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Research Interests

Expertise: American political behavior and legislative politics, collective accountability & congressional representation, congressional elections, racial resentment & politics, quantitative research methods (design and implementation), research design

Research Interests: Dimensions of Congressional Representation, Ideological Proximity Voting, Perceptions & Effects of Candidate Valence, Legislative Obstruction, Partisan Polarization & Conflict, Ideal Point Scaling & Estimation, Social Network Analysis

Academic Appointments

University of Texas at El Paso

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

El Paso, TX

August 2020-

Center for Effective Lawmaking

FACULTY AFFILIATE

UVA & Vanderbilt University

August 2020-

American Political Science Association

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, APSA CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PLACEMENT: UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR)

Washington, DC

September 2019-August 2020

California State University-Sacramento

LECTURER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sacramento, CA

January 2019-June 2019

Education

University of California, Davis

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Davis, California

2019

- With focus on American Politics, Political Methodology, and Comparative Politics
- Committee: [Walter J. Stone](#), [Erik J. Engstrom](#), [Christopher D. Hare](#)
- Dissertation: Collective Accountability in Congressional Elections: Conditions of Accountability & Implications for Legislative Incentives
- Funded Dissertation Research Workshops: **2017 American Political Science Association** U.S. Congressional Politics Dissertation Workshop & **2018 UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences & Humanities Institute** Dissertation Workshop in Berkeley, CA.

Oregon State University

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Corvallis, Oregon

2012

- With focus on Social Policy, Applied Policy Analysis, and Mixed Quantitative & Qualitative Methodology

Washington State University

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pullman, Washington

2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[1] Algara, Carlos & Joseph Zamadics (2018) [The Member Level Determinants & Consequences of Party Legislative Obstruction in the U.S. Senate](#). *American Politics Research*. 58 (4): 768-802. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X18812403>

★ *Research featured in Invited [London School of Economics United States Politics & Policy Blog Post](#) (March 14, 2019).*

[2] Algara, Carlos & Isaac Hale (2019) [The Distortionary Effects of Racial Animus on Proximity Voting in the 2016 Elections](#). *Electoral Studies*. 58 (1): 58-69. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2019.02.001>

★ *Research featured in [The New York Times: The Deepening 'Racialization' of American Politics](#) (Feb. 27, 2019).*

★ *Research featured in [Pacific Standard: Trump's Racist Remarks Helped Boost Down-Ballot Republicans in 2016](#) (April 8, 2019)*

★ *Research featured in [The New York Times: Trump Sets the 2020 Tone: Like 2016, Only This Time 'the Squad' Is Here](#)*

(Interview with Rachel Dry, Deputy Editor of The New York Times Politics Section; July 16, 2019)

★ Research featured in *La Tecera* (Santiago, Chile Based Daily Newspaper): **Ataques Racistas de Trump a Congresistas Definen Tono De Su Campaña Presidencial** (Interview with Cristina Cifuenetes, U.S. Politics Reporter; July 17, 2019) .

[3] Algara, Carlos (2019) The Conditioning Role of Polarization in U.S. Senate Election Outcomes: A Direct-Election Era & Voter-Level Analysis. *Electoral Studies*. 59 (1): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2019.02.006>

★ Research featured in Invited **LegBranch Blog Post: ‘The National Tide Falls Short in the U.S. Senate’** (March 19, 2019).

[4] Barnett, George & Carlos Algara (2019) Diachronic Equivalence: An Examination of the International News Network. *Social Network Analysis & Mining* 9 (6): 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13278-019-0549-y>.

[5] Algara, Carlos, Samuel Fuller, & Christopher D. Hare (2020) The Conditional Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on Support for COVID-19 Government Containment Policies in a Partisan America. *Politics & Gender*. 1-10. doi:10.1017/S1743923X20000458

★ Research accepted for **Politics & Gender as part of the Cambridge Coronavirus Collection**.

[6] Algara, Carlos, & Isaac Hale (2020) “White Racial Attitudes & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era”. *Forthcoming at Electoral Studies*.

