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Positions held

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| 2016- | Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, The University of Texas at El Paso |
| 2011–2017 | Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at El Paso |
| 2011–2016 | Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at El Paso |
| 2005–2011 | Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at El Paso |
| 2003–2004 | Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Ciência Política, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil |
| 1998-1999 | Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, The University of Montana |

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2005

Certificate of Advanced Study on Latin American Social and Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh, 2005

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Time Series Analysis, Matrix Algebra, 2002

Social Network Analysis, 2006

Spatial Regression Analysis, 2010

MA in International Studies, The Claremont Graduate University, 1997 (with Best Master's Research Paper Award)

BA in Political Science, The University of Montana, 1995 (Summa Cum Laude & Political Science Honor Award)

Research interest

Political institutions, legislative politics and behavior, executive-legislative relations, presidential and legislative coalitions, elections and electoral systems, democratization, political accountability, political instability, comparative and international political economy, health politics and policy, Latin American politics, Brazilian politics.

Publications

Books and monographs

2022. Gaspare Genna and Taeko Hiroi. *Exploring Politics: A Concise Introduction*. Sage/CQ Press.
2019. Gaspare Genna and Taeko Hiroi. *Introduction to Politics*. Top Hat.
2017. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Renno. [Meaning of Time: Legislative Duration in the Brazilian Congress](#). Textos para Discussão/Discussion Paper Series (TD228). November. Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada. Brazil.
2014. Gaspare Genna and Taeko Hiroi. *Regional Integration and Democratic Conditionality: How Democracy Clauses Help Democratic Consolidation and Deepening*. Routledge.
2014. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Renno. [Obstrução e Processo Decisório na Câmara dos Deputados: 1991 a 2010](#). Textos para Discussão Series (TD1957). April. Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada. Brazil.

Journal articles

2025. Taeko Hiroi and Pedro Neiva. [“Legislative Underrepresentation and Executive Dominance: Why Powerful States Accept Legislative Malapportionment.”](#) *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/publius/pjaf008>. Advanced online publication.
2023. Taeko Hiroi and Gregory Schober. [“Corruption, patronage, and avertable child deaths in developing countries.”](#) *Politics & Policy* 51(6): 961-1194. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12568>.
2023. Gaspare Genna and Taeko Hiroi. [“Safeguarding the promise of integration: Regional leaders and coup deterrence.”](#) *Regions & Cohesion* 13(1): 1-22.
2021. Pedro Neiva and Taeko Hiroi. [“The presidential calculus in the appointment of ministers in Brazil.”](#) *Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* 55(5): 1232-1249.

*Also published in Portuguese. Pedro Neiva and Taeko Hiroi. [“O cálculo do presidente ao nomear ministros no Brasil.”](#) *Revista de Administração Pública* 55(5): 1232–1249. <https://doi.org/10.1590/0034-761220200877>.

2020. Pedro Neiva and Taeko Hiroi. "[Todos os estados são iguais, mas alguns são mais iguais do que outros.](#)" *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais* 35(103). <https://doi.org/10.1590/3510301/2020>.
2019. Taeko Hiroi. "[Paradox of Redistribution: Legislative Overrepresentation and Regional Development in Brazil.](#)" *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 49(4): 642–670. Advance online publication in December 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1093/publius/pjy043>.
2018. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Rennó. "[Disentangling legislative duration in coalitional presidential systems.](#)" *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 24 (4): 475-498.
2015. Taeko Hiroi and Sawa Omori. "[Policy Change and Coups: The Role of Income Inequality and Asset Specificity.](#)" *International Political Science Review* 36(4): 441-456.
2015. Lucio Renno and Taeko Hiroi. "[Obstrucción y Proceso Decisorio en la Cámara de los Diputados: Brasil 1991 a 2010.](#)" *América Latina Hoy, Revista de Ciencias Sociales* Vol. 70 (August): 135-163.
2014. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Renno. "[Dimensions of Legislative Conflict: Coalitions, Obstructionism, and Lawmaking in Multiparty Presidential Regimes.](#)" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 39(3): 357–386.
2014. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Renno. "[Institutional and Partisan Sources of Legislative Conflict: The Brazilian Case.](#)" *Revista Ibero-Americana de Estudos Legislativos*. No. 1 (March): 2-12.
2013. Taeko Hiroi. "[Sistemas eleitorais e prevaricação no congresso: comparando senadores e deputados brasileiros em casos na suprema corte.](#)" *Revista Conexão Política* 2(1): 51-78.
- *Also published in English. "[Electoral Systems and Congressional Malfeasance: Comparing Brazilian Senators and Deputies in the Supreme Court Cases.](#)" *Revista Conexão Política* 2(1) (2013): 49-74.
2013. Taeko Hiroi and Pedro Neiva. "[Malapportionment and Geographical Bases of Electoral Support in the Brazilian Senate.](#)" *The Journal of Politics in Latin America*. 5(1): 127-150.
2013. Taeko Hiroi. "[Governability and Accountability in Brazil: Dilemma of Coalitional Presidentialism.](#)" *The Journal of Social Science*. No. 75 (March): 39-59.
2013. Taeko Hiroi and Sawa Omori. "[Causes and Triggers of Coups d'état: An Event History Analysis.](#)" *Politics & Policy* 41(1): 39-64.
2009. Taeko Hiroi and Sawa Omori. "[Perils of Parliamentarism? Political Systems and the Stability of Democracy Revisited.](#)" *Democratization* 16(3): 485-507.
2009. Taeko Hiroi. "[Exchange Rate Regime, Central Bank Independence, and Political Business Cycles in Brazil.](#)" *Studies in Comparative International Development* 44(1): 1-22.

