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## Academic Positions

### University of Iowa

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016–Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012–2016.

### Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Assistant Professor, Departments of Political Science and Sociology, 2006–2012 (tenure and promotion to Associate Professor approved, Spring 2012).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2005.

### Mount Holyoke College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2004–2005.

### Rice University

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, 2003–2004.

## Education

**Ph.D.**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science, December 2003

**M.A./J.D.**, University of Texas at Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies and School of Law, May 1998

**B.S.E.**, Princeton University, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 1994

## External Grants and Fellowships

Collaborative Researcher, Korean Studies Promotion Service, Academy of Korean Studies, “Korea Inequality Research Lab,” (Principal Investigator: Jong-sung You, Gachon University), December 2018 to December 2023.

Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation (SES-1533746) Grant Award of \$228,809.00 to the University of Iowa, “Standardized World Income Inequality Database,” August 2015 to July 2019.

Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2010–2011.

Fulbright García Robles (IIE) Fellowship, 2001–2002.

## Refereed Publications

Solt, Frederick. 2020. “Measuring Income Inequality Across Countries and Over Time: The Standardized World Income Inequality Database.” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(3):1183–1199.

Ritter, Michael, and Frederick Solt. 2019. “Economic Inequality and Campaign Participation.” *Social Science Quarterly* 100(3):678–688.

Solt, Frederick, Yue Hu, Kevan Hudson, Jungmin Song, and Dong ‘Erico’ Yu. 2017. “Economic Inequality and Class Consciousness.” *Journal of Politics* 79(3):1079–1083.

Kim, Mi-son, and Frederick Solt. 2017. “The Dynamics of Party Relabeling: Why Do Parties Change Names?” *Party Politics* 23(4):437–447.

- Solt, Frederick, Yue Hu, Kevan Hudson, Jungmin Song, and Dong 'Erico' Yu. 2016. "Economic Inequality and Belief in Meritocracy in the United States." *Research & Politics* 3(4):1-7.
- Solt, Frederick. 2016. "The Standardized World Income Inequality Database." *Social Science Quarterly* 97(5):1267-1281.
- Solt, Frederick. 2015. "Economic Inequality and Nonviolent Protest." *Social Science Quarterly* 96(5):1314-1327.
- Solt, Frederick, Dongkyu Kim, Kyu Young Lee, Spencer Williardson, and Seokdong Kim. 2014. "Neoliberal Reform and Protest in Latin American Democracies: A Replication and Correction." *Research & Politics* 1(2):1-13.
- Solt, Frederick. 2014. "Reversing the Arrow? Economic Inequality's Effect on Religiosity." In *Religion and Inequality in America: Research and Theory on Religion's Role in Stratification*, Lisa Keister and Darren Sherkat, eds., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Solt, Frederick. 2012. "The Social Origins of Authoritarianism." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(4):703-713.
- Solt, Frederick. 2011. "Diversionary Nationalism: Economic Inequality and the Formation of National Pride." *Journal of Politics* 73(3):821-830.
- Solt, Frederick, Philip Habel, and J. Tobin Grant. 2011. "Economic Inequality, Relative Power, and Religiosity." *Social Science Quarterly* 92(2):447-465.
- Solt, Frederick. 2010. "Does Economic Inequality Depress Electoral Participation? Testing the Schattschneider Hypothesis." *Political Behavior* 32(2):285-301.
- Solt, Frederick. 2009. "Standardizing the World Income Inequality Database." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(2):231-242.
- Solt, Frederick. 2008. "Economic Inequality and Democratic Political Engagement." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(1):48-60.
- Searing, Donald, Frederick Solt, Pamela Johnston Conover, and Ivor Crewe. 2007. "Public Discussion in the Deliberative System: Does It Make Better Citizens?" *British Journal of Political Science* 37(4):587-618.
- Huber, Evelyne, and Frederick Solt. 2004. "Successes and Failures of Neoliberalism in Latin America." *Latin American Research Review* 39(3):150-164.
- Solt, Frederick. 2004. "Civics or Structure? Revisiting the Origins of Democratic Quality in the Italian Regions." *British Journal of Political Science* 34(1):123-135.
- Solt, Frederick. 2004. "Electoral Competition, Legislative Pluralism, and Institutional Development: Evidence from Mexico's States." *Latin American Research Review* 39(1):155-167.
- Solt, Frederick. 2001. "Institutional Effects on Democratic Transitions: Neo-Patrimonial Regimes in Africa, 1989-1994." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 36(2):82-91.

