

# Richard Fletcher Hahn

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## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy, criminology and criminal justice**, May 2025 (anticipated),  
University of Maryland, College Park

**Master of Public Administration, criminal justice focus**, December 2018, John Jay College  
of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

**Bachelor of Arts, history, cum laude**, May 2015, University of South Carolina

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## Research Experience

### Professional Appointments

**Niskanen Center**, Washington, District of Columbia  
Senior Fellow for Research, June 2021-present

**BOTEC Analysis Corporation**, New York, New York  
Research Associate, March 2016-present  
Research Assistant, October 2015-March 2016

**Marron Institute of Urban Management**, New York University, New York, New York  
Research Scholar, March 2016-September 2021  
Executive Director, Crime & Justice Program, April 2017-January 2020

### Graduate Research Experience

**Professor Robert Stewart** (research assistant, current). **Professor Marilyn Rubin**  
(research assistant, January 2018-June 2018); **Professor Mark Kleiman** (research  
assistant, October 2015-March 2016); **Professor Linwood Holton** (research assistant,  
September 2014-October 2015)

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## Publications

**Hahn, R.** (2022, August 17). "To curb fare evasion, think outside the fare box." *The (New York) Daily News*. <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-curb-fare-evasion-20220817-mfbexrcdfjb4nfcmjw6v67tse-story.html>.

**Hahn, R.** (2022, August 3). "Beyond enforcement: New responses to quality of life concerns." *Vital City*. <https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/beyond-enforcement-new-responses-to-quality-of-life>.

**Hahn, R.** (2022, June 27). "How we got bipartisan gun reform." *Persuasion*. <https://www.persuasion.community/p/how-we-got-bipartisan-gun-reform>.

**Hahn, R.** (2022, February 7). "Why Pell grants have failed America's prisoners." *The Hill*. <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/education/593200-why-pell-grants-have-failed-american-prisoners>.

**Hahn, R.** (2021, December 3). "Deterrence in opioid addiction works." *The Washington Post*. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/letters-to-the-editor/deterrence-in-opioid-addiction-works/2021/12/02/2cd44dc0-5189-11ec-83d2-d9dab0e23b7e\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/letters-to-the-editor/deterrence-in-opioid-addiction-works/2021/12/02/2cd44dc0-5189-11ec-83d2-d9dab0e23b7e_story.html).

**Hahn, R.** (2021, September 28). "Violence is a problem today. How we measure it will be a problem tomorrow." *Niskanen Center Blog*. <https://www.niskanencenter.org/category/analysis/blog/>.

**Hahn, R.** (2021, September 22). "Raise the federal excise tax on alcohol." *The Hill*. <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/573519-raise-the-federal-excise-tax-on-alcohol>.

**Hahn, R.** (2021, August 27). "Ban the criminal history question from college applications." *The Washington Post*. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/letters-to-the-editor/ban-the-criminal-history-question-from-college-applications/2021/08/27/9d26cb92-05bd-11ec-b3c4-c462b1edcfc8\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/letters-to-the-editor/ban-the-criminal-history-question-from-college-applications/2021/08/27/9d26cb92-05bd-11ec-b3c4-c462b1edcfc8_story.html)

Illif, C., **Hahn, R.**, & Heussler, L. (2021). An evaluation of the New Jersey Swift-Certain-Fair Parole program. New Jersey State Parole Board.

**Hahn, R.** (2021). President Biden's gun violence reduction plan: The outlook and the opportunities. Niskanen Center.

**Hahn, R.** (2021). The need for increased funding for HOPE/SCF. Niskanen Center.

Manning, C., Hampsher, S., **Hahn, R.**, Neuwirth, J., Heussler, L., & Hunt, E. (2020). An analysis of the public health and safety implications of legalizing adult-use cannabis: A report for the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission. BOTEC Analysis.

**Hahn, R.**, Hunt, E., & Prieger, J. (2020). A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Japan. BOTEC Analysis.

**Hahn, R.** (2019). The effects of the 1994 Crime Act on the federal criminal justice research agenda. Council on Criminal Justice.