2008. Taeko Hiroi. "[Timing and Outcome of Legislation: Brazilian Pension Reform in a Bicameral Perspective.](#)" *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 14(4): 394-420.
2008. Taeko Hiroi. "[The Dynamics of Lawmaking in a Bicameral Legislature: The Case of Brazil.](#)" *Comparative Political Studies* 41(12): 1583-1606.
2007. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "[Brazilian Regional Power in the Development of Mercosul.](#)" *Latin American Perspectives*, 34(5): 43-57.
2005. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "[The Effects of Unequal Size: Costs and Benefits of Unilateral Action in the Development of MERCOSUR.](#)" *Journal of Developing Societies*. 21(3-4): 337-355.
2005. Barry Ames, Taeko Hiroi, and Lucio Renno. "[The Political Economy of Personnel Expenditures: Brazilian States, 1965-1994.](#)" *Brazilian Journal of Political Economy* 25(1): 50-69.
2004. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "[Power Preponderance and Domestic Politics: Explaining Regional Economic Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1960-1997.](#)" *International Interactions*, 30 (2): 143-164.

Book chapters

(** denotes a student co-author)

- Forthcoming. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Rennó. "Processo legislativo no Brasil: poderes de agenda e ferramentas de obstrução." In Gustavo Biscaia de Lacerda and Adriano Codato, eds., *Manual de Ciência Política*. Brazil: Editora da UFPR.
2016. Taeko Hiroi and Lucio Renno. "[Agenda Setting and Gridlock in a Multiparty Coalitional Presidential System: The Case of Brazil.](#)" In Eduardo Aleman and George Tsebelis, eds., *Legislative Institutions and Lawmaking in Latin America*. Oxford University Press.
2010. Taeko Hiroi and Douglas Block**. "Central Bank Independence in Words and in Deeds: Lessons from Brazil and Chile." Marlon Cappello and Critian Rizzo, eds. *Central Banking and Globalization*. New York: Nova.
2007. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "The Effects of Unequal Size: Costs and Benefits of Unilateral Action in the Development of MERCOSUR." Jorge Nef and Harry E. Vanden eds. *Inter-American Relations in an Era of Globalization*. Oshawa, ON, Canada: de Sitter Publications. (Reprint of the article in the *Journal of Developing Societies*)

Other publications

2015. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "[Do Democracy Clauses Matter? The Effects of Regional Integration Associations on Political Stability and Democratic Consolidation.](#)" *EUI Working Paper RSCAS 2015/48*, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. Italy.

2009. Taeko Hiroi. Review of Lyne, M.M. (2008). *The Voter's Dilemma and Democratic Accountability: Explaining the Democracy-Development Paradox*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press. *Comparative Political Studies* 42(11).
2002. Gaspare M. Genna and Taeko Hiroi. "[Power Preponderance and Domestic Politics: Explaining Regional Economic Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1960-1997](#)." *Miami European Union Center Working Paper Series*, Vol. 3, No. 1, August 2002: 2-28.

Research in Progress

- "Policy Feedback and Political Participation in Developing Countries" (with Greg Schober)
- "COVID-19 Policy Responses across Countries" (with Greg Schober and Joseph Zhou)
- "Political Constraints and Coups."
- "Legislative Conflict in Coalitional Presidential Systems: Deliberation, Obstructionism, and Legislative Activism" (Book project with Lucio Renno)
- "Political and Economic Consequences of Unequal Vote in Brazil" (Book project with Pedro Neiva)
- "Regional Influence and Cabinet Portfolio Allocation in Democratic Brazil" (with Pedro Neiva)
- "Cabinets and Congress Brazil Project" (with James Langford)
- "Second House Response in a Bicameral Legislative Process."

