

APPOINTMENTS

New York University

Associate Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics
Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics

September 2025-
2020-

Stanford University

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution

2024-2025

University of California, Berkeley

Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics

2018-2020

EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D., Political Science (with distinction)

October 2020

Dissertation: "Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy"

Rice University

B.A., Political Science (with honors)

May 2012

B.Mus., Violin Performance

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum Laude

RESEARCH

Element

1. Slough, Tara and Scott A. Tyson. 2024. *External Validity and Evidence Accumulation*. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

1. Slough, Tara and Scott A. Tyson. 2025. "Sign-Congruence, Replication, and External Validity." Forthcoming, *Political Analysis*.
2. Hanson, Rebecca, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2025. "Preaching to the Choir: A Problem of Participatory Interventions." *Journal of Politics*, 87(2): 739–756.
3. Slough, Tara. 2024. "Bureaucratic Quality and Electoral Accountability." *American Political Science Review*. 118(4): 1931-1950.
Winner, 2022 McGillivray Award for Best Paper, APSA Political Economy Section.
4. Slough, Tara. 2024. "Making a Difference: The Consequences of Electoral Experiments." *Political Analysis*. 32: 384–400.
5. Slough, Tara and Scott A. Tyson. 2023. "External Validity and Meta-Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science*. 67(2): 440-455.
6. Slough, Tara. 2023. "Phantom Counterfactuals." *American Journal of Political Science*. 67(1): 137-153.
Winner, 2024 Best Article by a Non-Tenured Scholar, APSA Formal Theory Section.

7. Grossman, Guy and Tara Slough. 2022. "Government Responsiveness in Developing Countries." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 25: 131-153.
8. Margalit, Yotam, Tara Slough, and Michael M. Ting. 2022. "After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 10(4): 739-758.
9. Blair, Graeme, Jeremy Weinstein, and 21 others. 2021. "Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South." *Science*, 374(1098): eabd3446.
10. Slough, Tara, Daniel Rubenson, and 17 others. 2021. "Adoption of Community Monitoring Improves Common Pool Resource Management Across Contexts." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(29): e2015367118.
11. Slough, Tara, Jacob Kopas, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2021. "Satellite-based Deforestation Alerts with Training and Incentives for Patrolling Facilitate Community Monitoring in the Peruvian Amazon." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(29): e2015171118.
12. Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. 2021. "Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of Illegal Detention without Intent." *American Journal of Political Science* 65(1): 148-165.
Winner, *AJPS* Best Article Award for best article published in in 2021.
13. Slough, Tara, Erin A. York, and Michael M. Ting. 2020. "A Dynamic Model of Primaries." *Journal of Politics*, 82(4): 1443-1457.

Chapters in edited volumes

1. Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, Tara Slough, and Eric Arias. 2024. "Do Police-Community Meetings Work? Experimental Evidence from Medellín." In *Crime, Insecurity, and Community Policing*, edited by Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, and Jeremy Weinstein. New York: Cambridge University Press: 226-256.

Working papers

1. Slough, Tara. 2024. "Squeaky Wheels and Inequality in Bureaucratic Service Provision."
2. Slough, Tara. 2024. "Oversight, Capacity, and Inequality," R&R, *Political Science Research and Methods*.
3. Slough, Tara. 2025. "Manufacturing Missingness: A Hidden Cost of Survey Experiments."
4. Slough, Tara. 2025. "The Organizational Dynamics of Administrative Data Production."
5. Slough, Tara. 2025. "Bureaucratic Incentives and Data Production: Evidence from Social Registries"
6. Fu, Jiawei and Tara Slough. 2025. "Heterogeneous Treatment Effects and Causal Mechanisms." R&R, *American Political Science Review*.
Winner, 2024 Society for Political Methodology Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology.
7. Garbiras-Díaz, Natalia and Tara Slough. 2025. "The Limits of Administrative Data Collection: Evidence from Colombia."
8. Slough, Tara and Carolina Torreblanca 2025. "Class and the Development of Trust in Police in Latin America"
9. Idrobo, Nicolás, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2025. "Oversight, Policing, and Crime: Evidence from Colombia"
10. Golden, Miriam, Tara Slough, Haoyu Zhai, and many others. 2023. "Gathering, evaluating, and aggregating social scientific models of COVID-19 mortality."
11. Slough, Tara. 2024. "The Credibility Revolution and the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models." Chapter prepared for edited volume on the 20th Anniversary of EITM. Under contract, Cambridge University Press.

