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## University of Pennsylvania

PhD in Criminology, emphasis on criminal justice reform, courts, and sentencing (2022)

M.A. in Statistics (2022)

## University of California, Los Angeles

B.A. in Political Science, minor in Public Policy (2013)

## **Peer-reviewed publications**

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1. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2022). Recidivism Outcomes Under a Shifting Continuum of Control. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 1-22
2. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2021). Realignment and Recidivism Revisited: A Closer Look at the Effects of California's Historic Correctional Reform on Subpopulation Outcomes. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 1-23
3. MacDonald, J., **Nguyen, V.**, Jensen, S., & Branas, C. (2021). Reducing Crime by Remediating Vacant Lots: The Mediating Effect of Human Activity. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*
4. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2020). Impact of defelonizing drug possession on recidivism. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 1-26
5. Grattet, R., **Nguyen, V.**, Bird, M., & Goss, J. (2018). Probation's Changing Role in California: Challenges and Opportunities for Hybrid Supervision. *Federal Probation*, 82(1), 20-25
6. Grattet, R., Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Tafoya, S. (2017). California Jails Under Realignment and Proposition 47. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 9(3), 1-15
7. Abrams, L. S., Mizel, M., **Nguyen, V.** & Shlonsky, A. (2014). Juvenile reentry and aftercare interventions: Is mentoring a promising direction? *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 11(4), 404-422

## **Working papers**

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1. **Nguyen, V.** (2022). *The efficacy of prosecutor-led, adult diversion for misdemeanor offenses*. Invited to resubmit.
2. **Nguyen, V.**, Ridgeway, G. (2022). *Judges on the benchmark*. Invited to resubmit.
3. **Nguyen, V.**, Ouss, A. (2022). *Prosecutor Discretion and Courtroom Workgroups*. Manuscript in preparation.
4. **Nguyen, V.**, Ouss, A. (2022). *Prosecutor Guidelines and Public Safety*. Manuscript in preparation.

## **Reports & publications**

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1. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Goss, J. (2019). *Recidivism of Felony Offenders in California*. Public Policy Institute of California.
2. Bird, M., Lofstrom, M., Martin, B., Raphael, S., & **Nguyen, V.** (2018). *The Impact of Proposition 47 on Crime and Recidivism*. Public Policy Institute of California.
3. Bird, M., Grattet, R., & **Nguyen, V.** (2017). *Realignment and Recidivism in California*. Public Policy Institute of California.
4. **Nguyen, V.**, Grattet, R., & Bird, M. (2017). *California Probation in the Era of Reform*. Public Policy Institute of California.
5. Tafoya, S., Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2017). *Pretrial Release in California*. Public Policy Institute of California.

6. Grattet, R., Tafoya, S., Bird, M., & **Nguyen, V.** (2016). *California's County Jails in the Era of Reform*. Public Policy Institute of California.
7. Bird, M., Tafoya, S., Grattet, R., & **Nguyen, V.** (2016). *How Has Proposition 47 Affected California's Jail Population?* Public Policy Institute of California.
8. **Nguyen, V.**, Grattet, R. (2016). *Women in Jail*. Public Policy Institute of California.
9. Tafoya, S., **Nguyen, V.** (2015). *California's Criminal Courts*. Public Policy Institute of California.
10. **Nguyen, V.**, Liu, M., McClain, C., & Kelly, J. (2014). *Understanding First Contacts on Cell Phones: Interview Voice Characteristics, Perceived Interviewer*. Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research.
11. **Nguyen, V.**, Abrams, L. (2013). *Policy Brief on California Governor Brown's Budget Realignment Plan for the Division of Juvenile Justice Facilities*. UCLA Juvenile Justice Reentry Project.