★ Research featured in *The Sacramento Bee*: **White Racial Resentment is a Winning Republican Strategy, this Political Scientist Says** (Interview with Andrew Sheeler, U.S. Politics Reporter; July 19, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Research Featured in the The Sacramento Bee* (July 24, 2019): **Trump’s strategy of racial resentment won’t work in California** (Interview with Andrew Sheeler, U.S. Politics Reporter; July 24, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Roll Call*: **Duncan Hunter said person making ‘OK’ sign in photo was a ‘stranger.’ The man calls Hunter a friend** (Interview with Emily Kopp, Congressional & Campaigns Reporter, August 12, 2019)

★ Research featured in *La Croix* (Paris, France Based Weekly Publication): **Au sein du parti républicain, des anti-Trump bien silencieux** (Interview with Alexis Buisson, U.S. Politics Reporter, August 27, 2019)

★ Research featured in *The Texas Tribune*: **As its U.S. House members of color depart, Texas GOP grapples with its lack of diversity** (Interview with Alex Samuels, Political Reporter, October 8, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Political Science Now* (APSA Blog): **Will Trump & Congressional Republicans Benefit from White Racial Attitudes in 2020?** (July 22, 2019).

Research in Preparation

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

[1] Algara, Carlos (Dissertation Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “The Partisan & Ideological Determinants of Citizen Congressional Approval”. *November 2020–Invited to Revise & Resubmit (alternative title), at Political Behavior*.

[2] Algara, Carlos (Manuscript Presented at the 2017 APSA Annual Meeting) “The Collective ‘Congress’ on the Ballot? A Voter & Aggregate Level Analysis of Collective Responsibility in Congressional Elections.”. *January 2020–Under Revise & Resubmission at Congress & The Presidency*.

[3] Algara, Carlos & Joseph Zamadics (Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Legislative Signaling or Random Error? An Analysis of Spatially Incorrect Voting in Congress”. *February 2020–Invited to Revise & Resubmit at The Journal of Legislative Studies*.

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

[1] Algara, Carlos, Sam Fuller, Christopher D. Hare, & Sara Kazemian (Manuscript Prepared as a Research Note) “The Interactive Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on COVID-19 Social Distancing Compliance”. *July 2020–Working Manuscript*.

[2] Algara, Carlos (Dissertation Manuscript Presented at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting) “The President, Congress, & Voters: The Role of Institutional Evaluations on Electoral Accountability in U.S. Congressional Elections”. *August 2019–Working Manuscript*.

[3] Algara, Carlos, & Sharif Amlani (Variant of Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Do Congressional Candidates Matter in a Polarized World? Assessing a Unified Model of U.S. House & Senate Elections, 1900-2018”. *July 2019–Working Manuscript*.

[4] Algara, Carlos, Samuel Fuller, Christopher D. Hare, & Cory Struthers (Manuscript Presented at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Are Voters Risk Averse? Specifying Utility Functions in Spatial Models of Voting”. *April 2019–Working Manuscript*.

- [5] Algara, Carlos (Manuscript Analysis Presented at the 2019 Cooperative Congressional Election Study Sundance Conference) “The Ideological & Partisan Components of Contemporary Legislator Approval: A Bicameral Congressional Analysis”. *June 2019–Working Analysis*.
- [6] Algara, Carlos (Manuscript Presented at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting) “Who Goes Public with Whom? A Network Analysis of U.S. Senate Press Events”. *August 2018–Working Manuscript & Continued Data Collection in Progress*.
- [7] Algara, Carlos & Tzu-Ping Liu (Manuscript Presented at the 2018 WPSA Annual Meeting) “The Influence of Partisan Conflict & Policy Responsiveness on Majority Party Electoral Fortunes: A Time-Series Approach”. *April 2018–Working Manuscript*.

Instructor of Record

University of Texas, El Paso

- Introductory Online Undergraduate Lecture, *Introduction to American Politics & Government* (Semester Online) Fall 2020

Sacramento State University

- Upper-Level Undergraduate Seminar in Political Science, *American Public Opinion & Political Behavior* (Semester) Spring 2019

University of California, Davis

- Introductory Undergraduate Seminar in Political Science, *American Politics* (Quarter) Fall 2017

University of California, Davis

- Introductory Undergraduate Seminar in Political Science, *American Politics* (Summer Quarter) Summer 2017

