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## Research Interests

*Expertise:* American political behavior and legislative politics, collective accountability & congressional representation, congressional elections, 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

### American Political Science Association

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW

Washington, DC

2019-2020

### California State University-Sacramento

LECTURER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sacramento, CA

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

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).*

Barnett, George & Carlos Algara (2019) [Diachronic Equivalence: An Examination of the International News Network](#). *Social Network Analysis & Mining*.

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).*

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).*

## Research in Preparation

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### RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

**Algara, Carlos** & Joseph Zamadics (Manuscript Presented at the 2017 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Legislative Signaling or Random Error? An Analysis of Spatially Incorrect Voting in Congress”. *April 2019–Under Review*.

**Algara, Carlos** (Dissertation Manuscript Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting) “The Partisan & Ideological Determinants of Citizen Congressional Approval”. *June 2019–Under Review*.

**Algara, Carlos** (Dissertation Manuscript Presented at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting) “Negative Voting & Responsible Party Government: The Influence of Congressional Job Performance on Turnout & Majority Party Accountability”. *June 2019–Under Review*.

### WORKING MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**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–Working Manuscript*.

**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*.

**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*.

**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*.

**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*.

**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*.

**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

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### 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*

## 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)

## Grants & Awards

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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 Asociation (\$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

## Graduate Student Teaching Assistantships

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### 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

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- 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

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- 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.
- 2016-2020
- 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

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- 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

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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	$\LaTeX$ (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

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### Dr. Erik J. Engstrom

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