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### **Academic Appointments**

2019–Present	Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2018-Present	Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research Center
2019-2022	Associate Dean, School of Social Science and Policy Evaluation
2019-2021	Chair, Department of International Studies (2019-2020) and Division of Politics and Economics (2021)
2011–2019	Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2010–2011	Visiting Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University

#### **Education**

2005-2010	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California San Diego
2003-2005	M.A. University of California San Diego
1997-2001	A.B. Brown University

### **Books**

2025	Geography, Capacity, and Inequality II: Redistribution. Cambridge University Press (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
2022	Geography, Capacity, and Inequality I: Spatial Inequality. Cambridge University Press (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
2015	The Politics of Place and the Limits to Redistribution. Routledge Press

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 27 The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science. Conditionally Accepted, *Political Analysis* (w/ Dong Wook Lee, Hillel Soifer)
- Decentralization and the Spatial Distribution of Infant Mortality in Less Developed Nations. Forthcoming, *Regional Studies* (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Soomin Oh)
- Revisiting the Origins of Felony Disenfranchisement in the United States. Forthcoming, *Studies in American Political Development*. (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, Blake Garcia)
- Achieving Electoral Equity After Brnovich. *Social Science Quarterly*, (2024) 105(3): 567-581. (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, David Lindgren)
- The Political Origins of Urban Deconcentration: Evidence from 50 Years of Nightlight Data. *Regional Studies, Regional Science*, (2024) 11(1):1-21. (w/ Soha Hammam)
- Democracy, Economic Development, and Health Inequalities *Studies in Comparative International Development*, (2023) 58(3): 511-537. (w/ Ana Salazar, Javier Rodriguez, Rena Salayeva)
- 21 Structural Racism, the USPS and Voting by Mail On-and Off-Reservation in Arizona. *Studies in American Political Development* (2023) 37: 111-126. (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich).
- Inequalities in Vote by Mail for Native Americans in the West. *Journal of Historical Political Economy* (2023) 2(4) (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich)
- Measuring the Rural Continuum in Political Science, *Political Analysis* (2021) 29(3): 267-286 (w/ Zoe Nemereyer)
- 18 Federalism and the Welfare State in Latin America, Regional and Federal Studies (2021) 31(1): 163-184.
- Federalism and Inequality in Risk-Taking, *Frontiers in Political Science* (2021) (w/ Yuzhu Zeng, Andrew Marx, Mia Poynor, Morgan Lu)
- Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations, *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2020) 10(1): 81-99 (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, Savannah Johnston, Aaron Berg)
- Fiscal Decentralization and the Distributive Incidence of the Great Recession, *Regional Studies* (2020) 54(7): 881-896 (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
- When Militant Organizations Lose Militarily but Win Politically, *Cooperation and Conflict* (2020) 55(3): 365-387 (w/ Benjamin Acosta)
- Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research, *Political Analysis* (2019) 27(3): 263-280 (w/ Dong Wook Lee)

- Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending, *Journal of Politics* (2019) 81(2): 487-504. (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
- Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development, *Journal of Politics* (2019) 81(1): 49-65. (w/ Pablo Beramendi, Mark Dincecco)
- Disparate Geography and the Origins of Tax Capacity, *Review of International Organizations* (2018) 16(1):213-327 (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
- 9 What's Left to Tax? Partisan Reallocation of Trade Taxation in Less Developed Countries, *Political Research Quarterly* (2017) 70(3): 495-508 (w/ Eunyoung Ha)
- 8 Barriers Against the Egalitarian Turn. *Latin American Research Review*, (2017) 52(4): 529-551 (with Pablo Beramendi, Alberto Díaz-Cayeros)
- Analysis of Panamanian DMSP/OLS Nightlights Corroborates Suspicions of Inaccurate Fiscal Data, *Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment* (2017) (November, v8): 99-104 (w/ Andrew Marx)
- Taxing with Dictators and Democrats: Regime Effects, Transfers, and Revenue in Argentina's Provinces. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2014) 6(1): 3-44
- 5 Income Taxation and the Validity of State Capacity Indicators. *Journal of Public Policy* (2013). 34(1): 1-24 (w/ Nicholas Weller)
- 4 National Leverage: Partisan Constraints on Reform in Sub-National Bureaucracies. *Revista Sul America de Ciência Política* (2013) 1(1): 112-137
- 3 Democracias Liberal E Iliberal Na América Latina. (reprint in Portuguese) *Opinião Pública* (2009) 15(2): 356-385 (w/ Peter Smith)
- 2 Liberal and Illiberal Democracy in Latin America. *Latin American Politics and Society* (2008) 50(1): 31-57 (w/ Peter Smith)
- Governmental Performance and Political Regimes: Latin America in Comparative Perspective, 1990-2004. *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* (2008) 3(2): 101-117 (w/ Peter Smith)