Grants & Awards

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| 2020 | Certification in Effective Teaching Classroom & Online Practices (\$1,333) , Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) |
| 2020* | Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Conference Honorarium Award (\$1,500) , University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University, *award rescheduled for 2021 due to COVID-19 |
| 2019 | Emerging Congressional Scholars Dinner Honorarium Award (\$1,200) , Hewlett Foundation Madison Initiative & American University |
| 2019 | National Science Foundation Travel Grant (\$1,000) , CCES Sundance Conference |
| 2019 | Harrell Rodgers Policy Studies Graduate Student Travel Scholarship (\$500) , Midwest Political Science Association |
| 2018 | Annual Meeting Travel Grant (\$500.00) , American Political Science Association |
| 2018 | National Science Foundation Travel & Workshop Grant (\$900) , Annual Political Networks Conference–American Political Science Association |
| 2018 | Dissertation Workshop Retreat Grant (\$500) , UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences & Humanities |
| 2018 | Conference Travel Grant (\$500) , UC Davis Graduate Student Association Conference |
| 2016 | Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship (\$5,000) , UC Davis Department of Political Science (Collaboration with Walter Stone & Christopher Hare) |
| 2016 | Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (\$500) , UC Davis Department of Political Science |
| 2016-2018 | Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (\$500) , UC Davis Department of Political Science |
| 2013 | Fall Graduate Student Fellowship (\$6,000) , UC Davis Department of Political Science |
| 2012 | Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association (\$1,000) , Oregon State University School of Public Policy |
| 2010-2012 | Masters of Public Policy Fellowship (Tuition & Stipend) , Oregon State University School of Public Policy |

Research Assistantships

Social & Political Interacting Networks Group

SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2018–2020

- Research Collaboration with Dr. George Barnett (Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Communications, UC Davis)
- Research Funded through the National Science Foundation (Grants #SES-21121962 & #ICES-1216048) & Minerva Initiative of the Department of Defense (Grant #W911NF-15-1-0502)

Network Connections in Formal Hiring Processes

SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Summer 2019

- Research Collaboration with Principal Investigator Dr. Kimberlee Shauman (Professor of Sociology, UC Davis)
- Research Funded through the National Science Foundation (Grant # 1756691)

Cooperative Congressional Election Study: University of Georgia Module

CO-INVESTGATOR

2018–Present

- Survey Research Collaboration with Dr. Christopher D. Hare (Assistant Professor of Political Science, UC Davis)

Three Revolutions Future Mobility Transportation Research Program

SURVEY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Winter 2019

- Survey Research Collaboration with Dr. Susan Pike (Post-Doctoral Scholar, Transportation Studies Institute, UC Davis)

Dataset of 2014 Survey Waves of FreedomWorks Supporters

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Summer 2015

- Summer Research Assistantship with Dr. Ronald Rapoport (John Marshall Professor of Political Science, College of William & Mary)

Social Network Citation Dataset of State Supreme Court Cases

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Summer 2015

- Summer Research Assistantship with Dr. Robert Huckfeldt (Distinguished Professor of Political Science, UC Davis)

Conference Presentations

Center for Effective Lawmaking Spring Research Conference

- Invited Funded 2020 Conference (Rescheduled for 2021 due to COVID-19), *Vanderbilt University* (Section Panel)

2021*

Midwest Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2016-2020

Western Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2016-2018, 2020

Cooperative Congressional Election Study Sundance Conference

- Invited Funded Conference, *Brigham Young University* (Section Panel)

2019

American Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2016-2018

Sunbelt Social Networks Conference

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2018

Political Networks (PolNet) Conference

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2018

Pacific Sociological Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)

2012

Department & Professional Service

- Student Co-founder & Organizer**, American Politics Reading Group/Workshop with Ross Butters & Christopher Hare. Funded through a \$300 yearly grant from the UC Davis Humanities Institute.
- 2016-2020
- 2017-2018 **Legislative Assistant**, UC Davis Graduate Student Association (Funded)
- 2016 **UCD Associate Instructor Development Certificate**, Learner-Centered Teaching
- 2016 **Mentor**, UCD Undergraduate Research Training & Mentorship Program (Funded)
- 2016 **Department Representative**, Graduate Student Association, UC Davis
- 2015 **Graduate Student Peer Mentor**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis
- 2014-2015 **Graduate Student Union Representative**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis
- 2014-Present **Member**, American Political Science Association
- 2014-Present **Member**, Midwest Political Science Association
- 2014-Present **Member**, Western Political Science Association

Non-Academic Work

- 2012-2013 **Research Analyst**, Oregon State University Foundation *Corvallis, OR*
- 2011 **Graduate Legislative Fellow**, Office of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) *Washington, DC*
- 2009 **Undergraduate Legislative Intern**, Washington State House of Representatives *Olympia, WA*

Applied Computing & Research Skills

- Statistical **R** (advanced, including data visualization, data management, SNA & Bayesian Methods), **Stata**, **SPSS**, Qualtrics
- Methodology Latent Variable Measurement & Scaling, Social Network Analysis, Dynamic Hierarchical Modeling, Predictive Modeling
- Presentation \LaTeX (advanced, including **Beamer** Presentation, Bibtex, & Poster Presentation), **RMarkdown** (advanced, including type-setting, code replication/collaboration, & HTML web development)

References

Dr. Walter J. Stone

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