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Current position

PhD. Candidate, UCLA Department of Political Science

Advisors: Matt Barreto (chair), Lynn Vavreck, David O. Sears, Efrén Pérez, and Chad Hazlett

Education

- 2015 MA in Political Science, University of Washington, WA
- 2011 BA in Government, Skidmore College, NY

Publications

[\[Replication Files\]](#)

- 2019 11. Valenzuela, Ali A. and **Tyler Reny**. 2019. “Evolution of Experiments on Racial Priming” *Forthcoming in Advances in Experimental Political Science* Eds. James N. Druckman and Donald P. Green
- 10. **Reny, Tyler**, Ali A. Valenzuela, and Loren Collingwood. 2019. “‘No, You’re Playing the Race Card’: Testing the Effects of Anti-Black, Anti-Latino and Anti-Immigration Appeals in the post-Obama Era” *Forthcoming at Political Psychology* [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)
 - Press: [\[Vox’s The Weeds Podcast\]](#)
- 9. **Reny, Tyler**, Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta, and Vanessa Cruz Nichols. 2019. “Threat, Mobilization, and Latino Voting in the 2018 Election” *Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 16(4): 631–657 [\[PDF\]](#)
- 8. **Reny, Tyler**, Loren Collingwood, and Ali Valenzuela. 2019. “Vote Switching in the 2016 Election: Racial and Immigration Attitudes, Not Economics, Explains Shifts in White Voting” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(1): 91–113. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)
 - Press: [\[The New York Times\]](#) [\[The Economist\]](#) [\[Vox.com\]](#) [\[NJ.com\]](#) [\[Daily Beat Podcast Pt. 1\]](#) [\[Daily Beat Podcast Pt. 2\]](#) [\[Phys.org\]](#) [\[NJ.com\]](#)

2018

7. **Reny, Tyler**, and Benjamin J. Newman. 2018. "Protecting the Right to Discriminate: The Second Great Migration and Racial Threat in the American West." *American Political Science Review*. 112(4): 1104-1110. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)

- Awards: Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on Politics of the American West (WPSA 2018)

6. Gest, Justin, **Tyler Reny**, and Jeremy Mayer. 2018. "Roots of the Radical Right: Nostalgic Deprivation in the United States and Britain" *Comparative Political Studies* 51(13): 1694-1719. [\[PDF\]](#)

5. **Reny, Tyler** and Paru Shah. 2018. "Immigrant Political Ambition: New Americans and the Quest for Political Office." *Social Sciences Quarterly* 99(3): 1038-1059. [\[PDF\]](#)

- Press: [\[Voice of America\]](#)

2017

4. **Reny, Tyler**. 2017. "Demographic Change, Latino Countermobilization, and the Politics of Immigration in U.S. Senate Campaigns" *Political Research Quarterly* 70(4): 735-748. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplement\]](#)

3. Barreto, Matt, **Tyler Reny**, and Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta. 2017. "Survey Methodology and the Latina/o Vote: Why a Bilingual, Bicultural, Latino-centered Approach Matters" *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*. 42(2): 211-227. [\[PDF\]](#)

2. Garcia-Rios, Sergio I., Angela X. Ocampo, **Tyler Reny**, and Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta. 2017. "El peso del voto latino en 2016." *Foreign Affairs Latinoamerica* 17(1): 11-15. [\[PDF\]](#)

2016

1. **Reny, Tyler** and Sylvia Manzano. 2016. "The Negative Effects of Mass Media Stereotypes of Latinos and Immigrants." In *Media and Minorities: Questions on Representation from an International Perspective*. Eds Georg Ruhrmann, Yasemin Shoorman, and Peter Widmann. Jewish Museum of Berlin Press. [\[PDF\]](#)

UNDER REVIEW

Reny, Tyler, and David O. Sears. "Hands Off My Obamacare: Self-Interest and Symbolic Attitudes in The Health Care Debate"

OTHER WORKING PROJECTS

Wilcox-Archuleta, Bryan, Benjamin J. Newman, and Tyler Reny. "The Geopolitics of Critical Race Films"

Reny, Tyler and Justin Gest. "How In-Group Elite Rhetoric Shapes Immigration Attitudes"

Reny, Tyler and Michael Tesler. "The Racialization and Deracialization of the ACA"

Dissertation

My dissertation explores group relations in geographic space and is guided by a central question: what happens when out-groups enter or attempt to enter homogeneous spaces dominated by a single group? How do these dominant groups respond to the perceived threat of “others”? In the first study which was published last year in the *American Political Science Review*, I leverage a unique historical event, the migration of large numbers of black Southerners into California during the Second Great Migration (1940s-1960s), to estimate the effects of rapid demographic change on white voting. The second study investigates a previously unexplored vehicle for racial threat, new mass transit (NMT). NMT provides rapid and affordable arterial connections between segregated communities, potentially generating inter-group contact in communities that previously experienced very little. The study proposes that support for public goods can be shaped by this prospective group threat. I find evidence for this theory using voting data from a 1962 bond vote in San Francisco County that would provide funds for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system and facilitate the entry of black East Bay residents into primarily white inner-ring suburbs of San Francisco. The third project, which is scheduled for Fall 2019, plans to leverage an original lab experiment with UCLA students to examine how various types of intergroup contact—passive versus intensive, in-group versus out-group—shape attitudes about multiculturalism and behavior.

