

## Jason D. Ralston

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Behavioral economics, experimental economics, law and economics, individual choice, applied econometrics, game theory, evolutionary game theory	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Irvine</b> , Irvine, CA Ph.D., Economics, June 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation Topic: <i>Savings, Effort, and Innovation: Essays on Suboptimality and its Determinants</i></li><li>• Advisors: John Duffy, Ph.D and Michael McBride, Ph.D</li></ul> <b>University of Kansas</b> , Lawrence, KS B.S., Economics and Mathematics (Double Major), May 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Topic: <i>Signaling versus Human Capital: Evidence from Major to Occupation Matching</i></li><li>• Advisor: Donna Ginther, Ph.D</li></ul>	
ECONOMICS POSITIONS	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Economics, Whitman College	August 2020 to present
	<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b> Department of Economics, Baylor University	July 2018 to June 2020
PUBLISHED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hudja, Stanton; Ralston, Jason; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “An Experimental Exploration of Reasonable Doubt”, 2023. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>.</li><li>2. Ralston, Jason; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Prosecutor Plea Bargaining and Conviction Rate Structure: Evidence from an Experiment”, 2023. <i>Public Choice</i>.</li><li>3. Duffy, John and Ralston, Jason. “Innovation versus Imitation: Theory and Evidence”, 2020, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>.</li></ol>	
SUBMITTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hudja, Stanton; Ralston, Jason; Wang, Siyu; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Gender Differences in Preferences For Criminal Justice Error Types: An Experiment”, 2023. Reject and Resubmit to <i>Journal of Legal Studies</i>.</li></ol>	
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ralston, Jason; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Bias, Trust, and Trustworthiness: An Experimental Study of Post Justice System Outcomes”, 2023.</li><li>2. Ralston, Jason; Aimone, Jason; Ball, Sheryl; Smith, Alec. “Poverty, Habit, and Their Consequences”, 2023.</li></ol>	

3. Hudja, Stanton; Ralston, Jason; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Prosecutorial Discretion: A Theoretical and Experimental Investigation”, 2023.
4. Ralston, Jason; Pilgrim, Alexa “Leadership in an Indefinitely Repeated Public Goods Game”, 2022.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Ralston, Jason; Hudja, Stanton; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Cognitive Load and Plea Bargaining: An Experimental Investigation”
2. Ralston, Jason; Hudja, Stanton; Aimone, Jason; Rentschler, Lucas; North, Charles “Effect of Auditing in Criminal Justice”

PRESENTATIONS

Economic Meetings

- CTREE, Portland, OR June 2023
- ESA North American Conference, Santa Barbara, CA November 2022
- ESA World Conference, Online April 2021
- ESA North American Conference, Los Angeles, CA October 2019
- ESA World Conference, Vancouver, Canada July 2019
- Public Choice Society, Louisville, KY March 2019
- Economic Science Association World Meeting, San Diego June 2017
- Southwest Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Santa Barbara, CA April 2017
- Economic Science Association USA Meeting, Tucson, AZ November 2016

University of California, Irvine

- Experimental Social Science Lab Workshop, Irvine, CA 2015-2018
  - I helped to organize and presented in the ESSL Brown Bag Workshop.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor**

Fall 2020–Present

Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics, Behavioral Economics, Game Theory

**Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2013–Spring 2016

Experimental Economics (Graduate Level), Logic and Critical Thinking, Introduction to Economics I & II, Probability and Statistics I & II, Economics of Education, Applied Econometric Analysis I & II, Econometric Theory II

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant**

June 2016 to June 2018

- Responsible for the operation of the Experimental Social Science Laboratory (ESSL) and programming of experiments for research projects using Python and zTree. Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine Supervisor: John Duffy, Ph.D

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Simulation based regression analysis, zTree, oTree, MTurk, Python, Pandas, R, STATA, Mathematica, Matlab, Javascript, HTML, jsript