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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

- 2021 Slough, Tara, Daniel Rubenson, Ro’ee Levy, and 16 others. “Adoption of Community Monitoring Improves Common Pool Resource Management Across Contexts” Forthcoming, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- 2021 Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. “Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of Illegal Detention without Intent.” *American Journal of Political Science* 65(1): 148-165.
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Erin A. York, and Michael M. Ting. “A Dynamic Model of Primaries.” *Journal of Politics*, 82(4): 1443-1457.

### 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.” (R&R)
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Jacob Kopas, and Johannes Urpelainen. “Satellite-based Deforestation Alerts Facilitate Community Monitoring in the Peruvian Amazon.” (R&R)

- 2019 Margalit, Yotam, Tara Slough, and Michael Ting. “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss.”(R&R)
- 2019 Slough, Tara and Johannes Urpelainen. “Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon.”
- 2020 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

- 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.
- 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

- 2020 Slough, Tara. [“Learning from An Experiment: Bayesian Perspectives on Estimation and Testing”](#)
- 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   |

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| 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

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| 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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| 2021 | BITSS Annual Conference; LSE (scheduled)   |
| 2020 | University of Rochester; UC Santa Barbara; US Department of State; Office for Evaluation Services; UK Department for International Development; Caltech Political Economy Conference (postponed); Empirical Studies of Conflict Conference, Princeton (discussant); EGAP; NYU; Washington University in Saint Louis  |
| 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, 2021 (scheduled) |
| POLMETH | 2019                        |
| SPSA    | 2017, 2020                  |
| LASA    | 2016                        |

#### TEACHING

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##### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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

##### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT):

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| 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, Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students  
2018

## 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:

2021 NYU Virtual Mini-conference on Experiments in honor of Rebecca Morton  
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, British Journal of Political Science, 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,  $\LaTeX$ , 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)