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## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Ph.D., May 2012, University of California Berkeley, Economics  
Dissertation title: “Essays on Drug Use and Crime”  
Advisor: David Card

B.A., May 2006, University of California Berkeley, Economics (Honors)

B.A., May 2006, University of California Berkeley, Applied Mathematics

## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS/AFFILIATIONS

2025-current	Research Associate, Center for Health Behavior Research & Innovation at Syracuse University
2024-current	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) program on Children
2023-current	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2023-current	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) program on Health Economics and program on Children and Families
2023-current.	Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research at Syracuse University
2023-current.	Senior Research Associate, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health at Syracuse University
2018-current	Research Affiliate, Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH)

## PAST APPOINTMENTS/AFFILIATIONS

2020-2023	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) program on Health Economics
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2019-2023	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics at the Graduate Center, City University of New York
2017-2023	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics CUNY-Hunter College
2019-2020	Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER, New York)
2016	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley
2012-2017	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics University of Texas at Dallas

### **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

2018-2019 Cornerstone Research, Opioid Litigation case

2013-2014 2M Research, Program Evaluation Consulting

2019-current CHERISH, Weill Cornell Medical College, Grant Consulting

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Economics of Crime, Economics of Risky Health Behaviors Economic Demography, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

### **SERVICE**

#### **Referee**

American Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, Industrial Relations, Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Journal, Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Inquiry, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Review of Economics of the Household, American Law and Economics Review

#### **Scientific Committees**

Member of the 2022 APPAM Fall Program: (i) Review Committee for the Crime, Justice and Drugs, (ii) Review Subcommittee for Poverty and Income Policy

Member of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Economics Advisory Panel

Member of the 2017 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Scientific Committee, Sub Committee for Health Policy (APPAM)

Member of the 2016 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Scientific Committee

Session Organizer for the Western Economic Association Annual Meeting (2016-2018-2019)

Member of the 2015 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Scientific Committee

### **Conference Program Organization**

2025 Program Chair for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Substances Program at the Annual American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting

2024 Program Chair for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Substances Program at the Annual American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting

2023 Co-organizer of the NBER Economics of Health Program Fall Meeting

### **Contribution to Diversity in the Profession**

2023-current Chair of the Communications Committee American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE)

2023 Mentor in the American Society of Health Economists (ASHE) Early Career Mentoring Session

2023 Mentor in the CSWEP workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year female and non-binary graduate students at the Southern Economic Association (SEA)

2023 Mentor in the Mentoring Workshop for women and non-binary PhD students in Health Economics and Health Policy

2022 Mentor in the Mentoring Workshop for women/non-binary PhD students in Economics and Economics-adjacent fields

### **University/Department Service**

2025-current. Member of the CAS/Maxwell Faculty Council

2025-current Member of the Research Evaluation Committee, Economics

2024-current Member of the Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, Economics

2024 Member of the Search Committee, Moynihan Chair Professor of Economics

2023 Member of the Search Committee, Associate Professor of Economics

## **ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION**

### **Articles accepted for publication:**

Deza, Monica, Catherine Maclean, Thanh Lu and Alberto Ortega (Forthcoming 2025). Behavioral Health Treatment and Police Officer Safety. Forthcoming. *Journal of Human Resources*

Danagouliau, Shooshan, and Monica Deza (2025) Driving Under the Influence of Allergies: The Effect of Seasonal Pollen on Traffic Fatalities. *Journal of Health Economics* Vol 99, paper 102945

Deza, Monica and Alvaro Mezza (2025). The Effects of the Vietnam Draft on Risky Behaviors. *Journal of Labor Economics* Vol 43(1)

Deza, Monica, Thanh Lu and Catherine Maclean (2022) Office-based Mental Healthcare and Juvenile Arrests. *Health Economics* Vol 31(Issue S2): 69-91

Deza, Monica, Catherine Maclean and Keisha Solomon (2022) Local Access to Mental Healthcare and Crime. *Journal of Urban Economics* Vol 129, paper 103410

Amuedo-Dorantes, Catalina and Monica Deza (2022) Can Sanctuary Policies Reduce Domestic Violence? *American Law and Economics Review* Vol 24 (1).

