

# Carlos Andres Algara

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at El Paso  
Benedict Hall 111 | 500 West University Avenue | El Paso, Texas 79968  
☎ (253) 227-1483 | ✉ calgara@ucdavis.edu | 🌐 calgara.github.io | 🐦 @algaraca

## 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*.

## 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–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". *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 Resentment & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era". *April 2020–Invited to Revise & Resubmit 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 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)*  
★ *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 (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*.

## 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

---

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 2020*     | <b>Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Conference Honorarium Award (\$1,500)</b> , 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 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 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 Conference–American Political Science Association                               |
| 2018      | <b>Dissertation Workshop Retreat Grant (\$500)</b> , UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences & 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 Department of Political Science (Collaboration with Walter Stone & Christopher Hare)          |
| 2016      | <b>Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (\$500)</b> , UC Davis Department of Political Science                              |
| 2016-2018 | <b>Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science 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 State University School of Public Policy                                      |
| 2010-2012 | <b>Masters of Public Policy Fellowship (Tuition &amp; Stipend)</b> , 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

---

- 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 *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	<b>R</b> (advanced, including data visualization, data management, SNA & Bayesian Methods), <b>Stata</b> , <b>SPSS</b> , Qualtrics
Methodology	Latent Variable Measurement & Scaling, Social Network Analysis, Dynamic Hierarchical Modeling, Predictive Modeling
Presentation	<b>TeX</b> (advanced, including <b>Beamer</b> Presentation, BibTeX, & Poster Presentation), <b>RMarkdown</b> (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)