### Invited Publications

- Gracey, Kellen, and Frederick Solt. 2017. "Religion and Politics." *SAGE Handbook of Political Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, pp.703-704.
- Solt, Frederick. 2015. "On the Assessment and Use of Cross-National Income Inequality Datasets." *Journal of Economic Inequality* 13(4):683-691.
- Solt, Frederick. 2014. "Version 5.0 of the Standardized World Income Inequality Database." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 24(2):18.

## Selected Working Papers

Solt, Frederick. "Modeling Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion."

Kim, Mi-son, and Frederick Solt. "The Electoral Consequences of Party Relabeling."

Solt, Frederick, and Rachel Torres. "Income Inequality and Support for Labor Unions."

## Datasets

Solt, Frederick. 2020. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 8.3. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LM4OWF>

Solt, Frederick. 2019. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 8.2. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LM4OWF>

Solt, Frederick. 2019. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 8.1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LM4OWF>

Solt, Frederick. 2019. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 8.0. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LM4OWF>

Solt, Frederick. 2018. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 7.1. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2018. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 7.0. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2018. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 6.2. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

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Solt, Frederick. 2013. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 4.0. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2012. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 3.1. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2010. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 3.0. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2009. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 2.0. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2008. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 1.1. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

Solt, Frederick. 2008. Standardized World Income Inequality Database, Version 1.0. <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/11992>

## Published Software

- Solt, Frederick. 2017. ukds: Reproducible Data Retrieval from the UK Data Service. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). [Archived.] <https://cran.r-project.org/src/contrib/Archive/ukds/>.
- Solt, Frederick. 2017. ropercenter: Reproducible Data Retrieval from the Roper Center Data Archive. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=ropercenter>.
- Solt, Frederick, and Kellen Gracey. 2016. icpsrdata: Reproducible Data Retrieval from the ICPSR Archive. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=icpsrdata>.
- Solt, Frederick, and Yue Hu. 2016. pewdata: Reproducible Retrieval of Pew Research Center Datasets. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=pewdata>.
- Solt, Frederick, and Yue Hu. 2015. dotwhisker: Dot-and-Whisker Plots of Regression Results. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=dotwhisker>.
- Solt, Frederick, and Yue Hu. 2015. interplot: Plot the Coefficients of Variables in Interaction Terms. The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=interplot>.

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- “Modeling Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, January 10-11, 2020.
- “The Consequences of Party Relabeling,” with Mi-son Kim, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, January 10-11, 2020.
- “The Standardized World Income Inequality Database: The Korean Case,” Korea Inequality Research Lab Annual Workshop, Seoul, South Korea, August 26, 2019.
- “Bayesian Hierarchical IRT for Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion,” St. Louis Area Methods Meeting, Carbondale, IL, April 12, 2019.
- “Economic Inequality, Demand for Redistribution, and Redistributive Outcomes: Building the Empirical Foundations for Dynamic Comparative Research,” Keynote Address, Politics and Inequality across Nations and Time: Theoretical and Empirical Approaches, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, December 12, 2018.
- “How to Estimate Cross-Nationally and Longitudinally Comparable Measures of Public Opinion from the Mess of Survey Data You Found Online,” ECPR Summer Methods School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, August 9, 2017.
- “Economic Inequality and Campaign Participation,” with Michael Ritter, Workshop on Political Participation and Political Inclusion, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, June 8, 2017.
- “Measuring Protest Across Countries and Over Time,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4, 2016.
- “Economic Inequality and Belief in Meritocracy in the United States,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.
- “Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.
- “Economic Inequality, Intergenerational Mobility, and Belief in Meritocracy in the United States,” Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7-9, 2016.
- “Measuring Political Protest Across Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, PR, May 27-30, 2015.