Conference papers (since 2010)

(** denotes papers with a student co-author)

2024. "Legislative Support and Cabinet Portfolio Reallocations in (Multiparty) Presidential Regimes." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8. (with James Langford)**
2024. "Adjusting Ministerial Appointments in Response to Changes in Legislative Support." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-13.
2023. "Testing a Compensation Hypothesis in Brazilian Federalism, 1889-2017." Annual Women in Legislative Studies Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI, October 26-27.
2022. "Navigating through Legislative Obstruction and Review: Explaining Legislative Activism in a Coalitional Presidential System." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18.
2022. "Explaining Ministerial Appointments in Brazil: Regions, Career Trajectories, and Loyalty." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago/virtual April 7-10. (with Pedro Neiva)

2021. "Targeted Transfers and Political Participation among the Poor in Developing Democracies." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 30-October 3. (with Greg Schober)
2021. "Explaining Ministerial Appointments in Brazil: Regions, Career Trajectories, and Loyalty." 26th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, July 10-15. (Virtual). (with Pedro Neiva)
2021. "Explaining Legislative Activism: Legislative Reviews, Obstruction and Governing Coalitions in the Brazilian Congress." Virtual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 26 – 29.
2020. "Governance and Avertible Mortality in Developing Countries." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Virtual Meeting). (with Greg Schober)
2019. "Trading Legislative Seats for National Hegemony: The Distribution of Principal National Offices in Brazilian Federalism, 1889-2017." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29 – September 1. (with Pedro Neiva)
2019. "Executive Governance and Health Outcomes in Developing Countries, 1996-2016." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29 – September 1. (with Greg Schober)
2019. "Beyond Democracy: The Determinants of Health Outcomes, 1997-2016." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7.
2019. "Explaining Legislative Activism: Legislative Reviews, Obstruction and Governing Coalitions in the Brazilian Congress." Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Austin, TX, January 17-19.
2018. "Beyond Democracy: The Determinants of Health Outcomes, 1997-2016." Taeko Hiroi, Gregory Schober, Bryan Monroe,** and Camila Jauregui.** The 68th Annual Conference of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, El Paso, Texas, November 15-17.
2018. "Explaining Legislative Activism and Obstruction in Coalitional Presidentialism: The Case of Brazil." The IV Meeting of the Legislative Study Group of Latin America—Latin American Political Science Association (GEL-ALACIP) in Mexico City, Mexico, August 9-10.
2017. "Origins of Legislative Delay and Activism in Coalitional Presidential Systems: The Case of Brazil." American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 3. (with Lucio Renno)
2017. "Origins of Legislative Delay and Activism in Coalitional Presidential Systems: The Case of Brazil." VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política, Montevideo, Uruguay. July 26-28. (with Lucio Renno)
2016. "What Does Time Represent? Disentangling Legislative Duration in Coalitional Presidential Systems." The Third Meeting of the El Grupo de Estudios del Legislativo (GEL), Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Santiago, Chile, November 17-18.
2016. "Legislative Activism and Obstruction in Coalitional Presidential Systems." American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.
2016. "Assessing the Effects of Legislative Malapportionment: The Case of Brazil." International Political Science Association Meeting, Poznań, Poland, July 23-28
2016. "Legislative Activism, Obstruction, and Outcomes in the Brazilian Congress." Japan Association for Comparative Politics Meeting, Kyoto, Japan, June 25-26.
2016. "Malapportionment and Redistribution in the Brazilian Congress." Brazilian Studies Association, Providence, Rhode Island, March 31 to April 2.
2015. "Exclusion, Polarization, and Coups." American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6.

2015. "Analyzing the Meaning of Time in the Legislative Process." American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6.
2015. "Malapportionment and Redistribution in the Brazilian Congress." VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política, Lima, Peru. July 22-24.
2014. "The Meaning of Time: Duration of the Legislative Process in Multiparty Presidentialism." American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC., August 27-31. (with Lucio Renno)
2014. "Polarization, Veto Players, and Coups." American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC., August 27-31. (with Sawa Omori)
2014. "Daitoryosei ni okeru Renritsuseiken no Risk to Shingihikinobashi ni kansuru Kosatsu: Brazil no Jirei kara (Coalitional Presidentialism and Legislative Delay)." Annual Meeting of the Japan Association for Comparative Politics, June 28-29, Tokyo, Japan.
2014. "The Impact of Regional Organizations' Democracy Clauses." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6. (with Gaspare Genna)
2014. "Lawmaking in Bicameral Legislatures: An Analysis of Second-Acting Chamber Decisions." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.
2014. "Personal Vote, Information, and Corruption." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.
2013. ***"District Magnitude, Personal Vote, and Corruption." Séptimo Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Bogota, Colombia, September 25-27. (with Susan Achury)
2013. "Regional Integration and Domestic Political Stability: Assessing the Roles of Democracy Clauses and Regional Leadership." American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 29-September 1. (with Gaspare Genna)
2013. "Kyohiken Player to Coup d 'taut ni Taisuru Kokka no Zeijakusei no Kentou (Veto Players and National Coup Vulnerability)." Japan Association for Comparative Politics Meeting, Kobe, Japan, June 22-23. (with Sawa Omori)
2013. "Obstrução e Processo Decisório na Câmara dos Deputados: 1991 a 2010." Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 30-June 1. (with Lucio Renno)
2013. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter?" International Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6. (with Gaspare Genna).
2013. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter?" Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Orlando, FL, January 3-5. (with Gaspare Genna).
2013. ***"Electoral Systems, Personal Vote, and Corruption." Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Orlando, FL, January 3-5. (with Susan Achury).
2013. "Legislative Strength and Coup Vulnerability." Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Orlando, FL, January 3-5. (with Sawa Omori).
2012. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter?" American Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 2. (with Gaspare Genna).
2012. "Dimensions of Legislative Conflict: Cabinet Management, Obstructionism, and Lawmaking in Multiparty Presidential Regimes." American Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 2. (with Lucio Renno).
2012. "Malapportionment and Geographical Bases of Electoral Support in the Brazilian Senate." Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 23-27. (with Pedro Neiva),
2012. "Legislative Expediency and Obstructionism in a Multiparty Presidential System: Brazil from 1988 to 2010." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15. (with Lucio Renno)

