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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

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont, CA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

July 2021-

DIVISION OF POLITICS & ECONOMICS

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

- 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

Corvallis, Oregon

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

2012

- With focus on Social Policy, Applied Policy Analysis, and Mixed Quantitative & Qualitative Methodology

Washington State University

Pullman, Washington

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[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>.

- [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 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 (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 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).**
- [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)**
 * **Research reprinted as part of the Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Initiative, U.S. National Library of Medicine: *National Institutes of Health*.**
- [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 in Invited *LegBranch Blog Post: ‘The National Tide Falls Short in the U.S. Senate’* (March 19, 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 Tercera (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) .**
- [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 in Invited *London School of Economics United States Politics & Policy Blog Post* (March 14, 2019).**

Research in Preparation

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

- [1] Kazemian, Sara, Sam Fuller, & **Carlos Algara** (COVID-19 Rapid Research) “Institutional Trust, Race, & Support for COVID-19 Containment Government Policies”. *March 2021–Manuscript Invited to revise & resubmit at PLOS One.*
- [2] Tzu-Ping Liu & **Algara, Carlos** (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”. *November 2020–Under Review.*
- [3] **Algara, Carlos**, Isaac Hale, & Cory Struthers (Original 2020 Election Cycle Survey Field Research) “Do Voters Balance Partisan Control of the Federal Government During the Partisan Era? Assessing the Case of the 2021 Georgia U.S. Senate Runoffs”. *April 2021–Under Review.*
- [4] **Algara, Carlos**, Sharif Amlani, Sam Collitt, & Sara Kazemian (COVID -19 Rapid Research) “The Severity of COVID-19 & Republican Party Fortunes the 2020 Elections: The Lack of a Down-Ballot Presidential Spill-Over”. *April 2021–Under Review.*
- [5] **Algara, Carlos**, & Sharif Amlani (Variant of Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Partisanship & Nationalization in American Elections: Evidence from Presidential, Senatorial, & Gubernatorial Elections in the U.S. Counties, 1872-2018”. *May 2021–Working Manuscript.*

SELECT WORKING MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- [1] **Algara, Carlos** & Isaac Hale (Working Book Manuscript) “White Racial Resentment, Political Parties, & Democratic Politics During the Trump Era”. *November 2020–Empirical Analysis Completed & Drafting Publisher Proposal Phase.*
- [2] **Algara, Carlos** & Daniel Simmons (Saint Michael’s College) (Manuscript Proposal Accepted to 2021 MPSA & APSA Annual Meetings) “Polarized Pandemic Politics: A Conjoint Analysis of how Vaccine Attributes & Political Endorsements Affect the Likelihood of COVID-19 Vaccination in the U.S. Mass Public”. *March 2021–Working Manuscript.*
- [3] **Algara, Carlos** (Manuscript Proposal Accepted to 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting and 2021 Congress & History Conference) “Dynamics of Partisan Competition for Legislative Majorities in the U.S. House & Senate, 1959-2018”. *March 2021–Working Manuscript.*
- [4] **Algara, Carlos** & Roi Zur (University of Essex) (Manuscript Proposal Accepted to 2021 MPSA Annual Meeting and 2021 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions Workshop of Affective Polarization) “The Downsian Roots of Affective Polarization”. *March 2021–Working Manuscript.*

Grants & Awards

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

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

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

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 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) 2016-2019, 2021

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

- 4/27/2021 **Interview: Noticias Ya Univision (El Paso, TX),** [Censo: Texas tendrá dos nuevos representantes en el Congreso](#)
- 3/30/2021 **Panelist: First-Generation Scholar Panel (Pullman, WA),** [Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University](#)
- 3/26/2021 **Interview: Newsweek (Washington, DC),** [Filibuster Threatens Joe Biden, Democrats Agenda, Leaving All Eyes on Joe Manchin](#)
- 6/14/2021 **Program Committee Organizer: Political Networks Conference (PolNet),** APSA
- 2/19/2021 **Interview: U.S. News & World Report (Washington, DC),** [Ted Cruz's trip to Mexico earned him widespread criticism. Will it matter for his political future?](#)
- 1/28/2021 **Panelist: Rebuild Congress Initiative Roundtable (Cambridge, MA),** [Harvard Negotiation Project: Rebuild Congress Initiative](#)
- 1/26/2021 **Interview: U.S. News & World Report (Washington, DC),** [Joe Biden Hopes to Bring Back the Old Senate –It Could Be Tough](#)
- 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](#)
- 1/26/2021 **Interview: KTSM NBC 9 (El Paso, TX),** [Latino and Black families facing multiple hardships, White House working to provide relief](#)
- 1/22/2021 **Panelist: The Brookings Institution (Washington, DC),** [Debating the Future of the Filibuster](#)
- 1/8/2021 **Interview: Forbes Magazine (Washington, DC),** [Democrats Win The Senate. What Should Businesses Expect?](#)

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	Interview: Rocky Talk Podcast at Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH), What Now? Post-Election Analysis
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?
10/29/2020	Interview: Kongressen Independent Online Media (København, Denmark), Trump forsøger at gøre olie til et valgtema for at vinde Texas
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
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.
2019-2020	Faculty Committee Member, UTEP Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
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.
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, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

Peer-Review Service

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

Student Thesis Advising

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

Non-Academic Work

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

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

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