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Academic Positions:

The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)

Assistant Professor – September 2019 to present
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

Visiting Professor – January 2016 to August 2019
Department of Political Science

Education:

Duke University

Doctor of Philosophy – Political Science – September 2015

Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics

Committee: Karen L. Remmer (Chair), John H. Aldrich, David Soskice, Guillermo Trejo, Erik Wibbels

Dissertation: The Consequences of Conditional Cash Transfers for Political Behavior and Human Development

Master of Arts – Political Science – December 2012

University of Notre Dame

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science (Departmental Honors) and Economics – May 2004
Summa Cum Laude

Research:

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Conditional Cash Transfers, Resources, and Political Participation in Latin America.” *Latin American Research Review* (Forthcoming).

“Incognizance and Perceptual Deviation: Individual and Institutional Sources of Variation in Citizens’ Perceptions of Party Placements on the Left-Right Scale” (with John H. Aldrich, Sandra Ley, and Marco Fernandez). *Political Behavior* 40: 415-433 (2018).

“Dialysis Patient Perspectives on CKD Advocacy: A Semistructured Interview Study” (with Julia B. Wenger, Celeste C. Lee, Jonathan Oberlander, and Jennifer E. Flythe). *American Journal of Kidney Diseases* 69(1): 29-40 (2017).

“The Gradient of Governance: Distance and Disengagement in Indian Villages” (with Anirudh Krishna). *The Journal of Development Studies* 50(6): 820-838 (2014).

“Kicking and Screaming: The Legislative Process of the Mexican Vote Abroad in the Chamber of Deputies” (with Tony Payán). *Nóesis* 16(31): 140-177 (2007, original in Spanish).

Publications: Book Chapters

“A Standardized Service-Learning Structure: A Model for Partnering with Multiple Community Organizations in a Single Course” (with Jennifer M. Lujan). In *Community Engagement and High Impact Practices in Higher Education*, eds. Gina M. Núñez and Azuri L. Gonzalez. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt, 157-168 (2018).

Revise and Resubmit: Journal Manuscripts

“Conditional Cash Transfers and Subnational Election Outcomes: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Mexico.”

Manuscripts Under Review: Journal Manuscripts

“Measuring Institutional Influences on Behavior: Approaches to Overcoming Selection Bias in Multination Surveys” (with John H. Aldrich, Haohan Chen, Victoria Dounoucos, Joshua Y. Lerner, and Pedro Magalhães).

Working Papers

“Targeted Government Transfers and Access to Basic Utilities in Developing Countries.”

“Social Assistance Programs and Psychological Engagement with Politics in Democracies.”

“Programmatic Transfers, Clientelistic Transfers, and Political Participation Among the Poor in Developing Democracies.”

“Executive Governance and Health Outcomes in Developing Countries, 1996-2016” (with Taeko Hiroi).

Works in Progress (Indicates a Student)**

“Conditional Policies, Health Requirements, and Improved Health Outcomes.”

“The Diabetes Garage: A Pilot Study to Engage Men in Diabetes Medical Care and Self-Care”
(with Jeannie Concha, Sandra Gonzalez, Terry Sanchez, Daniel Montes, Renee Orrantia**,
Zoraida Espinoza**, and Amy Wagler).

“Hispanic/Latino Men’s Diabetes Risk: Perceived vs. Biological Risk” (with Jeannie Concha,
Hector Olvera, Amy Wagler, Zoraida Espinoza**, and Marcela Murga).

Honors and Awards:

Fellowships

National Science Foundation (\$90,000), Graduate Research Fellowship, 2010-2013

Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism (\$11,825), Dissertation Fellowship, Sanford
School of Public Policy, Duke University, 2013-2014

Duke Graduate School (\$10,500), Summer Research Fellowship, 2013 and 2014

Grants

Texas Department of State Health Services (\$324,800), Contract Grant for “Implementation of a
Culturally Tailored, Evidence-based Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support
Program for Males” (Co-PI; PI: Jeannie Concha), 2019

UTEP Center for Law and Border Studies (\$15,000), Research Grant for “Quality of Governance
and Health Outcomes: A Global Analysis” (PIs: Taeko Hiroi and Gregory Schober), 2018

Swiss Network for International Studies (ca. \$310,000; award in CHF: 279,584), Research Grant for
“Rethinking Stakeholder Participation in International Governance” (Principal Member; PIs:
Joost Pauwelyn, Tim Buthe, and Martino Maggetti), 2015-2016

Renal Research Institute (\$50,798), Research Grant for “Patient Advocacy in Kidney Disease:
Understanding the Issues to Motivate the Masses” (Research Specialist; PI: Jennifer E.
Flythe). This study examines patient, disease, and environmental factors that contribute to
dialysis patients’ decisions to become involved in kidney disease advocacy. 2015.

