# Tara Slough

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

New York University	New York, NY
Associate Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics	2025-
Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics	2020-2025

Stanford University	Stanford, CA
W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow,	2024-2025

Hoover Institution

University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics	2018-2020

### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University	New York, NY
Ph.D. in Political Science (with Distinction)	2020

Rice University	Houston, TX
B.A. in Political Science (with Honors)	2012
B.M. in Violin Performance	2012

• Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

#### Element

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

1. Tara Slough and Scott A. Tyson. 2024. External Validity and Evidence Accumulation. New York: Cambridge University Press.

#### Articles

- 1. Tara Slough and Scott A. Tyson. 2025. "Sign-Congruence, Replication, and External Validity." *Political Analysis*, 33(3): 195-210.
- 2. Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and **Tara Slough**. 2025. 'Preaching to the Choir: A Problem of Participatory Interventions." *Journal of Politics*, 87(2): 739-756.
- 3. **Tara Slough**. 2024. "Making a Difference: The Consequences of Electoral Experiments." Political Analysis. 32(4): 384–400.
- 4. Tara Slough. 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.
- 5. Tara Slough and Scott A. Tyson. 2023. "External Validity and Meta-Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science*. 67(2): 440-455.
- 6. Tara Slough. 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. Guy Grossman and Tara Slough. 2022. "Government Responsiveness in Developing Countries." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 25: 131-153.
- 8. Yotam Margalit, 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. Graeme Blair, Jeremy Weinstein, ..., **Tara Slough**, ... (20 others). 2021. "Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South." *Science*, 374(1098): eabd3446.
- 10. Tara Slough, Daniel Rubenson, ... (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. Tara Slough, 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. **Tara Slough** 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. Tara Slough, Erin A. York, and Michael M. Ting. 2020. "A Dynamic Model of Primaries." *Journal of Politics*, 82(4): 1443-1457.

#### Chapter in Edited Volume

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. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

# Working Papers

- 1. Tara Slough. 2024. "Oversight, Capacity, and Inequality," R&R, Political Science Research and Methods.
- 2. Tara Slough. 2025. "The Organizational Dynamics of Administrative Data Production."
- 3. Tara Slough. 2025. "Bureaucratic Incentives and Data Production: Evidence from Social Registries."
- 4. Tara Slough. 2025. "Manufacturing Missingness: A Hidden Cost of Survey Experiments"
- 5. Tara Slough. 2024. "Squeaky Wheels and Inequality in Bureaucratic Service Provision."
- 6. Jiawei Fu 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. Natalia Garbiras-Díaz and Tara Slough. 2025. "Government Oversight and Inter-Institutional Legibility: Evidence from Colombia." R&R, *Journal of Politics*.
- 8. Tara Slough and Scott A. Tyson. "Mechanisms: Attribution and Inference."
- 9. Tara Slough and Carolina Torreblanca. 2025. "Class and the Development of Trust in Police in Latin America."
- 10. Nicolás Idrobo, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2025. "How Police and Crime Respond to Courts: Evidence from Colombia."
- 11. Miriam Golden, Tara Slough, Haoyu Zhai, ... (29 others). 2025. "Gathering, evaluating, and aggregating social scientific models of COVID-19 mortality."
- 12. **Tara Slough.** 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. Tara Slough. 2018. "Midiendo el acceso a programas sociales en Colombia" (in Spanish). Prepared with Innovations for Poverty Action.
- 2. Tara Slough and Christopher Fariss. 2017. "Impact Evaluation of USAID Haiti PRO-JUSTICE Program Pretrial Detention Component." Report for USAID.

# **PUBLICATIONS** IN OTHER **FIELDS**

- 1. Bohan Chen, 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. Tara Slough, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yoon. 2015. "Light for All? Evaluating Brazil's Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010." Energy Policy, 86(C): 315-327.
- 3. Kamal Shah, 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. Garrett J. Spiegel, 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 2024 Methodology for "Heterogeneous Treatment Effects and Causal Mechanisms" • APSA Formal Theory Section Best Article by an Untenured Scholar for 2024 "Phantom Counterfactuals" • APSA Comparative Politics Section Honorable Mention for Luebbert Best 2023 Article Award for "Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South" APSA Political Economy Section McGillivray Best Paper Award for "Bureaucratic 2022 Quality and Electoral Accountability" • AJPS Best Article Award for "Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of 2022 Illegal Detention without Intent"

# 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,	2023
Hoover Institution (deferred to 2024-5)	
• PI, IPA Advanced Research Methods in the Social Sciences Fund. (\$20,000)	2021
• Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant.	2017
(\$21,231)	
• PI, EGAP/DFID Metaketa-III: Natural Resource Governance. (\$1,300,000)	2017
• PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-IV Community Policing sub-award	2017
(\$158,220)	
• 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.	2015
(\$481,672, administered by NORC)	

# Presentations

2026: University of Michigan (scheduled); University of Pennsylvania (scheduled)

2025: Berkeley Goldman; Chicago Harris; Stanford; PolMeth Europe at LSE (keynote); PolMeth XLII; APSA

2024: 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); APSA; LASA

2023: 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; NYU/LSE Political Economy Conference (discussant); USAID (×2); IFPRI Applied Microeconomics and Development Seminar; Northwestern Kellogg; IPA/GPRL Annual Gathering, Northwestern University; International Economics Association World Congress (invited session); APSA; PolMeth XL

2022: 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; APSA; PolMeth XXXIX; SIOE

**2021:** 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; APSA; PolMeth XXXVII; EPSA; MPSA

2020: 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; APSA; SPSA

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; APSA; MPSA; PolMeth XXXV

2018: 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; APSA; MPSA

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; APSA; MPSA; SPSA

#### At NYU

# Teaching

Quantitative Methods IV (graduate methods)
 Quantitative Methods III (graduate methods)
 S2024, F2022, F2021
 Inequality (graduate seminar)
 Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture)
 F2025, S2022

• Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate lecture)

# Teaching ctd.

#### **Short Courses and Workshops**

• EITM Institute, University of Michigan	2025
• EITM Institute, Emory University	2024
• EITM Institute, Princeton University	2023
• EITM Institute, University of California, Berkeley	2022
• EGAP Learning Days, Virtual refresher course for alumni	2021
• EGAP Learning Days, African School of Economics	2019
• EGAP Learning Days, Universidad de los Andes	2019
• EGAP Learning Days, Universidad Católica del Uruguay	2018
• EGAP Learning Days, Salima, Malawi	2017

### **ADVISING**

## Students (and placements)

- Carolina Torreblanca (chair): Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- Rajeshwari Majumdar: Assistant Professor, George Washington University
- Jiawei Fu (co-chair): Assistant Professor, Duke University
- Elisa Wirsching: Assistant Professor, London School of Economics
- Zoe Ge: Assistant Professor, IE University

#### In Progress

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

#### **Editorial Boards:**

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

#### 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, Journal of Theoretical 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, Quarterly Journal of Political Science

# SERVICE CTD. Conferences Organized NEWEPS-24 at NY

NEWEPS-24 at NYU	2025
Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science	2023-2025
Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference at NYU	2024
NEWEPS-18 at NYU	2022
NYU Virtual Mini-conference on Experiments in honor of Rebecca Morto	n 2021
13th NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference	2020
NEWEPS-8 at Columbia	2017
Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference at Columbia	2015

# To the Discipline:

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

# To the University:

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

Languages: Spanish

Skills

Programming: R, Mathematica, LATEX, Python.

Field Research: Colombia, Peru, Nigeria, Haiti, Argentina, Malawi, Venezuela