Prieger, J. E., Hampsher, S., Oglesby, P., Davenport, S., Manning, C., & **Hahn, R.** (2019). Cannabis potency tax feasibility study: A report for the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board.

Prieger, J. E., Kleiman, M., Kulick, J., Aziani, A., Levi, M., Hampsher, S., Manning, C., & **Hahn, R.** (2019). The impact of e-cigarette regulation on the illicit trade in tobacco products in the European Union. BOTEC Analysis.

Kleiman, M. & **Hahn, R.** (2019). Cannabis law enforcement. A report for the Office of the Governor, State of New York. New York University.

Kleiman, M. & **Hahn, R.** (2019). Small and disadvantaged cannabis businesses. A report for the Office of the Governor, State of New York. New York University.

Kleiman, M. & **Hahn, R.** (2018). Cannabis industry architecture. A report for the Office of the Governor, State of New York. New York University.

Kleiman, M., Manning, C., Hampsher, S., **Hahn, R.**, Heussler, L. (2018). Comments on Maine draft cannabis regulations. A report for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State of Maine.

Kleiman, M., Halperin, R., & **Hahn, R.** (2017). Corrections officer wellness as an organizing principle in corrections management. Charles Koch Foundation.

Kleiman, M., Halperin, R., & **Hahn, R.** (2017). Electronic monitoring in community corrections. Charles Koch Foundation.

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## **Grants**

Research grants and funding received as investigator or co-investigator (total: \$1,375,730)

*An evaluation of Project-Redirect* (2020). An evaluation of a novel post-plea diversion program for young adults charged with gun possession in Brooklyn, NY. **Sponsor:** The Joyce Foundation. \$459,406

*An analysis of the health and public safety effects of medical and adult-use cannabis in Maryland* (2020). Review of the public health and safety experiences of states where sale and use of cannabis is legal and recommendations for Maryland. **Sponsor:** Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission. \$42,500

*An evaluation of Swift, Certain, & Fair Custody* (2019). Evaluated a novel alternative discipline program in several Pennsylvania Department of Corrections facilities, including qualitative research with inmates, corrections officers, and administrative staff and quantitative analysis of infractions data. Project culminated in draft policy regarding program, which is currently under review. **Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. \$50,000.

*Redesign of the Youth and Communities in Partnership program in Brooklyn, NY.* (2019). Using participatory research techniques, redesigned a diversion program for gang-involved violent offenders. **Sponsor:** Kings County (NY) District Attorney. \$50,000

*An evaluation of the feasibility of a state tax on cannabis, based on potency.* (2019). On behalf of the State of Washington, investigated the feasibility of implementing a tax rate based on potency of cannabis products to replace current ad valorem taxes. **Sponsor:** Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. \$39,250.

*Rule-making considerations for the proposed licit cannabis market in New York State.* (2018). Conducted extensive qualitative research with cannabis producers, retailers, and regulators in states where provision of cannabis for adult use is legal. Delivered presentations and reports to the Office of the Governor based on research. **Sponsor:** Empire State Development Corporation. \$300,000.

*Evaluation of implementation fidelity of Swift, Certain, & Fair Custody in PADOX facilities.* (2018). Conducted an evaluation of the fidelity to model of implementation of SCF Custody in fifteen Pennsylvania prisons. **Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. \$50,000.

*Research evaluation of the New Jersey State Parole Board's Swift, Certain, & Fair Supervision program.* (2018). An investigation of the NJ SPB's reentry program for clients with high propensity for relapse into opioid misuse. **Sponsor:** Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. \$134,574

*Evaluation of Colombian National Police's DARE drug prevention education campaign.* (2017). Conducted an evaluation of the US State Department-funded youth drug prevention education campaign, which was based on the American DARE model. Drafted revised curriculum based on results of evaluation. **Sponsor:** Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. \$250,000.