Duke Global Health Institute (\$12,500), Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2012

Program for the Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (\$7100), Research Grant,
Duke University, 2011 and 2012

Department of Political Science (\$2000), Summer Research Grant, Duke University, 2010

Program for the Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (\$2600), Training Grant,
Duke University, 2009

Fulbright Program (\$12,400), Research Grant, Mexico, 2004-2005

Other Honors

Stanford Social Innovation Review, Paper (“With Strings Attached: Conditional Cash Transfers and Broad Political Participation in Latin America”) was selected to be featured in an article for the research section, Fall 2015

Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, Selected Participant in the Junior Scholars Forum, Stanford University, Summer 2015

Invited Talks:

Stanford University, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (PACS), Junior Scholars Forum, 2019.

Diabetes Garage Steering Committee, 2017 (invited to present on the topic of recent health policy changes in the United States).

Conference Presentations (Indicates a Student):**

“Targeted Government Transfers and Access to Basic Utilities in Developing Countries.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Executive Governance and Health Outcomes in Developing Countries, 1996-2016” (with Taeko Hiroi). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Beyond Democracy: The Determinants of Health Outcomes, 1997-2016” (with Taeko Hiroi, Bryan Monroe**, and Camila Jauregui**). Paper presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, El Paso, 2018.

“The Diabetes Garage: A Pilot Study to Engage Men in Diabetes Medical Care and Self-Care” (with Jeannie Concha, Sandra Gonzalez, Terry Sanchez, Daniel Montes, and Xiaogang Su). Paper presented by a co-author at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, 2018.

“Hispanic/Latino Men’s Diabetes Risk: Perceived vs. Biological Risk” (with Jeannie Concha, Hector Olvera, Xiaogang Su, and Marcela Murga). Paper presented by a co-author at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, 2018.

“Programmatic Transfers, Clientelistic Transfers, and Political Participation Among the Poor in Developing Democracies.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018.

“Conditional Cash Transfers and Electoral Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Mexico.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017.

- “Social Assistance Programs, Psychological Engagement with Politics, and Democratic Citizenship.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2017.
- “Conditional Cash Transfers, Causal Pathways, and Political Participation in Latin America.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015.
- “With Strings Attached: The Effects of Conditional Cash Transfers on Political Participation.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2014.
- “Uncertainty or Ambiguity? Sources of Variation in Ideological Placements of Political Parties” (with John H. Aldrich, Marco Fernandez, and Sandra Jessica Ley). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013.
- “Conditional Cash Transfers and Political Participation in Mexico.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 2013.
- “Targeting and Political Behavior in Latin America.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2013.
- “When Does the Left-Right Dimension Have Meaning to Voters in an Election?” (with John H. Aldrich, Sinziana Popa Dorabantu, Marco Antonio Fernandez, and Sandra Ley). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, 2011.

Teaching:

Teaching Experience (Undergraduate Courses)

The Public Policy Process: Health Policy (Instructor, UTEP, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Spring 2019)

Teaching Democracy (Instructor, UTEP, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018)

Leadership and Civic Participation (Instructor, UTEP, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018)

Research in Political Science (Instructor, UTEP, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2019)

American Government and Politics (Instructor, UTEP, Spring 2016 and Spring 2018)

Politics of Mexico (Instructor, UTEP, Spring 2017 and Fall 2018)

Introduction to Politics (Instructor, UTEP, Spring 2018)

Public Opinion, Media, and Technology (Instructor, UTEP, Fall 2017 and Fall 2018)

Service-Learning Programs and Civic Engagement Research Projects

Service-Learning Programs were utilized and integrated into the following courses: The Public Policy Process: Health Policy in Fall 2016; Leadership and Civic Participation in Spring 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018; American Government and Politics in Spring 2016 and Spring 2018; Politics of Mexico in Spring 2017; and Teaching Democracy in Fall 2018. I collaborated with the Center for Civic Engagement and local community organizations to offer these service-learning programs.

