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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), experimental designs

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

MARY TOPELT NICOLAI-GEORGE S. BLAIR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

July 2021-

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

FACULTY AFFILIATE, INEQUALITY & POLICY RESEARCH CENTER AND COMPUTATIONAL JUSTICE LAB

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

Oregon State University

Corvallis, Oregon

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

2012

Washington State University

Pullman, Washington

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[18] Algara, Carlos & Roi Zur (2022) [The Downsian Roots of Affective Polarization](#). *Conditionally Accepted at Electoral Studies*.

[17] Algara, Carlos, Sharif Amlani[‡], Samuel Collitt[‡], Isaac Hale, & Sara Kazemian[‡] (2022) [Nail in the Coffin or Lifeline? Evaluating the Electoral Impact of COVID-19 on President Trump in the 2020 Election](#). *Political Behavior*. 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09826-x>

★ **Research Featured:** [\[London School of Economics United States Politics & Policy Blog\]](#).

- [16] Byengseon Bae[‡] & Carlos Algara (2022) Fenno's Paradox in a Polarized Age: How Polarization Lowers the Mass Public's Assessments of the Congress & Legislators. *Congress & the Presidency*. 1-32. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07343469.2022.2110995>.
- [15] Sam Fuller[‡], Sara Kazemian[‡], Carlos Algara, & Daniel Simmons (2022) Assessing the Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccine Lotteries: A Cross-state Synthetic Control Methods Approach. *PLoS One*. 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0274374>.
- [14] Algara, Carlos, Isaac Hale, & Cory Struthers (2022) No Balance, No Problem: Evidence of Partisan Voting in the 2021 Georgia U.S. Senate Runoffs. *American Politics Research*. 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X211070819>.
- [13] Algara, Carlos & Savannah Johnston (2022) The Rising Electoral Role of Polarization & Implications for Policymaking in the United States Senate: Assessing the Consequences of Polarization in the Senate from 1914-2020. *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*. 1-35. <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2021-2034>.
★ **Part of the January 2022 Special Symposium on the United States Senate**
★ **Research Featured:** [\[Florida Politics\]](#).
- [12] Amlani, Sharif[‡] & Carlos Algara (2021) Partisanship & Nationalization in American Elections: Evidence from Presidential, Senatorial, & Gubernatorial Elections in the U.S. Counties, 1872-2020. *Electoral Studies*. 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102387>.
★ **Research Featured:** [\[The Economist\]](#).
- [11] Kazemian, Sara[‡], Sam Fuller[‡], & Carlos Algara (2021) The Role of Race and Scientific Trust on Support for COVID-19 Social Distancing Measures in the United States. *PLoS One*. 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0254127>.
★ **Research Featured:** [\[U.S. National Library of Medicine Center for Biotechnology Information PubMed Archive\]](#) .
- [10] Algara, Carlos (2021) Congressional Approval & Responsible Party Government: The Role of Partisanship & Ideology in Citizen Assessments of the Contemporary U.S. Congress. *Political Behavior*. 1-41. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-021-09678-x>.
★ **Research Featured:** [\[The Niskanen Center Science of Politics Podcast\]](#), [\[Roll Call\]](#).
- [9] Algara, Carlos (2021) The Collective "Congress" on the Ballot? A Voter & Aggregate Level Analysis of Collective Responsibility in Congressional Elections. *Congress & the Presidency*. 1-46. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07343469.2020.1814903>.
- [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:** [\[The Sacramento Bee \(I\)\]](#), [\[The Sacramento Bee \(II\)\]](#), [\[Roll Call\]](#), [\[La Croix\]](#), [\[APSA Political Science Now\]](#), [\[The Texas Tribune\]](#), [\[The New York Times\]](#).
- [5] Algara, Carlos, Sam 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.
★ **Part of the Cambridge Coronavirus Collection**
★ **Research Featured:** [\[3Streams Blog\]](#), [\[U.S. National Library of Medicine: National Institutes of Health Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Initiative\]](#).
- [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:** [\[LegBranch\]](#), [\[FiveThirtyEight\]](#).