Policy publications

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

Peer-reviewed articles in other fields

1. Chen, Bohan, Kaiyan Peng, Christian Parkinson, Andrea L. Bertozzi, Tara Slough, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2021. “Modeling illegal logging in Brazil.” *Research in the Mathematical Sciences*, 8(29): 1-21.
2. Slough, Tara, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yoon. 2015. “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327.
3. Shah, Kamal, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, Suave Gombwa, Athanase Kiromera, Z. Maria Oden, and Rebecca R. Richards Kortum. 2013. “Electronic Medical Records System for Palliative Care in Low-Resource Settings.” *BioMed Central Palliative Care*, 12(31).
4. Spiegel, Garrett J., Cindy Dinh, Amanda Gutierrez, Julia Lukomnik, Benjamin Lu, Kamal Shah, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, et al. 2013. “Design, Evaluation, and Dissemination of a Plastic Syringe Clip to Improve Dosing Accuracy of Liquid Medications.” *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 41(9).

AWARDS

- Society for Political Methodology Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology for “Heterogeneous Treatment Effects and Causal Mechanisms” 2024
- APSA Formal Theory Section Best Article by a Non-Tenured Scholar for “Phantom Counterfactuals” 2024
- APSA Comparative Politics Section Luebbert Best Article Honorable Mention for “Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South” 2023
- APSA Political Economy Section McGillivray Best Paper Award for “Bureaucratic Quality and Electoral Accountability” 2022
- *AJPS* Best Article Award for “Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of Illegal Detention without Intent” 2022
- APSA Experimental Research Section Best Dissertation Award 2021

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- PI, NSF Ethics and Responsible Research (ER2) Award. (\$399,724) 2024-2026
- W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship, Hoover Institution (deferred to 2024-5) 2023
- PI, IPA Advanced Research Methods in the Social Sciences Fund. (\$20,000) 2021
- Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant. (\$21,231) 2017
- PI, EGAP/DFID Metaketa-III: Natural Resource Governance. (\$1,300,000) 2017
- PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-IV Community Policing sub-award (\$158,220) 2017
- J-PAL Governance Initiative Travel Grant. (\$6,140) 2016
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000) 2015-2018
- Co-PI, USAID Impact Evaluation Grant AID-0AA-M-13-00013. (\$481,672, administered by NORC) 2015

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

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| Michigan (scheduled) | 2026 |
| Berkeley Goldman; Chicago Harris (scheduled); Stanford; PolMeth Europe at LSE (keynote) | 2025 |
| Symposium on Advancing Measurement in Survey Experiments, Princeton University; Washington PECO, Georgetown University; World Bank; IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy; National Science Foundation; Chicago Booth Conference on Venezuelan Politics (discussant) | 2024 |
| University of Houston; Penn State; Princeton (×2); UC Berkeley; Columbia; Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective Conference, University of Pennsylvania; Theory in Methods Conference, New York University; USAID (×2); IFPRI Applied Microeconomics and Development Seminar; Northwestern Kellogg; IPA/GPRL Annual Gathering, Northwestern University; International Economics Association World Congress (invited session) | 2023 |
| BITSS Annual Conference, UC Berkeley; Washington University in St. Louis; Caltech; NYU/LSE Political Economy Conference, LSE; Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Harvard; UC Berkeley Haas; ITAM; EGAP Knowledge Accumulation and External Validity Workshop, Université de Montréal; Uses of Formal Theory Conference, University of Chicago; POLECONUK Webinar; NYU Abu Dhabi; Yale; IDB Political Economy Seminar | 2022 |
| BITSS Annual Conference, UC Berkeley; LSE; EGAP Summer Methods Workshop; National Democratic Institute; NYU; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-17), University of Pennsylvania, European Workshop in Empirical Political Science (EuroWEPS); World Bank | 2021 |
| Rochester; UC Santa Barbara; US Department of State; Office for Evaluation Services; UK Department for International Development; Caltech Political Economy Conference (cancelled due to COVID); Empirical Studies of Conflict Conference, Princeton (discussant); EGAP; NYU; Washington University in St. Louis | 2020 |
| 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 | 2019 |
| American University; Columbia University; University of Pennsylvania; Yale; Universidad del Rosario; 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 | 2018 |
| 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 | 2017 |