## Presentations

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1. **Nguyen, V.** (2022). *Prosecutor Discretion and Courtroom Workgroups*. Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office.
2. **Nguyen, V.** (2022). *The efficacy of adult, prosecutor-led diversion for misdemeanors*. Niskanen Center – Panel For Responsible Prosecutors.
3. **Nguyen, V.** (2022). *Prosecutor Guidelines and Public Safety*. Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office.
4. **Nguyen, V.** (2021). *The efficacy of adult, prosecutor-led diversion for misdemeanors*. American Society of Criminology.
5. **Nguyen, V.** (2021). *The efficacy of adult, prosecutor-led diversion for misdemeanors*. Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office.
6. **Nguyen, V.** (2021). *Judges on the benchmark*. University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania State University Mini-Conference.
7. **Nguyen, V.** (2020). *Judges on the benchmark*. Association of Public Policy and Management.
8. **Nguyen, V.** (2019). *Greening vacant lots, land features, and crime*. American Society of Criminology.
9. **Nguyen, V.**, Grattet, R. (2019). *Recidivism Outcomes for Felons Under a Shifting Continuum of Control*. American Society of Criminology.
10. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2017). *Alameda's Probation Population*. Alameda County's Probation Department.
11. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2017). *San Francisco's Jail Population*. San Francisco County's Sheriff's Department.
12. Bird, M., **Nguyen, V.**, & Grattet, R. (2017). *San Francisco's Probation Population*. San Francisco County's Probation Department.
13. **Nguyen, V.**, Bird, M. & Grattet, R. (2017). *California Probation in the Era of Reform*. Public Policy Institute of California.
14. **Nguyen, V.**, Bird, M., & Grattet, R. (2017). *Recidivism Dashboard*. San Francisco's District Attorney's Recidivism Working Group.
15. **Nguyen, V.**, Bird, M., & Grattet, R. (2017). *Recidivism Dashboard*. Contra Costa County's Sheriff's Department.
16. Grattet, R., **Nguyen, V.**, & Bird, M. (2016). *Probation and Recidivism*. Chief Probation Officers of California.
17. **Nguyen, V.**, Tafoya, S. (2015). *California's Criminal Courts*. Public Policy Institute of California.
18. Bird, M., Grattet, R., Tafoya, S., **Nguyen, V.** (2015). *Multi-County Study Convening*. Public Policy Institute of California.

## **Positions**

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### Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

Research Fellow

Philadelphia, PA  
May 2020 – Present

- Produce research on multiple projects focused on sentencing, plea bargaining, and diversion
- Conduct court observations and interviews with legal actors to contextualize research findings
- Present research findings and policy briefings to policymakers and prosecutors

### Public Policy Institute of California

Research Associate

San Francisco, CA  
February 2015 – June 2019

- Managed and analyzed data built in a partnership with over 25 criminal justice agencies, including the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Justice
- Published 6+ research studies on the effect of policies on criminal justice agencies and recidivism
- Created 5+ data visualization dashboards presenting key crime indicators for decision making
- Presented research findings to criminal justice agencies, government agencies, and legislators

### NORC at the University of Chicago

Survey Specialist, Operations Analyst

Chicago, IL  
June 2013 – January 2015

- Prepared surveys, developed training protocols, lead trainings, and conducted survey methodology research
- Directed 4+ research experiments focused on interviewer quality, training, and recruitment with the goal of improving overall organizational efficiency
- Developed an interviewer self-learning application compiled from 80+ audio recordings
- Tested data collection systems, developed test scenarios, and collaborated with survey methodologist to resolve critical issues

## **Teaching experience**

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- CRIM 100 – Introduction to Criminology Theory (Fall 2021, instructor)
- CRIM 410 - Research Seminar in Experiments in Crime and Justice (Fall 2020, teaching assistant)
- CRIM 602 - Criminal Justice Data Analytics (Fall 2019, teaching assistant)

## **Service to the profession**

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- Managing Editor, Journal of Quantitative Criminology (2020 – 2022)

## **Memberships**

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- American Society of Criminology
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

## **Programming and technical skills**

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- Programming: R, SAS, SQL, GIS, Tableau
- Select quantitative coursework: Applied Econometrics I, Causal Inference, Modern Data Mining, Non-parametric and Loglinear Models