

# Arvind Krishnamurthy

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor of Political Science at **The Ohio State University** (2024-)

- Faculty Affiliate at The Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley Goldman School for Public Policy
- Faculty Affiliate at The Criminal Justice Research Center at Ohio State University

Postdoctoral Scholar at **The Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley** (2023-2024)

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. | Political Science** 2023  
Duke University Durham, North Carolina

- Dissertation: **The Democratic Deficit in American Policing**
- Fields: Race, Ethnicity and Politics (*With Distinction*) & Political Behavior
- Graduate Certificates in College Teaching & African-American Studies

**Bachelor of Arts | Political Science (With Honors & Distinction)** 2017  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC

## BOOK

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Baumgartner, Frank, Marty Davidson, Kaneesha Johnson, **Arvind Krishnamurthy**, and Colin Wilson. *Deadly Justice: A Statistical Portrait of the Death Penalty*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

- Cited by The Supreme Court in Justice Stephen Breyer's dissenting opinion for *Jordan v Mississippi* (17-753, 2018)

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Smith, Jasmine Carrera, Jared Clemons, **Arvind Krishnamurthy**, Miguel Martinez, Leann McLaren, and Ismail White. "Willing but Unable: Reassessing the Relationship between Racial Group Consciousness and Black Political Participation" *American Political Science Review* (2024)
2. Todd, Jason Douglas, Curtis Bram, and **Arvind Krishnamurthy**. "Do at-large elections reduce black representation? A new baseline for county legislatures." *Electoral Studies* (2024)
3. Nathan, Charles, **Arvind Krishnamurthy**, Curtis Bram, and Jason Todd. "The donor went down to Georgia: Out-of-district donations and rivalrous representation." *Political Behavior* (2024)
4. **Krishnamurthy Arvind** "The Mobilizing Effects of California's Proposition 47 on High-Incarceration Communities" *Political Psychology* (2025)
5. **Krishnamurthy Arvind**, Curtis Bram and Charles Nathan "The Punitive Public? The Mistranslation of Criminal Justice Preferences Into the Electoral Context" *American Politics Research* (2025)

## LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

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1. Baumgartner, Frank R., Woody Gram, Kaneesha R. Johnson, **Arvind Krishnamurthy**, and Colin P. Wilson. *The Geographic Distribution of US Executions*. Duke J. Const. L. & Pub. Pol'y 11 (2016).
2. Crozier, William E., Brandon L. Garrett, and **Arvind Krishnamurthy**. *The Transparency of Jail Data*. Wake Forest L. Rev. 55 (2021).

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind** and Amy Lerman. "How Administrative Burden Shapes Police Accountability"
  - *Revise and Resubmit at Public Administration Review*
2. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**, Edgar Cook and John Aldrich. "Spatial Proximity to BLM Protests Reduces White Police Legitimacy"
  - *2024 Rodney Hero Award for the Best Paper in American Politics at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*
3. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**, Jesse Lopez and Jasmine Carrera Smith. "Woop-Woop that's the Sound of the Police! Political Mobilization or Retreat?"
4. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**. "Handcuffed: The Limited Effects of Civilian Oversight on Police Behavior"
5. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**, Leann McLaren, Nura Sedique, Jasmine Smith, Ismail White. "The Boundaries of Coalition Building: The Case of 'People of Color' Identity"

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. Davidson, Marty, Brandon Romero and **Arvind Krishnamurthy** "Keeping Up with the Joneses: When Should Civilians Call the Police?"
2. Morrissey, Brandon and **Arvind Krishnamurthy**. "The Value of a Public Defender: Evidence From Virginia District Courts"
3. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**, Steph Pedron, Charles Nathan and Curtis Bram. "The First Broken Window: The Political Consequences of Disorder"
4. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**, Dvir Yogev and Elisa Wirsching. "Police as Political Agents"
5. **Krishnamurthy, Arvind**. "How Institutional Design Shapes Civilian Co-Production of Police Accountability"

## BOOK CHAPTER

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**Krishnamurthy, Arvind**. November 2022. "Covid-19, Race and Mass Incarceration." In *The Pandemic Divide: How COVID Increased Inequality in America*, ed. Gwendolyn L. Wright, Lucas Hubbard, William A. Darity. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