2012. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter? The Effects of Regional Integration Associations on the Onsets of Coups d'état." International Studies Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 1-4. (with Gaspare Genna)
2011. "Conflito Legislativo e Entraves à Governabilidade." Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brasília, Brazil, December 8. (with Lucio Renno)
2011. "Geografia Política do Voto e Desproporcionalidade de Representação no Senado Brasileiro." Primer Encuentro Internacional: Legislativos en América Latina, Grupo de Estudios Legislativos, Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, October 19-21. (Pedro Neiva)
2011. "Dimensions of Legislative Conflict in Brazil." Conference on Agenda-Setting in Latin America, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 7-8. (with Lucio Renno)
2011. "Dimensions of Legislative Conflict, Obstruction Strategies and Legislative Expediency in a Multiparty Presidential System." American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 31-September 3. (with Lucio Renno)
2011. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter? The Effects of Regional Integration Associations on the Onsets and Outcomes of Coups d'état." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3. (with Gaspare Genna)
2011. "Divided Government and Dimensions of Legislative Conflict in a Multiparty Coalitional Presidential System." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3. (with Lucio Renno)
2011. "Do Democracy Clauses Matter? The Effects of Regional Integration Associations on the Onsets and Outcomes of Coups d'état." International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada March 16-19. (with Gaspare Genna)
2010. "Electoral Strategies, Motives, and Corruption under Open-List Proportional Representation." Brazilian Studies Association, Brasília, Brazil, July 22-24.
2010. "Quality of Politicians and Representation: Motives and Opportunities for Corruption under Open-List Proportional Representation." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22-25.
2010. "Electoral Strategies, Motives, and Corruption under Open-List Proportional Representation." Southwestern Political Science Association, Houston, TX, March 31-April 3.

Invited presentations

Rethinking Political Representation: The Distribution of Principal National Offices in Brazilian Federalism, 1889-2017. Opening Address. Seminário Internacional sobre Constitucionalismo, Separação de Poderes e Processo Político no Brasil. Universidade Federal do Piauí, Brazil. June 17-18, 2021. Virtual.

Legislative Effectiveness in Latin America. Virtual Workshop. American University. October 16 & November 16, 2020. Discussant.

Presidents, Governing Coalitions, and Legislative Activism in Brazil. Institute of Developing Economies/Japan External Trade Organization, Chiba, Japan, June 22, 2018.

Exclusion, Polarization, and Coup Vulnerability: An Institutional Approach. Institute of Developing Economies/Japan External Trade Organization, Chiba, Japan, July 12, 2017.

Political Representation, Redistribution, and Regional Development: Assessing the Development Rationale for Legislative Malapportionment in Brazil. Institute of Developing Economies/Japan External Trade Organization, Chiba, Japan, August 4, 2016.

Malapportionment, Redistribution, and Regional Development in Brazil. Latin American Politics Research Group, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, June 16, 2015.

Malapportionment, Redistribution, and Regional Development in Brazil. Research on Malapportionment Workshop, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, March 22, 2015.

Fire from Friends? Legislative Coalitions and Obstructionism in the Brazilian Congress. Latin American Politics Conference, University of Houston, November 14-15, 2014.

Dimensions of Legislative Conflict: Cabinet Management, Obstructionism, and Legislative Delay in Brazil. Kobe University, Kobe, Japan, June 15, 2012.

Political Institutions, Governability, and Accountability in Brazil. International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, June 13, 2012.

Prospects for Congressional Coalitions in Post-Electoral Brazil. Center for Latin American Studies and Brazil Studies, University of Arizona, April 14, 2006.

Bicameralism and the Dynamics of Lawmaking in Brazil. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. January 25, 2005.

