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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  
FACULTY AFFILIATE, CHICANO STUDIES PROGRAM

El Paso, TX

August 2020-

### Center for Effective Lawmaking

FACULTY AFFILIATE

UVA & Vanderbilt University

August 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 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*. 58 (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).*

[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 Congresistas 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*. 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).

- [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>.

- [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).

- [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).

- [7] Algara, Carlos (2020) "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, Sam Fuller, Christopher D. Hare, & Sara Kazemian (2020) "The Interactive Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on COVID-19 Social Distancing Compliance". *Forthcoming at Social Science Quarterly*.

## Research in Preparation

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### RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

- [1] Algara, Carlos (Dissertation Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) "The Partisan & Ideological Determinants of Citizen Congressional Approval". *October 2020–Under Review & Resubmission (alternative title), at Political Behavior*.
- [2] 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". *October 2020–Under Review & Resubmission at The Journal of Legislative Studies*.

### 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** & 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*.

## Grants & Awards

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2020	<b>Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant Award (\$3,500)</b> , <a href="#">Dirksen Congressional Research Center</a>
2020	<b>Center for Effective Lawmaking Small Grant Competition Award (\$2,400)</b> , <a href="#">Center for Effective Lawmaking, University of Virginia &amp; Vanderbilt University</a>
2020	<b>Certification in Effective Teaching Classroom &amp; Online Practices (\$1,333)</b> , Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)
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> , Cooperative Congressional Election Study 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

## Instructor of Record

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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- 12/3/2020 **Panelist: The UTEP Center for Student Engagement (El Paso, TX)**, Beyond the 2020 Election Panel Conversation
- 11/17/2020 **Panelist: KQED, North 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?](#)
- 11/21/2020 **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.](#)
- 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

## Peer-Review Service

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*American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, Political Psychology, American Politics Research Politics & Gender*

## Student Thesis Advising

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

## Non-Academic Work

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

## Applied Computing & Research Skills

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

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### 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

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