### **Other Peer Reviewed Publications**

- 7 "On the Spatial Dimension of Redistributive Politics." In Olivier Jacques and Alain Noël, ed. *Inequality and Redistribution Across Territories*. (2024) McGill University Press
- 6 "Book Review: Spending to Win." *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1).
- 5 "Inequality and Democratic Representation in Latin America." In Dolores Trevizo and Joe Foweraker, ed. *Democracy and Its Discontents in Latin America*. (2016) Lynne Reinner Press
- 4 "Book Review: The Fire Next Door: Mexico's Drug Violence and the Threat to America." *Trends in Organized Crime* (2013) 16(2): 249-250
- 3 The Taxation Tango: State Capacity in Argentina's Provinces. (2010) UMI Dissertation Publication
- 2 "Illiberal and Liberal Democracy in Latin America." In William Smith, ed. *Latin American Democratic Transformations*. (2010). Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers
- 1 From Peace to Governance: Police Reform and the International Community Washington, D.C.: Washington Office on Latin America (2002).

# **University Leadership Roles**

Associate Dean, School of Social Science, Policy, and Evaluation: 2019-2022

Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research, Center of the Institute for Democratic Renewal: 2018-Present

Division Chair, Division of Politics and Economics: 2021

Department Chair, Department of International Studies: 2019-2020 Chair, Faculty Research Committee (University Level): 2020-Present

American Politics Field Chair: 2020-Present Comparative Politics Field Chair: 2015-Present Claremont Faculty Leadership Program: 2020

Founder and Director, CGU Inequality Lab: 2016-2018 Academic Search Committee Chair: 2020 (3 Positions)

Academic Search Committee Member: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (Division Level): 2011-Present

Transdisciplinary Program Advisory Committee (University Level)

Academic Standards Committee (University Level) Board Chair's Advisory Group (University Level)

Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council (University Level)

#### **Recent Awards**

New Perspectives in Studies of American Governance (\$14,692, w/ Joseph Dietrich, Jean Schroedel)

Public Agenda Project Democracy Renewal Project Grant (\$50,000; w/ Joseph Dietrich, Jean Schroedel, Tessa Provins)

Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program Senior Faculty Nominee 2023, Theme: Political Polarization

Lincoln Land Initiative, 2023: Support for projects on Police Geography, Gender Effects of Deindustrialization, and the Local Political Economy Conference (\$15,000)

Institute for Humane Studies 2023: Conceptualizing and Measuring Geographic Polarization (\$2,500; w/ Zoe Nemerever)

Health and Human Services: ADRD Program, 2021 (\$45,000, with Javier Rodriguez, Sandra Garcia, Dong Wook Lee)

ICPSR Workshop 2021 "Ethical Collection, Dissemination, and Use of Data on American Indian and Alaska Native Populations"

BLAIS Research Grant, 2018-2019 (\$15,750)

Visiting Fellow, UCSD Center for U.S. Mexican Studies 2018

Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2017 (\$7,258; with Andrew Marx)

Big Data Faculty Research Award, Claremont Graduate University 2015 (\$3,500)

Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2015 (\$6,400)

BLAIS Research Grant, 2013-2014 (\$24,876)

Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2012 (\$7,100)

Avery Fellow, Claremont Colleges 2012-2013, 2015-1016, 2019-2020 (\$6,000)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Southern California 2010-2011 (Declined)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for U.S. Mexican Studies 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 (Declined)

Senior Vice Chancellor's Fellowship, Academic Year 2009-2010

National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, 2007-2009 (\$12,000)

Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies Travel Grant, 2006

Dean's Travel Grant, 2006 and 2008

Thurgood Marshall Fellow, University of California San Diego

#### **Service to the Profession**

Chair | Political Methodology Society Diversity Committee (2022-)

APSA Political Economy Section Best Book Award Committee (2022-)

Organizer Southern California Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference (2024)

PRIEC at CGU (2024)

Local Political Economy Conference (2023)

California Workshop in Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS IV, 2022)

CGU-UCR Job Market Workshop 2022 Class and Inequality Conference (2022)

Visions in Methodology Conference, Political Methodology Society (2021) Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (2012, 2017, 2019) Department of International Studies Student Conference (2018, 2019)

Politics of Race Immigration Ethnicity Consortium (2019)

Evaluator Advancement, Tenure, and Promotion decisions, 2019 (1), 2023 (2)

Editor | APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Newsletter

Mentor Midwest Political Science Association (2018)

Faculty Mentor | "The Current Global Regime and its Great Challenges towards 2050," UCSD and Fundación BBVA México

(2023)

Panelist | Best Graduate Student Paper, MPSA 2020

Panel Chair | Western Political Science Association 2013, 2019, 2020

Midwest Political Science Association 2012, 2017, 2019

Discussant Historical Political Economy Workshop 2020 & 2021

Political Institutions & Political Economy Collaborative 2022, 2023

American Political Science Association 2019 & 2020

Council for European Studies 2015

Southern California Comparative Political Institutions 2011, 2012

Midwest Political Science Association 2012 (2); 2013 (3); 2015; 2016 (2); 2017 (2); 2020

Western Political Science Association 2013, 2016, 2019, 2020

#### Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Trends in Organized Crime, Journal of Public Policy, Political Research Quarterly, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Political Science Research and Methods, International Interactions, Political Analysis, Studies in Comparative International Development, Environment and Planning C, Latin American Research Review, Electoral Studies, International Security, Publius, Regional and Federal Studies, Review of International Organizations, Comparative Economic Studies

### Ph.D. Student Placement

#### Committee Chair

Academic, Tenure Track

Shawnika Johnson (Pitzer College), Alma Bezares (Whittier College, Economics), Zeyad Elkelani (Cairo University, Data Science), Giacomo DiPasquale (Wagner College, Economics), Amy Nantkes (Point Loma Nazarene), Noemi Alexander (Cal Baptist Univ), Lily Rowen (Laramie County Community College), Hajer Basodan (King AbdulAziz University), Lama Shaiekh (King AbdulAziz University), Abdurraof Elakder (University of Tripoli)

Academic, Post Doc/Fellowship/Teaching

Soha Hammam (Fellow, Harvard University), Timothy Milosch (Biola University), Simon Tang (CSU Fullerton), Gary Hawk (Copper Mountain College), Lauren Shaffer (CSU Northridge), Gia Honnen (Pepperdine)

Public Sector

Abdulaziz Albinali (Govt of Bahrain), Jake Campbell (Department of Veteran Affairs, LA County Dept of Public Health), Roger Chin (Washington State), Brian Jewett (Laguna Beach Water District), Zaid Alkdidi (Govt of Saudi Arabia), Glenn Steinback (Department of Defense), Noemi Alexander (Riverside Unified School Board), Amad Abukkazam (Govt of Libya), Inseon Roh (Govt of South Korea), Zeyad Elkelani (Chief Data Scientist, Ministry of the Economy of Egypt)