Grants and fellowships

- 2025. Visiting Fellow in Assessment in AP Comparative Government and Politics. The College Board. March to May 2025.
- 2022. American Political Science Association Travel Grant.
- 2018. PI. Patti and Paul Yetter Center for Law, UTEP. Research Grant for “Quality of Governance and Health Outcomes: A Global Analysis.” With Greg Schober (Co-PI). \$15,000.
- 2014. PI. Center for Global Partnership Grant. The Japan Foundation. “Causes and Consequences of Unequal Votes: A Global Analysis.” \$5,050.
- 2014. Collaborator. Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research. “Ippyou no kakusa ni kansuru houkatsuteki kenkyu: sekai no genjou, genin, kiketsu.” (“Comprehensive Analysis of Malapportionment: Global Prevalence, Causes, and Consequences”). PI. Yuko Kasuya (Keio University).
- 2011. Co-PI. Social Science Research Institute Grant. “Explaining Coups: Regimes, Legislative Status, and Coups.” PI. Sawa Omori (International Christian University)
- 2010. Member. “Enhancing Undergraduate Chinese Language and Culture Studies: Integrating Faculty and Curriculum Development.” With the East-West Center and University of Hawaii. U.S. Department of Education, Title VI grant. 2010-2013.
- 2010. PI. APSA Small Research Grant. “Quality of Representation and Representatives: Electoral Strategy, Career Trajectory, and Corruption under Open-List Proportional Representation.” American Political Science Association.
- 2009. PI. University Research Institute Research Grant. The University of Texas at El Paso
- 2007. PI. Graduate Research Assistantship Funding. NSF Advance. The University of Texas at El Paso.

- 2006. PI. Graduate Research Assistantship Funding. NSF Advance. The University of Texas at El Paso.
- 2003-04. Visiting Scholar. Instituto de Ciência Política, Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, DF, Brazil.
- 2003. PI. National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant in Political Science. \$12,000 (Grant No. 0315126).
- 2003. Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship. Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (deferred to 2004).
- 2003. PI. International Studies Fund Research Grant. University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2003. Dean's Tuition Fellowship. Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2002. Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship. Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2002. Co-PI. Faculty-Graduate Student Joint Research Grant. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh (with Dr. Mark Hallerberg).
- 2002. Presenter Honorarium. Conference on the Political Economy of International Finance, Washington, D.C., October 24-25.
- 2002. Travel Grant. Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meeting, Madrid, Spain, October 11-13.
- 2001. PI. Summer Field Research Grant. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2001. Teaching Fellowship. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2000. Summer Language Study Fellowship. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2000. Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1999. Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1996. The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Fellowship. School of Politics and Economics, The Claremont Graduate University.
- 1995. Tuition Fellowship. School of Politics and Economics, The Claremont Graduate University.

Honors and awards

- 2024. Elected President-Elect, Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society
- 2024. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2023-2024.
- 2023. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2022-2023.
- 2022. Election to the National Executive Council of Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society.
- 2022. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2021-2022.
- 2020. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2019-2020.

- 2019. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2018-2019.
- 2017. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2016-2017.
- 2016. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2015-2016.
- 2014. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2013-2014.
- 2013. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2012-2013.
- 2013. Graduate School Faculty Marshal of Students, 2013 Spring Commencement, UTEP.
- 2012. Grant Proposal Preparation Program, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at El Paso. (Awarded for participation in 2013)
- 2011. Advisor of the Year Award. Awarded for serving as faculty advisor of Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society by Student Development Center at the Registered Student Organization Awards Show.
- 2010. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award (Faculty Advisor). Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society Award in recognition of excellent activities by the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter during 2009-2010.
- 1997. The George S. Blair Memorial Master's Paper Award. School of Politics and Economics, The Claremont Graduate University.
- 1995. High Honors Graduate. Department of Political Science, The University of Montana.

Teaching

Teaching positions held

The University of Texas at El Paso

- Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016-
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2011-2016
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005–2011
- Contributing Faculty, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, 2006-Present
- Contributing Faculty, Asian Studies Program, 2006-Present
- Contributing Faculty, Brazilian Studies, 2008-Present
- Contributing Faculty, Intelligence and National Security Studies, 2011-2018

University of Pittsburgh

- Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, 2001–2002

The University of Montana

- Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, 1998-1999

Courses taught

The University of Texas at El Paso

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Politics (face-to-face, online)
- The Study of Politics
- Comparative Political Systems (online)
- Democracy and Democratization
- The Politics of Developing Countries
- Politics in World Regions
- Politics of Brazil (face-to-face, online)
- Elections around the World (undergraduate, hybrid)
- Special Topics in Comparative Government: Field Research in Brazilian Politics and Society. Half of the course was taught at UTEP and the other half in Brasilia, Brazil.
- Special Topics in Public Administration: Honor Society & Leadership
- The Americas (Latin American and Border Studies)
- Topics in Latin American and Border Studies (Latin American and Border Studies)

