

# Carlos Andres Algara

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at El Paso

Benedict Hall 111 | 500 West University Avenue | El Paso, Texas 79968

☎ (915) 747-5227 | ✉ caalgara@utep.edu | 🏠 calgara.github.io | 🐦 @algaraca | 🎓 Google Scholar

## 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-

### American Political Science Association

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, APSA CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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

Washington, DC

September 2019-July 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*.

★ *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*.

★ *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](#)

- [3] Algara, Carlos (2019) **The Conditioning Role of Polarization in U.S. Senate Election Outcomes: A Direct-Election Era & Voter-Level Analysis**. *Electoral Studies*.  
★ **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*.
- [5] Algara, Carlos, Samuel Fuller, & Christopher D. Hare (2020, Conditionally Accepted) “The Conditional Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on Support for COVID-19 Government Containment Policies in a Partisan America”. *Politics & Gender*.  
★ **Research accepted for Politics & Gender as part of the Cambridge Coronavirus Collection.**

## 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*.
- [4] Algara, Carlos, & Isaac Hale (Variant of Manuscript Presented at the 2018 WPSA Annual Meeting) “White Racial Attitudes & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era”. *April 2020–Under Revise & Resubmission 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).

### 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

---

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

---

- 2016-2020 **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.
- 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  
2011 **Graduate Legislative Fellow**, Office of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
2009 **Undergraduate Legislative Intern**, Washington State House of Representatives

*Corvallis, OR*  
*Washington, DC*  
*Olympia, WA*

## Applied Computing & Research Skills

---

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

## References

---

### Dr. Walter J. Stone

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

• [✉ wstone@ucdavis.edu](mailto:wstone@ucdavis.edu)

### Dr. Erik J. Engstrom

PROFESSOR & DEPARTMENT CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

• [✉ ejengstrom@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ejengstrom@ucdavis.edu)

### Dr. Christopher D. Hare

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

• [✉ cdhare@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cdhare@ucdavis.edu)

### Dr. George A. Barnett

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

• [✉ gabarnett@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gabarnett@ucdavis.edu)