[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:** [\[The New York Times \(I\)\]](#), [\[The Pacific Standard\]](#), [\[The New York Times \(II\)\]](#), [\[La Tercera\]](#).

[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:** [\[London School of Economics United States Politics & Policy Blog\]](#).

‡ **Denotes graduate student colleague co-author.**

Research in Preparation

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

[1] **Algara, Carlos** & Daniel Simmons (Manuscript Presented at the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting) “Assessing Public Policies to Facilitate COVID-19 Vaccination in Partisan America”. *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.

★ **Research Featured:** [\[The Washington Post\]](#).

[2] **Algara, Carlos** & Isaac Hale (Manuscript Presented at 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Race, Partisanship, and Democratic Politics: The of Racial Attitudes in Motivating White Americans’ Electoral Participation”. *Revise & Resubmit at the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.

[3] Tzu-Ping Liu & **Carlos Algara** (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”. *Under Review*.

[4] **Algara, Carlos** (Presented at the 2021 Congress & History & Center For Effective Lawmaking Conferences) “Dynamics of Partisan Competition for Legislative Majorities in the U.S. House & Senate, 1959-2020”. *Under Review*.

★ **Research Featured:** [\[The New Yorker\]](#), [\[Vox\]](#).

SELECT RESEARCH IN PREPARATION

[1] **Algara, Carlos** & Alexander Specht[‡] (Manuscript Presented at 2022 State Politics & Policy Conference) “The Role of State & National Institutional Evaluations in Fostering Collective Accountability Across the U.S. States”. *Working paper*.

[2] **Algara, Carlos** & Sam Fuller[‡] (Manuscript Presented at 2022 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Rational Voting in the Age of Ideological Polarization & Responsible Parties: Examining Presidential Elections from 1972–2020”. *Working paper*.

[3] **Algara, Carlos** (Manuscript Presented at 2022 MPSA & APSA Annual Meetings) “Partisanship, Ideology, & Issue Salience: Assessing the Dimensions of U.S. Congressional Representation in a Unified Framework”. *Working paper*.

[4] **Algara, Carlos**, Sharif Amlani[‡], & Sara Kazemian[‡] (Manuscript To Be Presented at 2023 WPSA Annual Meeting) “Valence, (Lack of) Policy Responsiveness, & Accountability: The Case of the HEROES Act and President Trump’s Leadership During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. *Working paper*.

[5] **Algara, Carlos** & Byengseon Bae[‡] (Manuscript To Be Presented at 2023 WPSA & MPSA Annual Meetings) “Do Quality Challengers and Incumbents Still Matter in the Partisan World? Comparing Trends & Relationship Between Candidate Quality and Congressional Election Outcomes, 1900-2022”. *Research in preperation*.

[6] **Algara, Carlos** & Byengseon Bae[‡] (Manuscript To Be Presented at 2023 WPSA & MPSA Annual Meetings) “Inequality & Rational Retrospection: The Role of Income Inequality in Shaping Citizen Assessments of their Congress, President, and Supreme Court”. *Research in preperation*.

[7] **Algara, Carlos** & Joshua Ryan (Manuscript To Be Presented at 2023 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Can the Minority Embarrass the Majority? Partisan Votes, Congressional Approval and Party Brands in the U.S. Congress”. *Research in Preperation*.

[8] **Algara, Carlos** & Isaac Hale (Manuscript To Be Presented at 2023 WPSA Annual Meeting & CES Conference) “The Multiple Dimensions of Electoral Choice: Adding Issue Salience to Partisanship & Ideology”. *Research in Preperation*.

Grants & Awards

2022	Summer Centennial Center Research Grants (\$2,500) , American Political Science Association
2022	Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Conference Honorarium Award (\$1,500) , University of Virginia
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

Claremont Graduate University

- Graduate Seminar, [Executive \(Presidential\)-Congressional Relations in the United States](#) (Spring Semester 2023)
- Graduate Seminar & Research Workshop, [Maximum Likelihood Estimation & Applied Research Methods in Political Science](#) (Spring Semester 2023)
- Graduate Seminar & Research Workshop, [Political Representation in the United States](#) (Fall Semester 2022)
- Graduate Seminar, [Introductory American Politics Graduate Core Course](#) (Fall Semester 2022)
- Graduate Seminar, [Executive \(Presidential\)-Congressional Relations in the United States](#) (Spring Semester 2022)
- Graduate Seminar, [Political Representation in the United States](#) (Fall Semester 2021)
- Graduate Seminar, [Introductory American Politics Graduate Core Course](#) (Fall Semester 2021)