Dave, Dhaval, Monica Deza and Brady Horn (2021) Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, Opioid Abuse and Crime. *Southern Economic Journal* Vol 87 (3).

Chalfin, Aaron and Monica Deza (2020) Immigration Enforcement, Crime and Demography: Evidence from the Arizona Legal Workers Act. *Criminology and Public Policy* Vol 19(2).

Chalfin, Aaron, Shooshan Danagoulain, and Monica Deza (2019) More Sneezing, Less Crime? Seasonal Allergies, Transitory Costs and the Market for Offenses. *Journal of Health Economics* Vol 68, article 102230.

Deza, Monica (2019) Graduated Driver Licensing and Teen Fertility. *Economics and Human Biology* Vol 35.

Andrews, Rodney and Monica Deza (2018) Local Natural Resources and Crime: Evidence from Oil Price Fluctuations in Texas, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* vol. 151: 123-142

Chalfin, Aaron and Monica Deza (2019) The Intergenerational Effects of Education on Delinquency. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* vol. 159: 553-571.

Chalfin, Aaron and Monica Deza (2018). The Effect of Parental Education on Children's Drug and Alcohol Use. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* Vol 108.

Deza, Monica and Daniel Litwok (2016). Do Nighttime Driving Restrictions Reduce Criminal Participation Among Teenagers? Evidence from the Graduated Driver Licensing. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 35(2). Leading article.

Deza, Monica (2015) Is There a Stepping-Stone Effect in Drug Use? Separating State-Dependence from Unobserved Heterogeneity Within and Between Illicit Drugs. *Journal of Econometrics* 184(1).

Deza, Monica (2015), The Effects of Alcohol on the Consumption of Hard Drugs: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Youth, 1997. *Health Economics* 24(4).

### **Working Papers:**

Danagoulain, Shooshan, Monica Deza, Timothy Hodge, and Thomas Wilk. Couch-Locked with the Munchies: Effects of Recreational Marijuana Laws on Exercise and Nutrition. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper 33176 (Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*)

Chalfin, Aaron, Shooshan Danagoulain and Monica Deza. COVID-19 Has Strengthened The Relationship Between Alcohol Consumption and Domestic Violence. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper WP28523

Deza, Monica. Everything in Moderation: Separating State Dependence from Unobserved Heterogeneity Between Alcohol and Employment. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper WP31453. Previous title "Unemployment, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use: Separating State Dependence from Unobserved Heterogeneity"

Deza, Monica, Thanh Lu, Catherine Maclean, and Alberto Ortega. Losing Medicaid and Crime. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper WP32227

Amuedo-Dorantes, Catalina, Genti Kostandini, Tianyuan Luo, and Monica Deza. Driver Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants and Childhood Outcomes. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper 32723

Deza, Monica, Catherine Maclean, and Alberto Ortega. Paid Sick Leave and Maltreatment. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper WP33758

Deza, Monica and Maria Zhu. More Girls, Fewer Blues: Peer Gender Ratios and Adolescent Mental Health. National Bureau of Economic Research NBER Working Paper WP34269

**Works in progress:**

Danagouliau, Shooshan, Monica Deza, Catherine Maclean, and Alberto Ortega. Vulnerability of the U.S. Public Safety System: Evidence from micro-shocks.

## **PRESENTATIONS (Planned included)**

- 2025: Fourteenth Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Syracuse University Labor Economics Workshop, Center for Policy Research (CPR-ASI) Data Seminar: Health and Retirement Study, Third Annual Health Economics Day Workshop at the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, IRP Summer Research Workshop at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Scaling Access to Mental Healthcare at Arnold Ventures.
- 2024: Department of Economics at SUNY Albany, Syracuse University Labor Economics Workshop, Thirteenth Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Essen Economics of Mental Health Workshop, Center of Policy Research Seminar Series at Syracuse University, Health Economics and Policy Innovation Collaborative (HEPIC) at Georgia Tech
- 2023: Twelfth Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Southern Economic Association (SEA), 14th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (TWEC)
- 2022: Eleventh Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Southern Economic Association (SEA), Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable at Duke University, Department of Economics at Wayne State University, Department of Economics at Syracuse University, Department of Economics at Michigan State University.
- 2021: Tenth Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Southern Economics Association 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) COVID-19 and Health Outcomes Spring Conference.
- 2020: Department of Economics at West Virginia University, Online Economics of Crime Seminar, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Health Policy Workshop at Indiana University.
- 2019: Department of Economics at Rutgers University, Annual Eastern Economic Association Conference, Department of Economics Tulane University, NYU Race Crime and Policing Workshop, Center for Demography of Health and Aging at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Economics at University of Connecticut.
- 2018: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Department of Economics CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Economics Temple University, Seventh Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon); Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference.
- 2017: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Department of Economics University of New Mexico, Department of Economics City University of New York (CUNY) Hunter College, Eastern Economic Association, Population Association of American Annual Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Society of Labor Economists, 16<sup>th</sup> IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economics, 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Research Conference Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM).
- 2016: Vanderbilt University Department of Economics, Texas Christian University Department.