Grants, honors & awards

2019	APSA Travel Grant (\$200) Distinguished Junior Scholar Award from the APSA Political Psychology Section (\$400) UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology (\$500)
2018	“How In-Group Elite Rhetoric Shapes Immigration Attitudes” (Co-PI with Justin Gest) <i>Partnership for a New American Economy</i> (\$73,375) Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on Politics of the American West (WPSA 2018) (\$250) APSA Political Communication Subsection Travel Award (\$700) UCLA Hoffenberg Fellow APSA Travel Grant (\$100) CSREP Mark Q. Sawyer Professional Development Travel Grant (\$300) Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Scholarship (\$500) UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology (\$500)
2017	APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel Grant (\$250) UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy Fellowship (\$5,000) UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology (\$500) UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award (\$36,000) UCLA Graduate Research Summer Mentorship Award (\$6,000)
2016	UCLA Hoffenberg Award UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology (\$500) UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award (\$36,000) UCLA Graduate Research Summer Mentorship Award (\$6,000) APSA Warren E. Miller Fund Research Grant (\$2,000)

- 2015 Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Washington (\$500)
- 2014 Donald R. Matthews Graduate Fellowship Summer Stipend, University of Washington (\$5,000)
- 2013 Donald R. Matthews Graduate Fellowship, University of Washington (\$51,000)
- 2011 *Phi Beta Kappa*
Susan Riley Gunderson '64 Prize for Excellence in the Study of American Government (\$500)
- 2009 *Pi Sigma Alpha*
Levine Internship Award (\$3,000)

INFORMAL & REPORTS

- 2019 “Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape Methodology and Representativeness Assessment” with Chris Tausanovitch, Lynn Vavreck, Alex Rossell Hayes, and Aaron Rudkin (December). Nationscape. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2018 “To win over moderates, Democrats need a coherent immigration policy” with Justin Gest (July). LA Times Op-Ed. [\[Link\]](#).
“Should I Stay or Should I Go? How Effective Transit Oriented Development Can Lead to Positive Economic Growth Without Displacing Latinos” (March). LPPI. [\[Link\]](#).
Press: [Mercury News](#) || [Citylab](#) || [Block Club Chicago](#) || [Curbed](#) || [East Bay Express](#).
“Why the GOP’s anti-immigration politics are here to stay.” (July). LSE US Centre Blog. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2017 “In contrast to the exit poll, official election results in Illinois show Latino turnout was up and vote for Trump was down.” (February). The Huffington Post. [\[Link\]](#).
“No, Trump didn’t do surprisingly well among Latino voters: Let’s once and for all dispense with that exit-poll-based fiction.” (January). The New York Daily News. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2016 “Trump fared worse than Romney in Florida Hispanic vote.” (December). The Hill. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2014 *Minority Representation Gaps, by the Numbers* (October). Monkey Cage. The Washington Post. [\[Link\]](#).
Represent 2020: Toward a Better Vision for Democracy (September). New American Leaders Project. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2013 *Run Local: New American Electorate and the 2013 Municiple Elections* (March). New American Leaders Project. [\[Link\]](#).
Obama Barely Touched Immigration in His Speech, but That’s a Good Thing (February). National Journal’s Next America. [\[Link\]](#).
- 2012 *From the Community to the Capitol: Immigrants Flex Political Muscle in the 2012 Congressional Races* (October). New American Leaders Project. [\[Link\]](#).
How the U.S. is Still Struggling with Universal Suffrage (September). National Journal’s Next America. [\[Link\]](#).
Educating Tomorrow’s Workforce is Crucial for America’s Prosperity (July). National Journal’s Next America. [\[Link\]](#).

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2016, 2017, 2018)
Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference (PRIEC) (2014, 2015, 2016)
State Politics and Policy Conference (2013)

Additional Experience

2019-	Project Coordinator, Nationscape Survey
2017-	Research Fellow, UCLA Latino Public Policy Institute (LPPI)
2015-	Research Assistant, Assistant Professor Justin Gest, George Mason University
2015-	Research Fellow, New American Leaders Project, NY
2014-	Research Assistant, Professor Matt Barreto, UCLA
2014	Research Consultant, New American Leaders Project, NY
2011-2013	Program and Research Associate, New American Leaders Project, NY
2011	Research Assistant for Associate Professor David Karp, Skidmore College, NY
2011	Research Assistant for Dr. Tom Gais, Rockefeller Institute, NY
2009-2011	Research Assistant for Professors Bob Turner and Patricia Ferraioli, Skidmore College, NY
2011	Research Intern for Senator Olympia Snowe (ME), Washington, D.C.

Teaching

GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR

2016-2019	Graduate Bootcamp in R Statistical Programming
2017-2019	Introduction to R
2016-	Political Science Department R Maven

UNDERGRADUATE INSTRUCTOR

2019	Instructor: 1960s Cluster: Data Analysis and Research Design
2018	Instructor: Introduction to Data Analysis

UNDERGRADUATE TA

2018	TA: Political Communications. Professor Georgia Kernell.
	TA: Political Communications. Professor Tim Groeling.
2015	TA: Introduction to American Politics. Professor Mark Smith.

2014

TA: Introduction to American Politics. Professor Megan Frances.

TA: Introduction to American Politics. Professor Becca Thorpe.

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*

Skills

R, SPSS, STATA, Python, \LaTeX , SQLite, QGIS, GIMP

Webscraping

Proficient in Spanish

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