- Featured on Episode 4 of the Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity Podcast

## PUBLIC WRITING

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1. **Racial Disparities in Texas Department of Public Safety Traffic Stops**, *For Texas Legislative Hearing* (November 2015), With Frank Baumgartner, Bryan Jones, Colin Wilson and Julio Zaconet
2. **US Executions and Death Sentences Dropped Dramatically in 2016**, *For Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* (January 2017), With Frank Baumgartner and Emily Williams
3. **America's Failed Efforts to Reform the Death Penalty**, *For Scholars Strategy Network* (February 2018), With Frank Baumgartner, Marty Davidson and Kaneesha Johnson

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Teaching on Purpose Fellow</b> via Duke University Kenan Institute for Ethics	\$3,000
<b>Program for Advanced Research in Social Sciences Fellow</b> via Duke University Social Science Research Institute	\$25,000
<b>Duke Summer Research Fellowship for the Study of Systemic Racism (x2)</b> via Duke University Graduate School	\$6,500
<b>Reckoning With Race Grant for <i>Race and New Southern Politics</i></b> via The Duke Endowment & the Office of the Provost	\$38,000
<b>Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship</b> via The Kenan Institute	\$3,000
<b>Duke Bass Connections For <i>Race And New Southern Politics</i></b> via Bass Connections	\$18,000

## TEACHING

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<b>Instructor for Criminal Legal Decision Making</b> The Ohio State University	Fall 2024 & Spring 2025
<b>Teaching Assistant for Race and American Politics</b> Duke University, at the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute	Summer 2022 & 2023
<b>Teaching Assistant for the History of Hip Hop</b> Duke University, Department of African and Africana Studies	Spring 2022 & 2023
<b>Graduate Student Manager for Race and New Southern Politics</b> Duke University, Bass Connections Program	2021-2022
<b>Teaching Assistant for Regression Analysis (Methods I)</b> Duke University, at the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute	Summer 2021
<b>Teaching Assistant for Campaigns and Elections</b> Duke University, with John Aldrich and Mike Munger	Fall 2020
<b>Teaching Assistant for Math Camp for Incoming Graduate Students</b> Duke University, with David Siegel	Summer 2020
<b>Teaching Assistant for The American Political System</b> Duke University, with David Rohde	Fall 2019
<b>Instructor for Criminal Justice and Criminal Trials</b> Duke Talent Identification Program (High School)	Summer 2017 & 2018

## TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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University of South Carolina Interdisciplinary Policing Workshop (March 2025)  
George Washington American Politics Workshop (November 2024)  
Justice and Injustice Mini-Conference (2022, 2023, 2024)  
APSA Local Political Economy Pre-Conference (September 2024)  
The Texas Political Methodology Conference (February 2024)  
UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics (February 2024)  
UC Berkeley Goldman School for Public Policy Possibility Lab Workshop (August 2023)  
Political Methodology (PolMeth) Annual Conference (August 2023)  
North Carolina Task Force For Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC) (June 2022)  
Duke Graduate School Race and Bias Speaker Series (November 2020)  
Wake Forest Law Review Spring Symposium on Bail Reform (January 2020)

## SERVICE

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**Student Representative for Duke Race and Ethnic Politics Job Search** [Academic Year 22-23]  
**Secretariat, Duke Graduate Student Government** [Academic Year 22-23]  
**Reviewer:** PNAS, POQ, APSR (x3), PGI, PB, JREP  
**Graduate Student Peer Mentor for Early Stage Ph.D Students** [Academic Year 22-23]  
**Coach for Duke Undergraduate Mock Trial** [Academic Year 17-18; 21-23]  
**Representative for Graduate Student Affairs Advisory Committee** [Academic Year 21-22]  
**Representative for Graduate School Hate and Bias Policy Working Group** [Academic Year 20-21]  
**Co-Founder of Duke Political Science Race and Racism Book Series** [Academic Year 20-21]  
**Student Rep for Duke Political Science Diversity Committee** [Academic Year 20-21]  
**Student Representative for Duke Political Institutions Job Search** [Academic Year 18-19]