- "The Standardized World Income Inequality Database," International Monetary Fund, Research Department, Washington, DC, December 8-9, 2014.
- "Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 27-31, 2014.
- "The Standardized World Income Inequality Database," Society for Economic Measurement, Chicago, IL, August 18-20, 2014.
- "Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion," European Political Science Association, Edinburgh, UK, June 18-22, 2014.
- "The Dynamics of Party Relabeling: Why Do Parties Change Names?" with Mi-son Kim, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014.
- "Free Trade and Working Class Political Attitudes: A Micro-Analysis of Power Resources and Revisionist Theories," with Dongkyu Kim and Mi-son Kim, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014.
- "Economic Inequality and Campaign Participation," with Michael Ritter, Iowa Workshop on Inequality, Politics, and Policy, Iowa City, IA, February 20-21, 2014.
- "The Standardized World Income Inequality Database," United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, NY, September 18, 2013.
- "Economic Inequality and External Efficacy: Citizen Perceptions of Government Responsiveness in Comparative Perspective," with Scott D. McClurg, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 10-14, 2013.
- "Economic Inequality and Democratic Responsiveness," Oxford University, Oxford, UK, February 26, 2013.
- "Economic Inequality, Public Opinion, and Democratic Policy Responsiveness," Conference on the Politics of Income Inequality, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, October 18-19, 2012.
- "Reversing the Arrow? Economic Inequality's Effect on Religiosity," Duke Conference on Religion and Stratification, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 13-14, 2012.
- "Relative Power, Public Opinion, and Democratic Policy Responsiveness," Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton, NJ, April 21, 2011.
- "Economic Inequality, Relative Power, and the Politics of Abortion in Comparative Perspective," with Merike Blofield, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.
- Participant, Workshop on the Connection Between Economic Crisis and Inequality, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton, NJ, March 5-6, 2011.
- "Measuring Economic Inequality," Conference on Equality-Oriented Policies, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany, December 15-17, 2010.
- "Diversionary Nationalism," Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton, NJ, September 30, 2010.
- "Diversionary Nationalism: Economic Inequality and the Formation of National Pride," American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008.
- "Gendering Relative Power: Intersectionality and Political Engagement in the Advanced Democracies," with Celeste Montoya, Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 20-22, 2008.
- "Community Heterogeneity and Political Engagement," with Scott D. McClurg, American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007.

- "Do Strong Commitments To Human Rights Promote Excessive Individualism, Ethical Egoism, Anti-Social Attitudes, and Political Disengagement?" with Donald Searing and Pamela Johnston Conover, American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007.
- "The Social Origins of Authoritarianism: Economic Inequality and Political Culture Around the World," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.
- "State Withdrawal and Ethnic Demobilization," with Stephen Bloom, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.
- "Diversionary Nationalism: Economic Inequality and the Formation of National Pride," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.
- "Income Inequality and Democratic Political Engagement," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004.
- "Evaluating the National Effects of Subnational Institutions in Mexico: The 2003 Federal Election," Conference on Mexico's 2003 Midterm Elections: Implications for the LIX Legislature and Party Consolidation, University of Texas, Austin, TX, September 15-16, 2003.
- "Explaining the Quality of New Democracies: Actors, Institutions, and Structure in Mexico's States," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August~28-31, 2003.
- "Actor-Centered, Institutional, and Structural Influences on the Quality of New Democracies: Evidence from the Mexican States," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2003.
- "Mexico's Uneven Transition to Democracy: Evidence from the States, 1988-2000," Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, TX, March 26-29, 2003.
- "State Electoral Systems, Party Pluralism, and Legislative Institutionalization: Evidence from Mexico," NSF Graduate Workshop on Democracy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, March 21, 2002.
- "Political Participation in the Mexican States: The 2000 Presidential Election," Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., September 6-8, 2001.
- "The Origins of Democratic Quality and Political Participation: Revisiting the Italian Case," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 19-22, 2001.
- "*La Apertura*: The Opening of the Venezuelan Oil Industry to Foreign Investment in the 1990s," Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association, Austin, TX, February 27-28, 1998.

