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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2020- **New York University**  
Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics
- 2018-2020 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics

## EDUCATION

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- 2020 **Ph.D., Political Science (with Distinction), Columbia University**  
*Dissertation:* “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”  
*Committee:* Michael Ting (Chair), John Huber, Macartan Humphreys, and John Marshall
- 2016 **M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2014 **M.A., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2012 **B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Rice University**  
**B.M., Music Performance (Violin), Rice University**  
*Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

## RESEARCH

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### ARTICLES

- 2020 Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. “Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of Illegal Detention without Intent.” Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Erin A. York, and Michael M. Ting. “A Dynamic Model of Primaries.” *Journal of Politics*, 82(4).
- 2015 Slough, Tara, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yoon. “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327.

### WORKING PAPERS

- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Oversight, Capacity, and Inequality.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Bureaucratic Quality and the Observability of Electoral Accountability.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “On Theory and Identification: When and Why We Need Theory for Causal Identification.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “The Ethics of Electoral Experimentation: Design-Based Recommendations.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Daniel Rubenson, Ro’ee Levy, and 16 others. “Adoption of Community Monitoring Improves Common Pool Resource Management Across Contexts”
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Jacob Kopas, and Johannes Urpelainen. “Satellite-based Deforestation Alerts Facilitate Community Monitoring in the Peruvian Amazon.”

- 2019 Margalit, Yotam, Tara Slough, and Michael Ting. “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss.”
- 2019 Slough, Tara and Johannes Urpelainen. “Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon.”
- 2029 Arias, Eric, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. “Do Police-Community Meetings Work? Experimental Evidence from Medellín” (chapter for edited volume)

#### POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Slough, Tara. “[Midiendo el acceso a programas sociales en Colombia](#)” (in Spanish). Prepared with Innovations for Poverty Action.
- 2017 Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. “[Impact Evaluation of USAID Haiti PROJUSTICE Program Pretrial Detention Component](#).” Report for USAID.

#### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

- 2013 Shah, Kamal, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, Suave Gombwa, Athanase Kiromera, Z. Maria Oden, and Rebecca R. Richards Kortum. “Electronic Medical Records System for Palliative Care in Low-Resource Settings.” *BioMed Central Palliative Care*, 12(31). ()
- 2013 Spiegel, Garrett J., Cindy Dinh, Amanda Gutierrez, Julia Lukomnik, Benjamin Lu, Kamal Shah, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, et al. “Design, Evaluation, and Dissemination of a Plastic Syringe Clip to Improve Dosing Accuracy of Liquid Medications.” *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 41(9).

#### OTHER WRITINGS

- 2019 Slough, Tara. “[10 Things to Know about Measurement in Experiments](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2019 Slough, Tara. “[10 Things to Know about Missing Data](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2016 Carnegie, Allison and Tara Slough. “[The Promises and Pitfalls of Dyadic Data](#).” *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium, June 2016.

### RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

#### EXTERNAL

2018	PI, Private donor grant to support project in the Peruvian Amazon, with Jacob Kopas, Johannes Urpelainen, and Rainforest Foundation US.	\$250,000
2017	Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant, with Michael Ting (advisor).	\$21,231
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance. Steering Committee Member with Daniel Rubenson (since October 2017). Total excludes sub-award for Peru project listed below.	\$1,196,780
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance Sub-Award for Experiment in Peru. With Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen.	\$203,220
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-IV Community Policing Sub-Award for experiment in Colombia. With Eric Arias, Dorothy, Kronick, and Rebecca Hanson.	\$158,220
2016	J-PAL Governance Initiative Travel Grant	\$6,140
2015	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2015-2018)	\$138,000
2015	Co-PI, USAID Impact Evaluation Grant (AID-0AA-M-13-00013). With Christopher Fariss. (Grant administered by NORC.)	\$481,672

#### INTERNAL

2017	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Grant	\$5,000
2017	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,800
2016	Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics	\$1,600
2016	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,750
2015	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Seed Grant	\$4,700
2014	Institute for Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Fellowship	\$1,800
2011	Rice University Parish Fellowship	\$3,000

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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2020	University of Rochester; UC Santa Barbara (virtual); US Department of State; Office for Evaluation Services; UK Department for International Development (virtual); Caltech Political Economy Conference (postponed)
2019	Yale; International Methods Colloquium; Duke PPE Summer Symposium; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; NYU CESS Conference (discussant); Seventh Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, UC Berkeley (discussant); Ford Foundation
2018	American University; Columbia University; University of Pennsylvania; Yale; Universidad del Rosario (×2); Universidad de los Andes; BITSS Forecasts of Social Scientific Results Conference, UC Berkeley; MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-11), NYU; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; WZB Measurement of Political Inequality Workshop
2017	WZB Social Science Center; Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-9), Princeton; Fifth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Emory; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference
2015	Political Economy of Latin America Conference, Columbia

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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APSA	2015-2020
MPSA	2016-2019
POLMETH	2019
SPSA	2017, 2020
LASA	2016

## TEACHING

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### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

2021	Inequality (graduate seminar)
2020	Introduction to Research Methods for Politics (undergraduate lecture)

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT):

2016	Game Theory and Political Theory
2015	Multivariate Political Analysis
2015	Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research
2014	Math Methods for Political Science

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

2017, 2018	Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students
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### SHORT COURSES, WORKSHOPS:

- 2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days XI  
African School of Economics, Abomey-Calavi, Benin
- 2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days X  
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2018 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IX  
Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2017 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days VI  
Salima, Malawi
- 2016 TA, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IV  
Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
- 2016 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic  
USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Washington DC
- 2015 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic  
USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

- 2020 13th NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference
- 2017 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-8, Columbia University
- 2015 Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, Columbia University

### WORKING GROUPS FOUNDED:

- 2014 Co-Founder, Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) series, with Maria Victoria Murillo, Pablo Querubin, and Eric Arias

### REVIEWER:

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Energy Policy*

## STUDENTS/ADVISING

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*External Reader for PhD Defense: Nicholas Haas (NYU, 2020)*

## SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

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LANGUAGES: Spanish

SOFTWARE: R, Mathematica,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, Stata

FIELD RESEARCH: Colombia (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); Peru (2017); Nigeria (2016); Haiti (2015, 2016); Argentina (2015); Malawi (2012); Venezuela (2011)