Graduate

- Seminar in Comparative Political Institutions
- Seminar in Comparative Political Development
- Seminar in the Politics of Latin America
- Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods I
- Seminar in Political Economy of Development
- Seminar in Comparative Electoral Systems (face-to-face, hybrid)
- The History of An Idea (Interdisciplinary Studies)
- Issues in Latin American Studies (Latin American and Border Studies)

The University of Montana

- Politics of Latin America (undergraduate)
- Politics of Mexico (undergraduate)
- Inter-American Relations (undergraduate)

Membership in Graduate Thesis and Final Paper Project Committees

Chair

- Lydia Torres. *The Impact of Legal Frameworks for Women on Economic Development*. MA final paper project in progress.
- Joshua H. Hancock. *Governance and Growth: The Critical Link Between Education Policy and Economic Success*. MA final paper project, defended and graduated in May 2024.
- Gustavo Diaz de Leon. *Institutions and Development in the Spanish Empire Revisited*. MA final paper project, defended and graduated in May 2024.
- Raoul Tayou Tayou. *The Impact of Institutions and Macro-Economic Policies on Development and Economic Growth: A Comparative Perspective of Cameroon and Ivory Coast*. MA thesis defended and graduated in May 2023.
- Jesus Tlaloc Maldonado. *Conflict Minerals: 3TG minerals and Low-Scale Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo*. MA thesis defended and graduated in May 2023.

- Sophia Wozniak. *Making Aid Work: Assessing the Impact of Regional Similarities on State Development through a Transaction Costs Approach*. MA thesis defended and graduated in May 2022.
- Ashley Docherty. *Women in the Legislature's Impact on Economic Growth and Women's Labor Force Participation*. MA thesis defended and graduated in December 2020.
- Jared Chumsae. *Natural Disasters and MNC Investment: Measuring the Effect of Disaster on Country-level Economic Liberalization*. MA final paper project. Defended and graduated in May 2019.
- Michelle E. Munoz Cisneros. *Women legislators & Representation of the Indigenous Interests: The Case of Mexico*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in May 2019.
- Francisco Villa. *Foreign Aid, Quality of Institutions, and Growth*. MA final paper project. Defended and graduated in December 2018.
- Christopher Farrell. *The Northern Triangle of Central America and a Response to Gang Violence*. MA thesis. In progress. Prospectus defended in January 2015.
- Carmen Gonzalez. *Analytic Literature Review on Immigration Reform and Tactical Timing in Position-Taking in Congress*. MA final paper project. Defended and graduated in December 2015.
- Jakub Zajakala. *Mass Political Behavior and Number of Parties in Europe*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in May 2015.
- Rosa Garcia Compean. *An Assessment of Income Inequality and Administrative Corruption in Less Developed Countries: The Case of Mexico*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2014.
- Susan Achury. *Corruption and Party System Institutionalization in Latin America*. MA thesis. In progress. Defended and graduated in 2013.
- Jared K. Hundley. *Regional Contagion Effect: The Effects of Regional Levels of Democracy on Democracies and Non-Democracies*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2011.
- Won Ha Gonzalez. *An Assessment of Democratic Emergence: Economic and Cultural Determinants of Democracy*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2011.
- Douglas Block. *Central Bank Independence: Rules, Practices, and Outcomes*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2010.

Committee Member

- Denise Saenz. *Judicial Strength and Economic Development*. MA thesis in progress.
- Alyk Collins. *The Weapon of Aid: Measuring the Effects of Foreign Aid on Armed Conflict. A Cross Section Analysis on West Africa, 1990-2021*. MA thesis defended and graduated in May 2023.
- Benjamin Torres. *Authoritarian Regimes and Public Goods: Structure and Survival*. Defended and graduated in May 2022.
- Sandra Nehring. *Freedoms or Limitations? Children's Rights and Child Labor in National Codification*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in May 2021.
- Carlos Villa Herrera. *Influence of Social Media on Democracy-Building*. MA final paper project. Defended and graduated in December 2020.
- Alan Cardenas. *At the Mercy of the Mexican Supreme Court: The Implications of Party Capability on Indigenous People's Cases*. MA thesis. Thesis defended and graduated in May 2020.
- Ashley Monique Rodriguez. *Economic Inequality and the Erosion of Democracy*. MA final paper project. Defended in April and graduated in May 2019.

- Alejandro Sifuentes, *Cultural Diplomacy: Strategies for Mexico in the XXI Century*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in December 2015.
- Alan Serna. *Tourism as Socio-Economic Development and The Case for Post-Industrial Opportunity In El Paso, Texas*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in May 2015.
- Alexandra Infanzon, *Political Economy of Coups*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in May 2015.
- Mark Daube, *The Impact of Development on Terrorist Activity Prospectus*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2011.
- Jordyn Haight, *The Second-Generation Effects of Microcredit in Rural Guatemala*. MA thesis in progress. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2011.
- Janeth Diaz, *IGOs and the Judicial Organs*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2009.
- Sergio Villarreal, *Power Preponderance and the Quebec Independence Movement*. MA thesis. Defended and graduated in 2009.

