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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

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont, CA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

July 2021-

DIVISION OF POLITICS & ECONOMICS

Center for Effective Lawmaking

UVA & Vanderbilt University

FACULTY AFFILIATE

August 2020-

University of Texas at El Paso

El Paso, TX

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

August 2020-June 2021

FACULTY AFFILIATE, CHICANO STUDIES PROGRAM

American Political Science Association

Washington, DC

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, APSA CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

September 2019-August 2020

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

California State University-Sacramento

Sacramento, CA

LECTURER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

January 2019-June 2019

Education

University of California, Davis

Davis, California

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

Corvallis, Oregon

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

2012

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

Washington State University

Pullman, Washington

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[10] Algara, Carlos (2021) "Congressional Approval & Responsible Party Government: The Role of Partisanship & Ideology in Citizen Assessments of the Contemporary U.S. Congress". *Forthcoming at Political Behavior*.

- [9] Algara, Carlos (2021) "The Collective 'Congress' on the Ballot? A Voter & Aggregate Level Analysis of Collective Responsibility in Congressional Elections." *Forthcoming at Congress & the Presidency*.
- [8] Algara, Carlos & Joseph Zamadics (2021) **Ideological Cross-Pressures or Random Error? An Analysis of Spatially Incorrect Voting in the U.S. House & U.S. Senate**. *Journal of Legislative Studies*. 1-35. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2021.1874686>.
- [7] Algara, Carlos, Sam Fuller, Christopher D. Hare, & Sara Kazemian (2020) **The Interactive Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on COVID-19 Social Distancing Compliance**. *Social Science Quarterly*. 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12894>.
- [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**. *Electoral Studies*. 68 (1): 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2020.102207>
 * **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 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 The New York Times: Biden is not out of the woods** (Interview with Tom Edsall, October 14, 2020).
- [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**
 * **Research featured in Invited 3Streams Blog Post: 'Does gender explain support for COVID-19 policies?' (August 26, 2020)**
 * **Research reprinted as part of the Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Initiative, U.S. National Library of Medicine: National Institutes of Health.**
- [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>.
- [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).**
- [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 Congressistas Definen Tono De Su Campaña Presidencial (Interview with Cristina Cifuenetes, U.S. Politics Reporter; July 17, 2019) .**
- [1] Algara, Carlos & Joseph Zamadics (2019) **The Member Level Determinants & Consequences of Party Legislative Obstruction in the U.S. Senate**. *American Politics Research*. 47 (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).**

Research in Preparation

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

- [1] Tzu-Ping Liu & **Algara, Carlos** (Presented at the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting) “The Greater Effects of Sexual Harassment: A Conjoint Analysis Assessing Variation in Political Scandal Effects on Candidate Evaluations in the United Kingdom”. *November 2020–Under Review*.
- [2] **Algara, Carlos**, & Sharif Amlani (Variant of Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Partisanship & Nationalization in American Elections: Evidence from Presidential, Senatorial, & Gubernatorial Elections in the U.S. Counties, 1872–2018”. *January 2021–Under Review*.

SELECT WORKING MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- [1] **Algara, Carlos** & Isaac Hale (Working Book Manuscript) “White Racial Resentment, Political Parties, & Democratic Politics During the Trump Era”. *November 2020–Empirical Analysis Completed & Drafting Publisher Proposal Phase*.
- [2] Kazemian, Sara, **Carlos Algara**, & Sam Fuller (COVID-19 Rapid Research) “Institutional Trust, Race, & Support for COVID-19 Containment Government Policies”. *November 2020–Working Analysis*.
- [3] **Algara, Carlos** & Daniel Simmons (Saint Michael’s College) (Manuscript Proposal Submitted to 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Polarized Pandemic Politics: A Conjoint Analysis of how Vaccine Attributes & Political Endorsements Affect the Likelihood of COVID-19 Vaccination in the U.S. Mass Public”. *November 2020–Field Experimental Data Collection in Progress*.
- [4] **Algara, Carlos** (Manuscript Proposal Submitted to 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Do Presidential Candidates Still Matter? Assessing Valence and Policy Domain Differences Between Biden & Trump in the 2020 Presidential Election”. *November 2020–Field Survey Data Collection in Progress*.
- [5] **Algara, Carlos** & Roi Zur (University of Essex) (Manuscript Proposal Submitted to 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting) “The Downsian Routes of Affective Polarization”. *December 2020–Working Analysis*.

