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Current Position

2020– Research Fellow Public Policy Institute of California

Education

2020 Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics University of California, Berkeley
2016 M.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics University of California, Berkeley
2014 B.S. in Economics and Global Resource Systems Iowa State University
2014 B.S. in Mathematics Iowa State University

Publications

2019 McCrary, Justin, and **Deepak Premkumar**. 2019. “[Why We Need Police](#).” Chapter 3. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Policing in the United States*, edited by Tamara Rice Lave and Eric J. Miller, 65-84. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108354721.004.

2013 **Premkumar, Deepak**, Austin Quackenbush, Georgeanne Artz, and Peter Orazem. 2013. “If You Build it, Will They Come?: Fiscal Federalism, Local Provision of Public Tourist Amenities, and the Vision Iowa Fund.” *The Review of Regional Studies* 43, no. 2, 3: 155-173.

Policy Reports

2023 Lofstrom, Magnus, Brandon Martin, and **Deepak Premkumar**. “[Are Younger Generations Committing Less Crime?](#)” Report. Public Policy Institute of California.
• Coverage: [Sacramento Bee](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [Politico](#), [Highlander News](#), [KCBS Radio](#)

2023 **Premkumar, Deepak**, Thomas Sloan, Magnus Lofstrom, and Joseph Hayes. “[Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Arrests in California](#).” Report. Public Policy Institute of California.
• Coverage: [Richmond Pulse](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Fox News](#), [Judicial Council of California’s Pretrial Pilot Program Final Report \(2023\)](#)

2022 Lofstrom, Magnus, Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and **Deepak Premkumar**. “[Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops](#).” Report. Public Policy Institute of California.
• Legislation/Testimony: [San Francisco Police Commission \(2022\)](#), [AB 93 \(2023-24\)](#), [AB 256 \(2023-24\)](#), [AB 1276 \(2023-24\)](#), [SB 50 \(2023-24\)](#)
• Coverage: [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [KIQI 1010am \(Spanish Radio\)](#), [Mission Local](#), [Palo Alto Weekly](#), [LA Times](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board’s 2023 Report](#), [Radio Bilingüe](#), [KXTV ABC10 \(Sacramento\)](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board’s 2024 Report](#)

2021 **Premkumar, Deepak**, Alexandria Gumbs, Shannon McConville, and Renee Hsia. “[Police Use of Force and Misconduct in California](#)” Report. Public Policy Institute of California.
• Legislation/Testimony: [AB 2761 \(2021-22\)](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board \(2022\)](#), [AB 742 \(2023-24\)](#), [AB 807 \(2023-24\)](#)
• Coverage: [Maddy Report](#), [UpFront KPFA](#), [KALW State of Bay](#), [San Francisco Chronicle \(Article 1, Article 2, Article 3\)](#), [KCBS Radio](#), [Black News Channel](#), [KVPR: NPR for Central California \(Piece 1, Piece 2\)](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board’s 2023 Report](#)

2021 Lofstrom, Magnus, Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and **Deepak Premkumar**. “[Racial Disparities in Law Enforcement Stops](#)” Report. Public Policy Institute of California.
• Legislation/Testimony: [AB 2773 \(2021-22\)](#), [SB 1389 \(2021-22\)](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board \(2022\)](#)
• Coverage: [Maddy Report](#), [UpFront KPFA](#), [Newsweek](#), [Arnold Ventures](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board’s 2023 Report](#), [Palo Alto Weekly](#), [Radio Bilingüe](#), [KXTV ABC10 \(Sacramento\)](#), [CA DOJ RIPA Board’s 2024 Report](#)

**Working
Papers**

“Public Scrutiny and Police Effort: Evidence from Arrests and Crime After High-Profile Police Killings” [Revise and resubmit: *The Review of Economics and Statistics*]

• Coverage: [Chicago Sun-Times](#), [Washington Post](#), [Vox](#), [Niskanen Center](#), [The Conversation](#), [Manhattan Institute’s City Journal](#), [KALW State of the Bay](#), [Voice of America](#)

“More COPS, More Fatalities?” with Rebecca Goldstein and Katarina Jensen.

“Evaluating the Effects of Zero-Dollar Bail Orders in California” with Andrew Skelton, Magnus Lofstrom, and Sean Cremin.

“Rural Hospital Closings and Patient Welfare: The Effects of Closures on Quality and Availability of Hospitals” with Peter Orazem and Dave Jones.

**Grants,
Fellowships,
and Awards**

2022–2024 “Evaluating the Effects of Zero-Dollar Bail Orders in California” (PI), Stand Together Trust (\$237,000)
2020–2023 “Examining Criminal Justice System Utilization: Lessons from California’s Stop and Arrest Data,” Arnold Ventures (\$864,288)
2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2018–2019 [Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship](#), UC Berkeley, School of Law (\$1,000)
2018 [Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grant](#) (\$7,500)
2018 Sacheti Family Fellowship Award
2017 George Judge Endowed Graduate Student Support Fund
2017 Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley

**Presentations
(includes
classroom
talks)**

2024 UC Berkeley City and Regional Planning, Santa Clara Law Racial Justice Symposium
2023 California Lawyers Association, APPAM
2022 Claremont Graduate University Economics, APPAM, CA DOJ’s Racial and Identity Profiling Act Board, San Francisco Police Commission, Fresno State Public Policy
2021 ASSA, Niskanen Center Series on Reducing Violence Across the US, Southern Economics Association
2020 Cornerstone Research, US Treasury, Government Accountability Office, Federal Trade Commission, Yale’s Public Health Modeling Unit, Public Policy Institute of California, Doleac Virtual Economics of Crime seminar, APPAM
2019 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies seminar, Fernald Public Health Research Group, Law and Society Association, UC Berkeley Ag. & Resource Economics
2018 Fernald Public Health Research Group
2017 International Health Economics Association
2014 Midwest Economics Association, State Capitol of Iowa (for lawmakers), Iowa State University’s Honors Symposium
2013 Heartland Global Health, State Capitol of Iowa, European Space Agency’s Living Planet Symposium

Referee

Review of Economics and Statistics, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Justice Evaluation Journal*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Annals of Regional Science*, *APPAM Fall 2023 Conference (Crime, Justice and Drugs)*

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| Other Publications | 2023 | Premkumar, Deepak , Andrew Skelton, and Magnus Lofstrom. “ How Often Are Firearms Confiscated During Traffic Stops? ” Blog Post. Public Policy Institute of California. |
| | 2023 | Premkumar, Deepak , Magnus Lofstrom. and Andrew Skelton. “ Police Use of Force and Racial Disparities during Traffic Stops. ” Blog Post. Public Policy Institute of California. |
| | 2022 | Premkumar, Deepak , and Shannon McConville. “ Historic Law Aims to Improve Police Accountability and Transparency. ” Blog Post. Public Policy Institute of California. |
| | 2022 | McConville, Shannon, and Deepak Premkumar . “ New Law Raises Standards for Police Officers. ” Blog Post. Public Policy Institute of California. • Legislation: AB 458 (2023-24) |
| | 2019 | Kaplan, Scott, Vaibhav Ramamoorthy, Cheenar Gupte, Amit Sagar, Deepak Premkumar , Joshua Wilbur, and David Zilberman. “ The Economic Impact of NBA Superstars: Evidence from Missed Games using Ticket Microdata from a Secondary Marketplace. ” In <i>13th Annual MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference</i> , pp. 1–30. 2019. • Winner of the Best Poster Award: 13th Annual MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference, March 1–2, 2019 |
| | 2017 | Deepak Premkumar , Dave Jones, and Peter F. Orazem. “ How Rural Hospital Closures Affect Rural Residents. ” <i>ARE Update</i> 20(4)(2017):5-8. University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. |
| | 2017 | Deepak Premkumar , Dave Jones, and Peter Orazem. “ Hospital Closure and Hospital Choice: How Hospital Quality and Availability Will Affect Rural Residents. ” <i>CARD Agricultural Policy Review</i> , Winter 2017. |
| | 2013 | Clark, Dylan G., Deepak Premkumar , Robert Mazur, and Elibariki Kisimbo. “ Geospatial Resource Access Analysis In Hedaru, Tanzania. ” <i>European Space Agency Living Planet Symposium</i> 722:250, 2013 |
| Activities | 2020– | Grant Reviewer and Outreach Volunteer for Economists for Equity at Berkeley |
| | 2017–2019 | Mentor for Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley |
| | 2017–2018 | Health Policy and Legislative Assistant, Dr. John Paschen for Congress Tracked and analyzed policy proposals related to healthcare reform in the US, and then wrote health and tax policy briefings for the candidate to assist with positions |
| 2018 | Mentor for CEGA EASST Program, UC Berkeley Mentored Sam Muhula, an East African Visiting Fellow, who investigated how non-monetary incentives and social dynamics play a role in increasing retention for HIV treatment | |

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| Honors | 2017 | Iowa ‘STATEment Makers’, Iowa State University ISU’s highest young alumni honor: awarded to alumni for early personal and professional accomplishments and contributions to society | |
| | 2014 | Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Award, Iowa State University ISU’s highest honor: given to five graduating seniors who exemplify excellence | |
| | 2014 | Cardinal Key Honors Society, Iowa State University ISU’s most prestigious honor society | |
| | 2014 | Pi Mu Epsilon, National Mathematics Honors Society | |
| | 2013 | National Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship | |
| | 2013 | National Finalist, Truman Scholarship | |
| | 2013 | University Honors Program Outstanding Member, Iowa State University | |
| | 2012 | Phi Beta Kappa | |
| | 2012 | Shakeshaft Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa Awarded to the outstanding member of Phi Beta Kappa majoring in the social sciences or humanities | |
| | 2012 | RESULTS Emerging Activist Leaders Change Scholarship | |
| | 2012 | Marcia F. & Donald J. Bisenius Scholar, Iowa State University Distinction in the Economics program | |
| | 2012 | Kolschowsky Global Scholar, Iowa State University Distinction in the Global Resource Systems program | |
| | 2010 | George Washington Carver Scholar, Iowa State University | |
| | Professional Experience | 2015–2020 | Graduate Student Researcher • Professors Rebecca Goldstein, Lia Fernald, Gabriel Zucman and Pierre Bachas, Paul Gertler |
| 2012–2013 | | Research Assistant for Sheetal Sekhri | International Growth Centre |
| Teaching | 2018 | <i>Economic Development, Ag. and Resource Economics</i> , Marco Navarro | UC Berkeley |
| | 2018 | <i>Water Economics, Ag. and Resource Economics</i> , David Sunding | UC Berkeley |
| | 2017 | <i>Natural Resource Economics, Ag. and Resource Economics</i> , Larry Karp | UC Berkeley |
| | 2016 | <i>Natural Resource Economics, Ag. and Resource Economics</i> , Larry Karp | UC Berkeley |