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Curriculum Vitae

DIXIN LI

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EDUCATION

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| 2026 (expected) | Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Maryland
<i>Dissertation: "Rippling Discretion in Criminal Justice System: A Case Study of Prosecutorial Reform in Cook County"</i>
Committee: Dr. Brian D. Johnson (<i>Chair</i>), Dr. Bianca Bersani, Dr. Robert Stewart, Dr. Patrick C. Wohlfarth |
| 2023 | M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Maryland
<i>Thesis: "Can Violent Protests Change Local Sentencing Patterns? Evidence From 2015 Baltimore Uprising"</i>
Chair: Dr. Brian D. Johnson |
| 2020 | LL.M., Law School, Renmin University of China |
| 2018 | LL.B., Law School, Renmin University of China |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Courts and sentencing; inequalities; formal punishment; social control

PEER-REVIEWED WRITING

Stewart, Robert, **Dixin Li**, and Christopher Uggen. (2025). Felon Status, Political Identity, and Civic Engagement. *Justice Quarterly* [forthcoming]

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Li, Dixin, Brian Johnson, and Greg Midgette. (2025). Protests and Punishment: Examining Sentencing Shifts in the Wake of High-Profile Police Violence. Under Review

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Stewart, Robert, and **Dixin Li**. The [Judicial] Ship of Theseus: Tracking Shifts in the Judge-Level Sentencing Patterns.

Li, Dixin, and Guyu Sun. Controlled Invisibility: Public Narratives of Ex-Offenders in China, 1978–2024. In preparation of submission to *American Sociological Review*

Li, Dixin, and Yuxuan Gu. Sentencing in China: The Craft of Punishment.

Li, Dixin, and Yuxuan Gu. Relational Justice: Examining Victim-Offender Relationships in Criminal Sentencing.

Li, Dixin, and Sarah Silberman. Living in Turbulence: An Investigation of War Exposure and Crime in the Home for 15 African Countries Over 15 Years.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Controlled Invisibility: Public Narratives of Ex-Offenders in China, 1978–2024” *American Sociology Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.

2024 “Living in Turbulence: An Investigation of War Exposure and Crime in the Home for 15 African Countries Over 15 Years.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA. (Chair of panel)

2024 “Felony Status and Political Identity.” *CSI Conference 2024*, “Justice and Injustice,” Yale University. (Co-author)

2023 “Can Violent Protests Change Local Sentencing Patterns? Evidence From 2015 Baltimore Uprising.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.

2022 “Violent Protests and Local Sentencing Patterns.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 University of Maryland Kimchi Memorial Graduate Award

2024 University of Maryland Kimchi Memorial Graduate Award

2022 University of Maryland Kimchi Memorial Graduate Award

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

Lecturer, University of Maryland *Undergraduate Level*

CCJS100	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
CCJS454	Contemporary Criminological Theory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025-Present	Research Assistant at Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center (MCRIC), with Dr. Bianca Bersani
2022-2025	Research Assistant with Dr. Robert Stewart
2021-2022	Research Assistant with Dr. Rod Brunson

SERVICE

2023–2024	Graduate Student Representative, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
2021–2023	Member, Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Committee, College of Behavioral Sciences, University of Maryland

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming	STATA, R
Languages	Mandarin (native), English (fluent), German (advanced)