Civic Engagement Research Projects were designed, utilized, and integrated into the following courses: The Public Policy Process: Health Policy in Fall 2017 and Spring 2019; Teaching Democracy in Fall 2017; Introduction to Politics in Spring 2018; and Politics of Mexico in Fall 2018. Also, in Fall 2017, I co-led an applied program evaluation independent study for students in Health Promotion in the College of Health Sciences. This evaluation study utilized community-based research activities.

Teaching Programs

Teaching Politics Certificate Program, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2012-2013

Membership in Thesis Committees or Honors Projects:

Adviser

Noelia Collins, Senior Research Project for the College of Liberal Arts Honors Program. Completed in 2018.

Committee Member

Dave Arellano, Master of Public Health graduate project. Defended in 2019

Renee Orrantia, Master of Public Health thesis. Defended in 2018.

Narges Kalantarian, Master of Public Health thesis. Defended in 2018.

Sam Simon, Master of Arts thesis (Latin American and Border Studies). Defended in 2016.

Service to the University and Community:

Program Evaluation Committee Member, Diabetes Garage Community-Based Participatory Research Project, UTEP, since 2017 (PI: Jeannie Concha).

Steering Committee Member, Diabetes Garage Community-Based Participatory Research Project, UTEP, 2017-2018 (PI: Jeannie Concha).

Committee Member, Core Assessment for Oral Communication in the College of Liberal Arts, UTEP, 2018

Participant, Culture and Health Community of Practice, UTEP, 2017-2018

Faculty Judge, Student Paper Conference on Politics and Institutions, Pi Sigma Alpha: The National Political Science Honor Society (Epsilon Epsilon Chapter), UTEP, 2018

Committee Member, Global Health Task Force, Course Selection for the Global Health Minor and Certificate, College of Health Sciences, UTEP, 2017

Faculty Participant, Provost's Community Engaged Scholarship Institute, UTEP, 2016-2017

Panelist, Faculty Panel, Center for Civic Engagement Orientation for Community Partners, UTEP, 2017

Moderator, Center for Civic Engagement Professional Development Series Panel, UTEP, 2017

Coordinator, Social Mobility Working Group, Duke University, 2014-2015

Service to the Profession:

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science; Bilingual Review

Conferences

Discussant for paper in panel on "Comparative Politics of Health: Popular Demands, Institutional Legacies." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2019 (Chair asked me to serve in the role of Discussant).

Chair and Discussant for panel on "Local Politics in Developing Countries." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018 (former Chair asked me to serve in the role of Chair).

Discussant for panel on "Electoral Participation." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017.

Chair and Discussant for panel on "Assessing Party Positions." Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2017.

Professional Experience:

Research Specialist, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, August 2015-January 2016

- Identified research questions on the variation in patient advocacy across and within disease populations
- Designed a research project to analyze the determinants and pathways of advocacy among patients with chronic kidney disease

- Conducted in-depth interviews with patients to collect original data for this project

Program Coordinator, Center for Civic Engagement, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2005-2008

- Coordinated ten service-learning programs
- Collaborated with faculty and community organizations to write and administer grants
- Managed undergraduate and graduate student interns

Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association, Member

Health Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association, Member

Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association, Member

Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, Member

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section, American Political Science Association, Member

Midwest Political Science Association, Member

Latin American Studies Association, Member

Methods Training:

Hierarchical Linear Modeling (Build and Test Macro-Micro Model)

Bayesian Statistics (Modern Statistical Data Analysis; Audited)

Network Analysis (Audited)

Intermediate Statistical Methods

Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research: Summer Program in Quantitative Methods)

Regression Analysis II (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research: Summer Program in Quantitative Methods)

Fieldwork:

Mexico (Mexico City, Puebla, Hidalgo): Fall 2012

Chile (Santiago): May 2011

Mexico (Mexico City): Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Skills (level of proficiency):

Language: Spanish (Advanced in speaking, reading, and writing)

Computer: Stata (Advanced)