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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2020 **University of California, Berkeley**
Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics
- 2019- **New York University**
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (starting 2020)
Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics (2019-2020)

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D., Political Science (expected), Columbia University**
Dissertation: “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”
Committee: Michael Ting (Chair), John Huber, Macartan Humphreys, and John Marshall
Major: Comparative Politics, with Distinction
Minor: Political Economy (Formal Theory)
- 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

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 York, and Michael Ting. “A Dynamic Model of Primaries.” Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
- 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

- 2019 Slough, Tara. “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- 2019 Slough, Tara. “On Theory and Identification: When and Why We Need Theory for Causal Identification.”
- 2019 Slough, Tara. “The Ethics of Electoral Experimentation: Design-Based Recommendations.”
- 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.”

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
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

- 2019 Yale Methods Seminar; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; Duke PPE Summer Symposium; MPSA; PolMeth XXXVI; NYU CESS Conference (discussant); Ford Foundation; Seventh Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, UC Berkeley (discussant); International Methods Colloquium; Multi-Site Trial Conference, Brown University
- 2018 Yale Experiments Seminar; University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Seminar; American University Political Science Seminar; Columbia Political Economy Seminar; Universidad del Rosario Economics Seminar; Universidad del Rosario Political Science Seminar; Universidad de los Andes Political Science Seminar; 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

- APSA 2015-2019
MPSA 2016-2019
SPSA 2017, 2020 (scheduled)
LASA 2016

TEACHING

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHING ASSISTANT:

- 2016 Game Theory and Political Theory, Graduate Level, Professor John Huber
2015 Multivariate Political Analysis, Graduate Level, Professor Benjamin Goodrich
2015 Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research, Graduate Level, Professor Greg Wawro
2014 Math Methods for Political Science, Graduate Level, Professor Johannes Urpelainen

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

- 2017, 2018 Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students

RESEARCH DESIGN WORKSHOPS FOR ACADEMICS, POLICYMAKERS:

- 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

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

SEMINARS COORDINATED:

- 2017-8 Coordinator, Columbia Graduate Student Seminar
- 2015-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Seminar on the Study of Development Strategies
- 2014-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar

WORKING GROUPS FOUNDED:

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

PEER REVIEWER:

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

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

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)