of Economics, Sixth Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), 91<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Cornell University Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Crime Lab New York, University of Pennsylvania Department of Criminology, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy.

2015: Duke-ERID Conference on Advances and Applications of Spatial Equilibrium in Economics, 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Conference, 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Health Economics of the International Health Economics Association (IHEA), Syracuse University Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University Department of Economics, University of Houston Department of Economics, 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association.

2014: Duke University, University of Texas at Arlington, 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, 61<sup>st</sup> Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International.

2013: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of North Texas, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (IZA), 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Conference.

2012: University of Texas at Dallas, Cornell Policy Analysis and Management, University of Illinois at Chicago, ASHE Conference at Texas A&M.

2011: UC Berkeley, Labor Seminar.

2010: Student poster session All CA Labor Conference UC Santa Barbara.

2009: UC Berkeley Labor Lunch, UC Berkeley IGERT Seminar.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:**

2022	Georgescu-Roegen Prize for the best article published in <i>Southern Economic Journal</i> awarded by the Southern Economic Association (SEA)
2021	Best Paper Awards for Earlier-Career Scholars from <i>Criminology &amp; Public Policy</i>
2017	Outstanding reviewer, Journal of Health Economics
2017	Invited participant to the Policing Cost Benefit Analysis Project, NYU Law School
2016	Recognized reviewer, Economics and Human Biology
2014	Scholarship to attend the 5 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) from the National Institute on Aging (NIA).
2013-2015	Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow
2012	National Bureau of Economic Research (NSF/NBER) Crime Research
2011	American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE) Summer Dissertation Fellowship Third Place Award

2011-2012	UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
2011	Graduate Division Summer Grant
2009-2011	National Science Foundation Integrated Graduate Education Research and Training Program (NSF IGERT) Fellowship
2008-2009	National Science Foundation Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship
2008	Ford Foundation Honorable Mention
2007-2009	UC Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study

## **GRANTS**

2024	Co-Investigator. Syracuse University, Appleby-Mosher Fund for Faculty Research, "The Effects of Peer Gender Ratios on Risky Health Behaviors"
2020-2021	Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation (SES # 2018438) "Exploration of the Relationship Between Substance and Employment: A Structural Approach"

## **CLASSROOM TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Instructor, Statistics I (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, CUNY-Hunter College

Instructor, Labor Economics (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

Instructor, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

Instructor, Economic Demography (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, UT Dallas; CUNY-Hunter College

Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate course), Department of Economics, UT Dallas; Department of Economics, CUNY-Hunter College; Department of Economics, Syracuse University

### **Graduate Courses**

Instructor, Special Topics in Economics: Economic Demography (Ph.D. level course), Department of Economics, UT Dallas

Instructor, Microeconomic Theory and Applications (Master's Level course), Department of Economics, UT Dallas

Instructor, Labor Economics I (Ph.D. Level course), Department of Economics, UT Dallas

Instructor, Economics of Crime (Ph.D. Level Course), Department of Economics, Syracuse University



**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Languages:

English (Fluent), Spanish (native), Italian (Fluent)

Citizenship:

U.S.A.

Professional Organizations:

Research Associate in the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) program on Health Economics, Research Associate in the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) program on Children and Families, American Economic Association (AEA), American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Southern Economic Association (SEA), International Health Economics Association (IHEA), American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), National Bureau of Economic Research (NSF/NBER) Crime Research Fellow, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)