#### Senior research roles in funded research

*Randomized controlled trial of Pennsylvania Department of Correction's reentry naloxone provision program.* (2019). (Ongoing) investigation of the PADOX's practice of providing naloxone kits to released inmates. **Sponsor:** Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

*Evaluation of DeKalb County (IL) Court Services Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP).* (2019). (Ongoing) evaluation of DeKalb County Opioid Dependency Diversion Program (ODDP), an opioid misuse screening tool for criminal justice agencies. **Sponsor:** Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

*Evaluation of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction virtual reality reentry readiness program.* (2019). (Ongoing) evaluation of Department of Justice-funded reentry

education program using virtual reality technology to improve readiness. **Sponsor:** Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

*Market size estimate for legal cannabis.* (2017). Estimation of the potential size of the proposed licit national cannabis market in Canada. **Sponsor:** Health Canada, Government of Canada.

*Evaluation of Illinois Department of Correction's Graduated Reintegration reentry program.* (2017). Implementation and evaluation of the Graduated Reintegration scattered-site, supported housing and job readiness program among IDOC releasees. **Sponsor:** Arnold Ventures.

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## **Awards and Recognition**

### **Graduate of Distinction**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

### **Pi Alpha Alpha International Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

### **President's List**

University of South Carolina

### **University Senate**

University of Maryland, College Park

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## **Presentations**

### **Accepted Conference Presentations**

*Crime, justice, and drugs policy lightening session* (Chair). Presentation for the Association for Public Policy and Management conference (2022, March).

*Research evaluation of the New Jersey State Parole Board's Swift, Certain, & Fair Supervision program.* Presentation for the Western Society of Criminology conference (2022, February).

*Research evaluation of the New Jersey State Parole Board's Swift, Certain, & Fair Supervision program.* (2021, November). Presentation for the American Society of Criminology fall conference.

*Swift-Certain-Fair: Applications to community and institutional corrections, and to re-entry.* (2019, November). Presentation for the American Society of Criminology fall conference.

*Does intensity of community supervision matter: The latest research evidence.* (2018, September). Presentation for the American Probation and Parole Association's fall training conference.

*Special forum on the opioid epidemic.* (2018, July). Presentation and discussion with Scott Kernan (Secretary, CDCR) and Rachel Levine (Secretary, PA DoH) for the American Probation and Parole Association's summer conference.

*Supervising opioid-addicted populations: When evidence conflicts with criminal justice culture, what should the agency do?* (2018, July). Plenary session for the American Probation and Parole Association's summer conference.

### Invited Panels and Roundtables

*Transit fare evasion roundtable.* (2018, November). Roundtable of senior city and state agency leadership to discuss collaborative approaches to reducing fare evasion in New York City subways and buses.

*Treatment mandates, diversion programs, and drug courts.* (2018, June). Virtual panel discussion created on behalf of the Center for State Governments.

*Substance abuse disorder in community corrections.* (2018, May). Virtual panel discussion created on behalf of the Center for State Governments.

*Prisoner Reentry Research Working Group.* (2017, July). Panel sponsored by American Enterprise Institute for the purpose of sharing reentry strategies used by corrections agencies. American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

### Departmental/Campus Talks

*How to fight small crimes in New York.* (2019, May). Presentation produced as part of the NYU Marron Institute Summer Speakers program.

*Reducing the use of solitary confinement.* (2019, February). Produced in collaboration with WNYU radio.

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### **Teaching Experience**

New York University. (Teaching Assistant): Drug Policy, URBMA-GQ-1401, Spring 2016; Methods of Policy Analysis (POL-GA-2373), Fall 2017; Crime Control Policy (POL-GA-2332), Spring 2018.

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### **Professional Service**

Select/Special Advisory Boards, Committees, and Taskforces

Cannabis Regulators' Roundtable (2018-2019)  
Roundtable on Transit Crime – Co-Chair (2018)

Publication Peer Review  
*Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*

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**Skills and Competencies**

Citi Certified for research with human subjects; Microsoft Office Suite; Creative Cloud Suite; Stata (intermediate proficiency); R (beginning proficiency)

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**Professional Organizations**

Association for Public Policy and Management; American Society of Criminology; Western Society of Criminology; American Probation and Parole Association

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**Public Service**

Boy Scouts of America, Manhattan Council  
CityMeals on Wheels  
Randall's Island Park Alliance  
Heights and Hills Senior Services

Advisory Committee  
Young Professional Committee  
Farm staff  
Community outreach staff