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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
September 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 **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](#)

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*.

★ **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*.

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”. *August 2019–Invited to Revise & Resubmit, With 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.”. *October 2019–Invited to Revise & Resubmit 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”. *April 2019–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 Resentment & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era”. *July 2019–Under Review*

★ **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 The Sacramento Bee: *Trump’s strategy of racial resentment won’t work in California***

★ **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).**

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

[1] 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*.

[2] 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*.

[3] 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*.

[4] 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*.

[5] 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*.

[6] Algara, Carlos & Ross Butters (Manuscript Presented at the 2018 APSA Political Networks (PolNet) Annual Meeting) “The Influence of Partisan Polarization & Geographic Neighborhood Context on Congressional Rollcall & Cosponsor Policy Networks”. *June 2018–Working Analysis*.

[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*.

Associate Instructor of Record

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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| 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)

Graduate Student Teaching Assistantships

LAB & DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Scientific Study of Politics: Quantitative Methods, R Statistics Lab Instructor

Spring 2018 & 2019

Introduction to American Politics, Discussion Section Teaching Assistant

Spring 2014, Fall

2015 & 2016

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Discussion Section Teaching Assistant

Winter 2016

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Public Policy Process, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018

National Security Policy, Teaching Assistant

Winter 2018

Democratization, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2016

American Environmental Politics, Teaching Assistant

Winter 2015, Spring

2015

California State Politics & Policy, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2014, Summer

2014

Public Opinion of the Mass Public, Teaching Assistant

Winter 2014

Conference Presentations

2019 (Section Panel) **The ideological & Partisan Components of Contemporary Legislator Approval: A Bicameral Analysis.** *Cooperative Congressional Election Study Sundance Conference.*

2019 (Section Panel with Samuel Fuller, Cory Struthers & Christopher D. Hare, University of California, Davis) **Are Voters Risk Averse? Specifying Utility Functions in Spatial Models of Voting.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2019 (Section Panel) **Negative Voting & Responsible Party Government: The Influence of Congressional Job Performance on Turnout & Majority Party Accountability.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2018 (Section Panel) **Who Goes Public with Whom? A Network Analysis of U.S. Senate Press Events.** *American Political Science Association.*

2018 (Section Panel with George Barnett, Distinguished Professor of Communications, UC Davis) **Network Stability Due to Structural and Diachronic Equivalence: An Examination of the International News Network.** *Sunbelt Social Networks Conference.*

2018 (Section Panel with Ross Butters, UC Davis) **The Influence of Partisan Polarization and Geographic Neighborhood Context on Congressional Rollcall & Cosponsor Policy Networks.** *PolNet Annual Meeting.*

2018 (Section Panel) **The Partisan & Ideological Determinants of Citizen Congressional Approval.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2018 (Section Panel with Joe Zamadics (University of Colorado)) **Legislative Signaling or Random Error? An Analysis of Spatially Incorrect Voting in Congress.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2018 (Section Panel with Tzu-Ping Liu, UC Davis) **The Influence of Partisan Conflict & Policy Responsiveness on Aggregate Majority & Minority Congressional Job Performance: A Time-Series Approach.** *Western Political Science Association.*

2018 (Section Panel with Isaac Hale, UC Davis) **The Distortionary Influence of Racial Animus on Proximity Voting in the 2016 Elections.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2017 (Section Panel with Joe Zamadics (University of Colorado)) **The Individual Consequence of Party Legislative Obstruction in the U.S. Senate.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2017 (Section Panel) **Partisanship, Polarization & Incumbency in U.S. Senate Elections, 1920-2016..** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

2017 (Section Panel with Evan Sandlin, UC Davis) **The U.S. Congress and the Israeli Lobby: An Analysis of the Determinants of Congressional Support for Iranian Sanctions.** *Western Political Science Association.*

2016 (Section Panel) **Collective Accountability in Congressional Elections: An Analysis of Congressional Approval & Ideological Extremity.** *Midwest Political Science Association.*

- 2016 (Section Panel) **The Collective “Congress” on the Ballot? An Analysis of Collective Responsibility in Congressional Elections.**
Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012 (Section Panel) **Irrational Fear or Cause for Concern? The Effects of Hispanic Immigration on Crime Rates in Tucson, AZ..**
Pacific Sociological Association.

Department & Professional Service

- 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.
- 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

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