University of Texas, El Paso

- Asynchronous Online Undergraduate Lecture, [The United States Congress](#) (Summer Semester Online 2021)
- Graduate Student Seminar (MA, MPA), [Race Politics in America: Behavioral Foundation of Identity](#) (Spring Semester Online 2021)
- Introductory Online Undergraduate Lecture, [Introduction to American Politics & Government](#) (Fall Semester Online 2020)

Sacramento State University

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

University of California, Davis

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

Conference Presentations

State Politics & Policy Conference, American Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting (APSA, State Politics & Policy Section), *Florida State University (2022)* (Section Panel) 2022

ECPR Workshop: Affective Polarization Around the World: Measurement, Causes and Consequences

- 2021 Virtual Conference Joint Session Workshop, *European Consortium for Political Research* (Section Panel) 2021

Congress & History Conference

- Invited Funded 2021 Virtual Conference Workshop, *University of Kansas Dole Institute of Politics & Washington University at St. Louis* (Section Panel) 2021

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 Conference, *Vanderbilt University (2021) & University of Virginia (2022)* (Section Panel) 2021, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2016-2023

Western Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2016-2018, 2020, 2023

Cooperative Election Study (CES) Sundance Conference

- Invited Funded Conference, *Brigham Young University* (Section Panel) 2019, 2023

American Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2016-2019, 2021, 2022

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

For list of media interviews, please see: [website](#).

- 12/9/2022 **Panelist: Future of the Senate Project (Washington, DC)**, Brookings Institute
- 5/27/2022 **Online Workshop: Preparing for the Job Market in Political Science**, Hosted by CGU Inequality & Policy Center and UC-Riverside Department of Political Science
- 4/13/2022 **Presentation: CGU Lunch & Learn Workshop**, Hosted by Student Engagement & Division of Politics and Government
- 2/24/2022 **Presentation: CGU Political Science Graduate Student Workshop**, Conference Proposal Process/Presenting at Conferences
- 9/23/2021 **Presentation: CGU Political Science Graduate Student Workshop**, [How to Prepare for the Academic Job Market during Graduate School \(w/Tyler Reny\)](#)

3/30/2021	Panelist: First-Generation Scholar Panel (Pullman, WA), Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University
1/28/2021	Panelist: Rebuild Congress Initiative Roundtable (Cambridge, MA), Harvard Negotiation Project: Rebuild Congress Initiative
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
1/22/2021	Panelist: The Brookings Institution (Washington, DC), Debating the Future of the Filibuster
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
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
2022-	Committee Member, CGU Qualifying Exam Committees (American Politics)
2022-2024	Committee Member, American Political Science Association Rules & Elections Committee
2022	2022 Alan Rosenthal Prize Committee (Discipline Service), APSA Legislative Studies Section
2021, 2022	Conference Panel Organizer, APSA Political Networks (PolNet) Conference
2019-2020	Faculty Committee Member, UTEP Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
	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	UCD Associate Instructor Development Certificate, Learner-Centered Teaching
2016	Mentor, UC Davis Undergraduate Research Training & Mentorship Program (Funded)
2014-2015	Graduate Student Union Representative, Department of Political Science, UC Davis

Peer-Review Service

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, PLOS One, Political Research Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Electoral Studies, Political Psychology, Congress & the Presidency, British Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Politics & Gender, Social Science Quarterly, & W.W. Norton & Company

Student Thesis Advising

Graduate Students (CGU): Byengseon Bae (Co-Chair, PhD, Politics & Government), Nick Zappia (Co-Chair, PhD, Politics & Government), Samantha Vo (Chair, Master of Public Policy, Politics & Government), Ellie Sun Hwang (Committee Member, PhD, Politics & Government), Shawn Mattiosian (Committee Member, PhD, Politics & Government)

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

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 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 TeX (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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