

ROBYNN J.A. COX

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Georgia State University, 2009
M.A. in Economics, Georgia State University 2007
A.B. in Economics and “Spanish and Latin American Studies”, Duke University, 2002

CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, USC School of Social Work 2016-present
Faculty Affiliate, USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Crime; Health Economics; Labor Economics; Urban Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Econometrics, Senior Seminar in Economics (Senior Thesis), Economics of Crime, Urban Economics, Global Health, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

Cox, R., & Wallace, S. (2016). Identifying the Link Between Food Security and Incarceration. *Southern Economic Journal*.

Where Do We Go from Here? Mass Incarceration and the Struggle for Civil Rights (*Economic Policy Institute*) <http://www.epi.org/publication/where-do-we-go-from-here-mass-incarceration-and-the-struggle-for-civil-rights/>

Cox, R. (2011). The Impact of Mass Incarceration on the Lives of African American Women. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, 39(2), 203-212.

Cox, R. (2010). Crime, Incarceration, and Employment in Light of the Great Recession. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, 37 (3), pp.283-294.

WORKING PAPERS

Cox, R. (2015). The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities in Prison on Labor Market Outcomes of the Formerly Incarcerated. *CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper* (2015-014). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2628780> (revise and resubmit *Journal of Labor Research*)

Cox, R. and Wallace, S. (2013). The Importance of Incarceration on Food Insecurity Among Households with Children. *Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Research Paper Series* No. 13-05. <http://aysps.gsu.edu/uwrg/2013-0>

IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Job Market?: The Case of North Carolina

Identifying the Effects of Incarceration on Health Outcomes over the Life Course

The Role of Parental Incarceration on Racial Disparities in Food Insecurity Among Households with Children (with Sally Wallace)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Banning the Box”: Felony Convictions, Employment Outcomes, and Statistical Discrimination (with Jennifer Doleac, Benjamin Hansen, and Sarah Jacobson)

The Impact of Federal Law Enforcement Grants on Drug Arrests and Incarceration Rates: Evidence from the Edward Byrne Program (with Jamein Cunningham)

The Role of Parental Incarceration on Racial Disparities in Food Insecurity Among Households with Children (with Sally Wallace)

The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities While Incarcerated on the Recidivism of Released Prisoners

Do State Prison Industrial Work Programs Help to Close the Revolving Door of Recidivism?

More Money, More Problems? – The Relationship between Income and Criminal Victimization in Mexico

INVITED LECTURES

2015: Keynote, African American Heritage Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

PRESENTATIONS

2016: National Health Policy Conference, Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting

2015: USC, UC Davis, Economic Analysis and Research Network Annual Conference, ASSA Annual Meeting

2014: USC, SEA, Federal Reserve Board of Atlanta, APPAM, UCLA, Food and Nutrition Services

2013: Morehouse College

2012: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Florida A&M University
2011: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Morehouse College Research Colloquium, University of Kentucky, University of Kentucky, Bennett College, ASSA Annual Meeting, U.S. Department of Labor (with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Attorney General Eric Holder <http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20110621-eeoc/>)
2010: Economic Policy Institute, Spelman College, Howard University
2009: Duke University
2008: ASSA Annual Meeting
2007: Duke University

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

2015: WABE (Atlanta's NPR Station) A Closer Look with Rose Scott and Denis O'Hare
2014: WBOK/1230am New Orleans
2013: Spirit Alive Network (National Blog Talk Radio)
2012: Business Matters (Nationally Syndicated Radio Program)
2009: NPR's The State of Things (North Carolina)

AWARDED GRANTS

Principal Investigator- *Russell Sage Foundation* (with Jennifer Doleac, Benjamin Hansen, and Sarah Jacobson), awarded \$28,600

USC's Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, *NIA/NIH Pilot Grant Program*, awarded \$24,960

Co-Principal Investigator (with Sally Wallace)- *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Research Program on Childhood Hunger*, Total Award \$45,000

Principal Investigator- *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Young Investigator Development Grants Program*, awarded \$7500

CONSULTING

Principal Research Partner for Smart Supervision Grant - Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, *award pending*

Program Evaluator for Correction Enterprises - North Carolina Department of Corrections 2010-present

Alliance for Excellent Education: Data Analysis for "Saving Future Saving Dollars"
<http://all4ed.org/reports-factsheets/saving-futures-saving-dollars-the-impact-of-education-on-crime-reduction-and-earnings>

HONORS/AWARDS

CeMent Regional Mentoring Workshop Participant AEA CSWEP 2011 Cohort

Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future AAC&U 2011 Inaugural Cohort

Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) 2010 Cohort

Golden Key International Honour Society Georgia State University 2008-Present

AEA CSMGEP Dissertation Workshop Presenter, 2008

Andrew Young Fellowship Recipient Georgia State University 2004-2007

Predocctoral Diversity Fellowship Honorable Mention Ford Foundation 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship Duke University 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship University of Colorado 2002

SELECTED PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Spelman College 2010-2015

Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Scholar, USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, 2014-2015

UCLA Department of Public Policy, Visiting Scholar, 1/2014-6/2014

Operation Hope Faculty Fellow, Operation Hope 2012-12/2014

Duke University, Postdoctoral Associate, 1/2009-6/2010

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journals: Southern Economic Journal, Review of Black Political Economy, Journal of Family Issues, Social Problems

Grants: Secondary Analysis of Data on Early Care and Education (Office of Planning Research and Evaluation)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

SSWR, American Economic Association, National Economic Association (Elected Board Member 2011-Present)

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Language: English and Spanish (conversational)