Grants & Awards

2020	University Faculty Research Institute Grant (\$5,000, Declined) , University of Texas at El Paso, Office of Research & Special Projects
2020	Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant Award (\$3,500) , Dirksen Congressional Research Center
2020	Center for Effective Lawmaking Small Grant Competition Award (\$2,400) , Center for Effective Lawmaking, University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University
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) , Cooperative Congressional Election Study 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

Instructor of Record

University of Texas, El Paso

- Graduate Student Seminar (MA, MPA), *Race Politics in America: Behavioral Foundation of Identity* (Semester Online) Spring 2020
- 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
- Introductory Undergraduate Seminar in Political Science, *American Politics* (Summer Quarter) Summer 2017

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

New Perspectives and New Questions in Legislative Studies

- Invited Funded 2021 Virtual Conference, *Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University* (Section Panel) 2021

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) 2016-2021

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

- 1/28/2021 **Panelist: Rebuild Congress Initiative Roundtable (Cambridge, MA)**, Harvard Negotiation Project: Rebuild Congress Initiative
- 1/26/2021 **Interview: U.S. News & World Report (Washington, DC)**, [Joe Biden Hopes to Bring Back the Old Senate –It Could Be Tough](#)
- 1/26/2021 **Brookings Debate Coverage: The Connecticut Post (Bridgeport, NY)**, [Blumenthal, Murphy push to change the filibuster](#)
- 1/26/2021 **Brookings Debate Coverage: The Times Union (Albany, NY)**, [McConnell releases Schumer from filibuster promises, but left still pushes](#)
- 1/26/2021 **Interview: KTSM NBC 9 (El Paso, TX)**, [Latino and Black families facing multiple hardships, White House working to provide relief](#)
- 1/22/2021 **Panelist: The Brookings Institution (Washington, DC)**, [Debating the Future of the Filibuster](#)
- 1/8/2021 **Interview: Forbes Magazine (Washington, DC)**, [Democrats Win The Senate. What Should Businesses Expect?](#)
- 12/3/2020 **Panelist: The UTEP Center for Student Engagement (El Paso, TX)**, Beyond the 2020 Election Panel Conversation
- 11/17/2020 **Panelist: KQED, Northern California National Public Radio Affiliate (San Francisco, CA)**, [Why White Voters Overwhelmingly Supported Trump–Again, 2020 Election Panel Conversation](#)
- 11/5/2020 **Panelist: The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy at Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)**, [Post-2020 Election Panel Conversation](#)
- 11/5/2020 **Panelist: The UTEP Center for Student Engagement (El Paso, TX)**, Post-2020 Election Panel Conversation
- 11/4/2020 **Interview: San Antonio Express News (San Antonio, Texas)**, [Texas Democrats face ‘fundamental reckoning’ after another statewide sweep](#)
- 11/4/2020 **Interview: San Antonio Express News (San Antonio, Texas)**, [How Tony Gonzales kept a competitive Texas congressional district red](#)
- 11/3/2020 **Interview: El Heraldo de Juárez (Juárez, Mexico)**, [Cuestionada la posibilidad de reelegirse de Trump, afirma politólogo de UTEP](#)
- 11/2/2020 **Alumni Interview: The University of California, Davis Magazine (Davis, CA)**, [Election: Do Attitudes About Race Affect Vote Choice?](#)
- 10/29/2020 **Interview: Kongressen Independent Online Media (København, Denmark)**, [Trump forsøger at gøre olie til et valgtema for at vinde Texas](#)
- 10/21/2020 **Panelist: United States Military Academy (USMA) (West Point, NY)**, Domestic Affairs Forum 2020 Election Panel
- 10/14/2020 **Alumni Panelist: American Political Science Association (Washington, DC)**, Congressional Fellowship Orientation
- 9/17/2020 **Panelist: The UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center (El Paso, TX)**, [The Constitution: Then & Now Panel Discussion](#)

9/16/2020	Panelist: Bipartisan Policy Center (Washington, DC) , Discussion on the state of the U.S. Senate, perceived dysfunction, & the potential impact of proposed reforms to the institution
8/28/2020	Interview: North American Project (Las Cruces, NM) , Border wall and immigration restriction: Latinos for Trump have their eye on November
8/24/2020	Interview: National Public Radio (Dallas, TX) , John Cornyn Has Served in the U.S. Senate 18 years. What's His Record?
7/24/2020	Interview: City & State (New York, NY) , Congress is getting more diverse. Now its caucuses could too.
2019-2020	Faculty Committee Member , UTEP Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Student Co-founder & Organizer , American Politics Reading Group/Workshop with Ross
2016-2020	Butters & Christopher Hare. Funded through a \$300 yearly grant from the UC Davis Humanities Institute.
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, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

Peer-Review Service

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, Political Psychology, American Politics Research Politics & Gender, W.W. Norton & Company

Student Thesis Advising

Graduate Students (UTEP): Adriana Chavez De La Rosa (Committee Chair, M.A., Political Science), Christopher Farrell (Committee Member, M.A., Political Science)

Non-Academic Work

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

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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Dr. Erik J. Engstrom

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Dr. Christopher D. Hare

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

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Dr. George A. Barnett

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

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