Undergraduate Honors Projects

- Member, Marisol Ruiz's Liberal Arts Honor Project (LAHP) Committee on *Xi Jinping's Anti-Corruption Campaign and Its Effects on Perceived Corruption in China*. 2017.

Advising

Graduate advisor, Department of Political Science, 2011-2017

Faculty advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at The University of Texas at El Paso, 2009-Present

Faculty co-advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at The University of Texas at El Paso, 2008-09

Professional affiliations and additional education and training

Affiliations (some on and off)

- Member, American Political Science Association
- Member, Midwest Political Science Association
- Member, Latin American Studies Association
- Member, Brazilian Studies Association
- Member, Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política
- Member, Southern Political Science Association
- Member, Japan Association for Comparative Politics
- Member, Women in Legislative Studies
- Member, ASIANetwork
- Participant, Asian Studies Development Program on Chinese Culture and Language Consortium. Title VI grant, Department of Education, approved in 2010
- Co-founder and Member, Latin American Politics Research Group, Tokyo, Japan

Additional education and training

- UISFL Year Three Residential Workshop on "Contemporary Chinese Society:

A Faculty Development Institute for Building Chinese Studies," East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 1-13, 2013

- ArcGIS ESRI on-line course, "Learning ArcGIS Desktop," 2009
- Course on "Processo Legislativo," Instituto Legislativo Brasileiro, Senado Federal, Brasília, Brazil, 2003
- Course on "Princípios Constitucionais do Poder Legislativo," Senado Federal, Brasília, Brazil, 2003
- Course on "Processo Legislativo Institucional," Centro de Formação, Treinamento e Aperfeiçoamento, Chamber of Deputies, Brasília, Brazil, 2003
- Certificate in Advanced Portuguese (Level III), Instituto Brasil Estados Unidos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2001
- Certificate in the Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture, Center for Language Studies, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, 2000
- Diploma in English, Obirin Junior College, Tokyo, Japan, 1990

Languages

English, Japanese, Portuguese & Spanish, plus limited training in a few other languages

Service

Service to the Discipline

American Political Science Association

- Vice Chair, Representation and Electoral Systems Organized Section, 2023-Present
- Member, Graduate Student Research Grant Award Committee, Representation and Electoral Systems Organized Section, 2024
- Member, Rules and Election Committee, 2021-2023
- Member, Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section, 2021

Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society (National)

- President-Elect of the National Pi Sigma Alpha, 2024-2026
- Member, Executive Committee of the National Executive Council, 2022-Present
- Member, National Executive Council, 2022-Present
- Member, Finance Committee, 2024-Present
- Chair, Personnel Committee, 2022-2024

Editorial Advisory Board

- Revista Conexão Política
- Revista Arquivo Jurídico

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Journal of Legislative Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly, American Politics Research, Comparative Politics, Democratization, Journal of Latin American Studies, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, International Political Science Review, International Interactions, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Review of International Organizations, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Governance, Politics & Policy, Publius, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific,

European Political Science Review, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Brazilian Political Science Review, Ajia Keizai (Quarterly journal of Institute of Developing Economies), Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Routledge, Lynne Rienner, Sage/CQ Press.

Conferences and workshops organized

- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Pi Sigma Alpha Student Paper Conference on Policy and Politics,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 24, 2024
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Local Politics Forum on Infrastructure and Development,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 21, 2023
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Immigration Policy Forum,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 15, 2022
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Paper Conference on Institutions, Politics and Participation,” The University of Texas at El Paso, March 24, 2021 (Virtual)
- Advisor (Organized by Pi Sigma Alpha in cooperation with the Annette Strauss Institute), “State of El Paso—Life in Politics Conference,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 25, 2019.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Paper Conference on Politics and Institutions,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 27, 2018.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Paper Conference on Politics & Policy,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 28, 2017.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Paper Conference on Development,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 29, 2016.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Paper Conference on Political Conflict,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 24, 2015.
- Project Director and Organizer, “Workshop on the Causes and Consequences of Malapportionment,” Washington, D.C. August 28, 2014.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Conference on Power, Conflict, and the Political Game,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 24, 2013.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Student Conference on Contemporary Political Rhetoric,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 23, 2012.
- Organizer (with Pi Sigma Alpha), “Global Issues Forum: Security in Western Hemisphere,” The University of Texas at El Paso, April 15, 2011.
- Comparative Politics Section Chair, Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, 2010
- Organizing Committee Member, Latin American Graduate Student Conference on Social and Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh, 2000, 2001, 2002

Panels chaired, moderated, or served as a discussant

- APSA, 2015, 2020, 2021
- ALACIP, 2015, 2017
- GEL-ALACIP, 2016, 2018
- IPSA, 2016
- MPSA, 2011, 2012, 2014
- SWPSA, 2010
- LASA, 2009
- MALAS, 2018
- SPSA, 2019
- Women in Legislative Studies (WiLs) Conference, 2022

- Pi Sigma Alpha National Undergraduate Student Conference, 2022
- Japan Association for Comparative Politics, 2015
- Latin American Politics Research Group, 2015, 2017, 2018
- Lineae Terrarum 2006
- UTEP IC CAE Colloquium, 2008, 2009

University Service

At UTEP (department)

Administrative Service

- Director of Graduate Studies, 2011-2017.
- Graduate Program Review for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2012-13.
- Responsible for SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) for Political Science graduate program, 2011-2017.