### Awards and Internal Grants

- "Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion," PI, Political Science Department Small Grant, \$2500, Summer 2016.
- "Updating the Standardized World Income Inequality Database," PI. Political Science Department Small Grant, \$2400, Summer 2015.
- "Measuring Comparative Public Opinion," PI, Political Science Department Small Grant, \$2400, Summer 2013.
- "Updating the Standardized World Income Inequality Database," PI. Old Gold Fellowship, \$6000, Summer 2013.
- "Updating the Standardized World Income Inequality Database," PI. Political Science Department Small Grant, \$3600, Summer 2012.
- Nominated for the Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics by the Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004.

UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2002-2003.

UNC Graduate School Off-Campus Dissertation Research Award, Spring 2002. Earle Wallace Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2000-2001.

UNC Institute of Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Fellowship, 2000.

Tinker Foundation Summer Research Travel Grant, 2000.

National Science Foundation Democracy and Democratization Traineeship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999-2000.

Endowed Presidential Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin, 1996-1998.

UT Institute of Latin American Studies Scholarship, 1996-1997.

Competitive Academic Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin, 1995-1998.

### Academic Service and Public Outreach

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, European Research Council, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Acta Politica*, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Research*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Sociology*, *Cooperation & Conflict*, *Cross-Cultural Research*, *Development Studies Research*, *Economics of Transition*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *Globalizations*, *Government & Opposition*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, *PLoS One*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Poverty & Public Policy*, *Public Choice*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *World Development*, and *World Politics*.

Consultant to International Monetary Fund, Research Department, 2014-2015.

Consultant to United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2013-2015.

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016-2018.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2019-Present.

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2019-Present.

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2012-Present.

Chair, Third-Year Review Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, Spring 2019.

Speaker Series Co-Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2018-2019.

Chair, Five-Year Review Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, Spring 2018.

Chair, Computing and Technology Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2016-2019.

Political Methodology Subfield Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2015-2016.

Director, Inequality Working Group, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, 2013-2014.

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2012-2013.

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2006-2012.

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2006-2008.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2007-2008.

Discussant, State of the Field Roundtable: Challenges and Opportunities in Public Opinion Research, Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 9-10, 2020.

Discussant, Panel on Political Participation Across the World, Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 9-10, 2020.

Discussant, Panel on Agendas and Inequality: Managerialism and the Influence of the Wealthy, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Discussant, Panel on Predicting Satisfaction with Government, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Discussant, Panel on Representation and Inequality, Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7-9, 2016.

Discussant, Panel on Public Opinion Outside the USA, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2015.

Chair, Panel on Civil Society/Political Society: Social Movements, Political Parties, and the State, Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, PR, May 27-30, 2015.

Discussant, Panel on Public Opinion Over Redistributive and Related Economic Policies, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 27-31, 2014.

Chair, Panel on Perceptions of Governmental Legitimacy and Accountability, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014.

Co-organizer, Iowa Workshop on Inequality, Politics, and Policy, Iowa City, IA, February 20-21, 2014.

Discussant, Panel on Does Politics Drive Inequality?, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 10-14, 2013.

Discussant, Panel on Methods in Comparative Political Behavior, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

Discussant, Panel on Hard Times and Economic Voting, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship (Book) Award Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2009.

Chair and Discussant, Political Sociology Section Roundtable on Public Opinion, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 8-11, 2009.

Discussant, Panel on Political Participation in Comparative Perspective, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.



Discussant, Panel on Democratic Equity and Economic Development, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.

Discussant, Panel on Political Participation and Mobilization in Democracies, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 19-22, 2001.

Graduate Student Representative, Comparative Politics Search Committee (Eastern Europe), Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2000-2001.

Public Lecture. "Economic Inequality and Its Political Causes and Consequences," Whiteside Forum, Morrison, IL, April 15, 2016.

Public Lecture, "Economic Inequality and Democratic Performance Around the World," Iowa City Downtown Rotary Club, Iowa City, IA, April 6, 2015.

Public Lecture, "Economic Inequality and Democratic Performance Around the World," Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Iowa City, IA, September 26, 2013.

Guest, Episode on "Globalization and the World Economy," *WorldCanvass*, Iowa Public Radio, December 7, 2012.

Chief Notes Editor, *Texas Law Review*, 1996-1997.