Conference Presentations

APSA (2015-2024); EPSA (2021); LASA (2016, 2024); MPSA (2016-2019, 2021); PolMeth (2019, 2021-2023); SIOE (2022); SPSA (2017, 2020)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

New York University

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| • <i>Quantitative Methods IV</i> (graduate methods) | Spring 2026 (scheduled) |
| • <i>Quantitative Methods III</i> (graduate methods) | Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024 |
| • <i>Inequality</i> (graduate seminar) | Spring 2021, Spring 2023 |
| • <i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i> (undergraduate lecture) | Spring 2022, Fall 2025 (scheduled) |

Short Courses, Workshops:

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| • Instructor, EITM Institute, University of Michigan | 2025 (scheduled) |
| • Instructor, EITM Institute, Emory University | 2024 |
| • Instructor, EITM Institute, Princeton University | 2023 |
| • Instructor, EITM Institute, University of California, Berkeley | 2022 |
| • Instructor, EGAP Learning Days, Virtual refresher course for alumni | 2021 |
| • Instructor, EGAP Learning Days XI, African School of Economics | 2019 |
| • Instructor, EGAP Learning Days X, Universidad de los Andes | 2019 |
| • Instructor, EGAP Learning Days IX, Universidad Católica del Uruguay | 2018 |
| • Instructor, EGAP Learning Days VI, Salima, Malawi | 2017 |
| • TA, EGAP Learning Days IV, Universidad Diego Portales | 2016 |
| • Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic, USAID DRG, Arlington, VA | 2016 |
| • Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic, USAID DRG, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | 2015 |

Students/Advising

Students (and placements):

Carolina Torreblanca (chair): University of Pennsylvania Post-doc

Rajeshwari Majumdar: Yale Post-doc; incoming Assistant Professor, George Washington University

Jiawei Fu (co-chair): Yale Post-doc; incoming Assistant Professor, Duke

Elisa Wirsching: Princeton Post-doc; incoming Assistant Professor, LSE

Zoe Ge: Assistant Professor, IE University

Current students (3rd year or more advanced): Mengfan Cheng, Justin Melnick, Julieta Valenzuela, Yinxuan Wang, Meghna Yadav

Outside reader for PhD defense: Nicholas Haas (NYU, 2020), Rafael Ch Duran (NYU, 2021), Junlong Aaron Zhou (NYU, 2022), Kyu Won Lee (NYU, 2023), Maria Curiel (NYU, 2023), Francis Touola (NYU, 2024), Tatsuya Koyama (NYU, 2024)

SERVICE

Conferences Organized

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| • Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-24 (scheduled), NYU | 2025 |
| • Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU | 2023-5 |
| • Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, NYU | 2024 |
| • Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-18, NYU | 2022 |
| • NYU Virtual Mini-conference on Experiments in honor of Rebecca Morton, NYU | 2021 |
| • 13th NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference | 2020 |
| • Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-8, Columbia University | 2017 |
| • Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, Columbia University | 2015 |

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Energy Policy, Journal of Causal Inference, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PS: Political Science and Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Quarterly Journal of Political Science

Editorial Boards

- *American Journal of Political Science* 2025-
- *Political Analysis* 2025-
- *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* 2020-

Service to the Discipline

- Committee member, SPM Gosnell Prize 2025
- Committee member, APSA Formal Theory Section Best APSA Paper Award 2025
- Chair, Formal Theory Section, EPSA 2025
- Member, PolMeth Diversity Committee 2022-
- Program Committee, PolMeth 41 2024
- Co-Chair, Political Economy Section, APSA Annual Meeting 2023
- Committee member, APSA Experimental Research Section Best Dissertation Award 2022

Service to NYU

- Reader and interviewer, Office of Global Awards 2021, 2023-4
- Discussant, Politics Department Undergraduate Honors Conference 2021, 2022
- Judge, Undergraduate Research Conference 2022
- Grant reviewer, Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund (DURF) 2020

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Spanish
- **Software:** R, Mathematica, \LaTeX , Python
- **Field research:** Colombia, Peru, Nigeria, Haiti, Argentina, Malawi, Venezuela