Committees

- Chair, Graduate Committee, 2011-2017.
- Graduate Committee, 2009-Present.
- Department Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2011-Present.
 - Chair, T&P 2022
- Department Committee of Tenured Professors, 2011-Present.
- Department Committee of Full Professors, 2016-Present.
- Executive Committee, 2014-16, 2018-19, 2020-2022, 2022-2023, 2024-2025.
- Faculty Evaluation Committees
 - Faculty Evaluation Committee on Scholarship, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2025.
 - Faculty Evaluation Committee on Teaching, 2023, 2024
 - Faculty Evaluation Committee on Service, 2015.
 - General faculty evaluation committee (PAR), 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.
PAR Chair for five cases in 2022
- Ad Hoc Professional Achievement Report (PAR) Committee, 2013.
- Ad hoc committee on the Reform of the Political Science Undergraduate Core Research Method Course.
- MA Recruitment Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-06.
- Student Development Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-06.
- Benedict Hall Building Improvement Committee, 2021-22.

Search Committees

- Chair, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2015-2016.
- American Political Behavior Search Committee, 2021-22.
- Political Behavior/Public Policy Search Committee, 2019
- Public Law Search Committee, 2012.
- American Politics Search Committee, 2007-08.
- Department Chair Search Committee, 2006-07.

Advising

- Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, 2009-Present; Co-Faculty Advisor, 2008-2009.
- Graduate Advisor, 2011-2017

Other Departmental Services

- Representative to College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, 2017-Present
- Senator, Faculty Senate, 2009-2011
- Peer Teaching Observer, 2011-Present
- Political Science Graduation Celebration and Awards Pre-commencement Ceremony (organized by Pi Sigma Alpha), December 2019.
- Library Liaison, Department of Political Science, 2007-09.
- Web Administrator/Updater, 2005-09.

At UTEP (college)

- Affiliated Faculty, Latin American and Border Studies, 2006-Present
- Affiliated Faculty, Asian Studies Program, 2007-Present
- Affiliated Faculty, Brazilian Studies Certificate Program Development Group/Brazilian Studies Certificate Program, 2008-Present
- Affiliated Faculty, Intelligence and National Security Studies, 2011-2018.
- Tenure and Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2017-18, 2018-19.
- Interdisciplinary Research Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2016-2017
- Graduate School Faculty Marshal of Students, 2013 Spring Commencement, UTEP.
- Banner Bearer and Student Marshal Selection Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2013
- Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, 2011-2014
- Member, Committee on Recruitment and Retention, College of Liberal Arts, 2011-2012
- El Paso History Day (as Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor), 2012, 2013, 2014
- External Member, Third-Year Review Committee, Department of Language and Linguistics, Fall 2011-Spring 2012
- Presenter and Participant, Contemporary China: A Faculty and Program Development Workshop, September 18, 2013.
- Participant, Chinese History in a Global Context symposium, February 18-19, 2013
- Participant, UISFL China Group meeting and workshop, October 19, 2012.
- Participant, Chinese Culture and Humanities symposium, October 7-8, 2011
- Contributing faculty, IC CAE, 2008-
- Panelist on Work and Life Balance, 6th Annual Institute on Postdoctoral Preparation, organized by Howard University and University of Texas at El Paso, Sep 24-26, 2010.

At UTEP (university)

- Centennial Museum Kimono Exhibit Planning Committee, 2020-2022.
- Organizer, Presentation by Jason Maloy, "Smarter Ballots: Electoral Realism and Reform." October 30, 2019.
- Organizer, Presentation by Paul Finkelman, "A Well Regulated Militia: Understanding The Original Meaning of the Second Amendment." September 16, 2019.
- Speaker, Global Reach Panel, IDRE Week, April 4, 2017

- Member, Organizing Committee of the “One Thousand Cranes, Japan Disaster Relief” event, 2011
- Panel presenter, Teaching Large Classes Academy, organized jointly by ISS and CETaL, 2006

At University of Pittsburgh

- Graduate Student Representative, Senior Latin Americanist Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2004
- Organizing Committee Member, Latin American Graduate Student Conference on Social and Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh, 2000, 2001, 2002
- Organizer, Workshop on Advanced Quantitative Methods, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2001