\*, Kayla Kahn\*, Rachel Peng\*, Jeremy Seeman\*, & **Christopher Seto\***. 2022. "Perceived Risk, Political Polarization, and Adherence to COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines." *Social Science & Medicine* 305, 115091. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115091>
- Seto, Christopher**. 2022. "Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Deaths of Despair." *Social Science & Medicine* 293, 114642. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114642>

**Seto, Christopher** & Iman Said. 2022. "Religious Perceptions of Crime and Implications for Punitiveness." *Punishment & Society* 24(1), 46-68.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474520960038>

**Seto, Christopher.** 2021. "Religious Identity and Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian and Non-religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom." *British Journal of Criminology*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azab100>

**Seto, Christopher.** 2021. "Understanding Delinquency Among the Spiritual but not Religious." *Sociology of Religion* 82(2): 156-178.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/sraa042>

Staff, Jeremy, Jennifer Maggs, **Christopher Seto**, Julia Dillavou, & Michael Vuolo. 2020. "Electronic and Combustible Cigarette Use in Adolescence: Links with Adjustment, Delinquency, and Other Substance Use." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 66:39-47.

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#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (available upon request)**

**Seto, Christopher** & Laura Upenieks. "Under God and under threat: Christian nationalism and conspiracy beliefs as links between political orientation and gun ownership"

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#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (available upon request)**

**Seto, Christopher.** "God and group: The ecology of religiously motivated hate crimes."

**Seto, Christopher.** "Fighting for Votes: Ethno-racial violence and political competition across three elections."

**Seto, Christopher** & Selena Ortiz. "Church in context: Religious affiliation, support for inclusive COVID-19 aid, and the broader social environment"

**Seto, Christopher** & Corina Graif. "Driving home the violence: Crime diffusion over commuting networks"

Graif, Corina, **Christopher Seto**, & Vasant Honavar. "Network contagion and child overdose across US Communities: Exploring racial and ethnic disparities."

Ortiz, Selena, **Christopher Seto**, & Daryl Cameron. "Perspective-taking, moral Inclusion, and support for inclusive COVID-19 policies"

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#### **EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2022. Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Fellowship (\$15,000)  
*Social Science Research Council*

2022. Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)

*The Russell Sage Foundation*

2022. Conference travel grant award (\$862)  
*Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*

2021. Second place in national Gene Carte Student Paper Competition  
*American Society of Criminology (ASC)*

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## **INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2022. Outstanding Criminology Student Work Award  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

2022. First place in 13<sup>th</sup> annual Criminology Paper Competition, Published Paper Category  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

2021. C-SoDA Seed Grant Accelerator Award, co-PI (\$5,000)  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Center for Social Data Analytics*

2021. First place in 12<sup>th</sup> annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

2021. CJRC Graduate Student Research Award Grant (\$2,000)  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Criminal Justice Research Center*

2021. First place in annual Criminology Master's Thesis Award  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

2020. First place in 11<sup>th</sup> annual Criminology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

2018-2019. University Graduate Fellowship (\$30,000)  
*The Pennsylvania State University*

2016. Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, lifetime member  
*Hope College Chapter*

2016. Senior Sociology Award  
*Hope College, Department of Sociology*

2012-2016. Presidential Scholarship  
*Hope College*

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## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Ethnoracial Violence and Political Competition across Three Elections: A Machine Learning Approach” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Under God and under Threat: Christian Nationalism and Conspiracy Beliefs as Links between Political Orientation and Gun Ownership” Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Collateral Consequences of Coronavirus: Exploring Contextual and Situational Predictors of Anti-Asian Hate Incidents in the United States during 2020.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA).

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Exploring ecological predictors of violent hate crime against racial and ethnic minorities: A machine learning approach” PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference.

2021. Graif, Corina & **Christopher Seto** (presenter). “Driving home the Crime? Commuting Network Spillovers and Spatial Criminology.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference (Chicago, IL).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Exploring Spatial and Temporal Predictors of Hate Crime in the US: A Machine Learning Approach.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference (Chicago, IL).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Broadening Questions of Religion and Delinquency.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Conference (Portland, OR).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian, and Non-Religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Deaths of Despair.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter), Aria Khademi, Vasant Honavar, & Corina Graif. “Commuting Network Spillovers and COVID-19 Deaths across US Counties.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Divine Interventions: Articulating a Causal Model and Estimating Religious Effects on Adolescent Substance Use” PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference.

2020. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Understanding Delinquency among the Spiritual but not Religious” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- Cancelled due to COVID-19

2020. Graif, Corina (lead presenter), **Christopher Seto** (presenter), & Vasant G. Honavar. “Network Contagion and Child Overdose across US Communities: Exploring Racial and Ethnic Disparities.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference (virtual).

2019. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

2015. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Collective Emotional Feedback to Dating Relationships” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH.

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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2022. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Saving Grace? Religious Ecology and Death of Despair” Penn State Criminology Brown Bag. State College, PA.

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Collateral Consequences of Coronavirus: Exploring Contextual and Situational Predictors of Anti-Asian Bias Incidents in the United States during 2020” Penn State Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) Criminology Forum. State College, PA.

2021. **Seto, Christopher** (presenter). “Religious Identity and Adolescent Delinquency: Comparing Muslim, Christian, and Non-Religious Adolescents in the United Kingdom” Penn State Criminology Brown Bag. State College, PA.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate January 2021-Present  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute*

Graduate Research Assistant August 2018-Present  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Director of Beta Testing and Customer Feedback October 2016-June 2018  
*Fathom Drones Inc.*

Undergraduate Research Assistant August 2014-December 2014  
*Hope College, Department of Sociology*

Undergraduate Research Assistant May 2013-June 2014  
*Hope College, Department of Engineering*

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecturer, *Sociology of Deviance* (SOC/CRIM 406) April 2022  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Guest lecturer, *Communities and Crime* (CRIM 559) April 2022

*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

PRI Advanced Methods Workshop Leader March 2022  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute*

Instructor, Graduate Statistical Coding Lab (SOC 596) August 2021-December 2021  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

- Designed original syllabus focused on statistical programming with Stata
- Delivered lectures to teach coding and research skills to first-year graduate students
- Wrote and evaluated course homework and final projects

Guest lecturer, *Sociology of Deviance* (SOC/CRIM 406) June 2021  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Coding and Data Committee Workshop Leader August 2020-December 2020  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Instructor, *Introduction to Criminology* (CRIM/SOC 12) May 2020-June 2020  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

- Designed original syllabus focused on criminological theory and research
- Presented lectures and guided classroom discussion
- Created and evaluated original course exams and writing assignments

Guest lecturer, *Communities and Crime* (CRIM 459) January 2020  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

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## **DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Occasional reviewer, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Occasional reviewer, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*

Occasional reviewer, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Coding and Data Committee 2020-present  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee (Co-chair since 2021) 2019-present  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

Diversity Promotion Committee 2018-present  
*The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

*Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance*  
*Section on Sociology of Religion*  
*Section on Drugs and Society*  
*Section on Sociology of Population*

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

Association for the Society of Religion (ASR)