Private & Non-Profit Sector

Carlos Echeverria-Estrada (National Opinion Research Center), Byron Ramirez (Economist, BPM), Lara Steele (Biogen), Lisa Jene (U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development Council), Shawn Matiossian (Disney)

#### Committee Member

Academic, Tenure Track

Dong Wook Lee (Adelphi University), Joseph Dietrich (Towson University), Kerstin Fisk (Loyola Marymount), Rachelle Walker (Vanguard Univ), Sumaia Alkohlani (United Arab Emirates University), Linda Alvarez (CSU Northridge), Charupol Ruangsuwan (Thammasat University), Benjamin Acosta (LSU, IDC-Herzliya),

Academic, Post Doc/Fellowship/Teaching

Minjae Yun (Assistant Director, Lowe Institute, Claremont McKenna College), Chungeon Koo (Post Doc, Inequality Center South Korea), Joseph Lake (CSU San Bernadino), Jessica McGuire, Ning Li, Se Kwen Kim (University of LaVerne), Benjamin Smith (Sacramento State)

Public Sector

Paul Pulido (LA Govt), Ichsan Zulkarnaean (Govt of Indonesia), Morgan Stockman (CDC), Miriam Sierra Aguilar (Washington State), Rainita Nerender (Riverside Co Prosecutor's Office)

Private & Non-Profit Sector

Kristoffer Wikstrom (Neilson), Maryah Garner (Economist, Coleridge Initiative), Yunie Le (Economist, Coleridge Initiative), Jingjing An (Acumen), Sara Kazemian (Acumen), Morgan Stockman (Economist, Blisspoint Media), Eveline Gnabasik, Norvell Thomas, Michael Merino (US Green Building Council), Maria Morales (MIM Consulting), Ben Feingold

# **Media Participation**

The Economist: "Punching above their weight"

Washington Post "Monkey Cage": "Is your town urban or rural? A lot of money rides on the government's answer-which may soon change"

Dallas Morning News, January 2020 NPR's Marketplace, December 2, 2019

Washington Post "Monkey Cage"" "What keeps Native Americans from voting...and what could change this?"

Panoramas Website, University of Pittsburgh: Taxing with Dictators and Democrats

#### **Under Review**

- Federal Incarceration and Native American Felon Disenfranchisement in the US West (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich) *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*
- Democracy Distorted (w/ Pablo Beramendi, Carles Boix, and Marc Guinjoan)
- Voting Your Pocket Book or Voting Your Place? (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
- The Geography of Police Response: Evidence from Dallas (w/ Ben Feingold, Spencer Mueller, Rina Nagashima)
- Democracy Against the State? Commodity Booms and the Politics of Capacity Building (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Victoria Paniagua)

### **Selected Working Papers**

- Endogenous Borders (w/ Pablo Beramendi, Dong Wook Lee)
- Conceptualizing and Quantifying Geographic Polarization in the American States (w/ Zoe Nemerever)
- Inter-elite Competition and Fiscal Development in the US States (w/ Pablo Beramendi, Traviss Cassidy, and Mark Dincecco)
- Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preferences (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
- Political Competition and Economic Development in Industrializing America: Growth Dynamics in the US South (w/ Byengseon Bae)
- Deindustrialization and Government's Role in Gendered Employment Recomposition (w/ Maggie Kohl)
- The Curse of Overrepresentation (w/ Pablo Beramendi)

### **Teaching Experience**

Claremont Graduate University

Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality

Parties and Elections

Comparative Political Economy

Theories and Issues in Comparative Politics

Democracy and Development

Comparative Political Institutions

Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research

Politics of Non-Democratic Countries

Foreign Policy of Latin America

Politics of Developing Countries

Political and Econ Development in Latin America

Pitzer College

Democracy and Development

Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality

Scripps College

Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality

University of California, San Diego

The U.S. Congress

Politics of the Southern Cone

Latin American Politics

Thunderbird School of Management

Guest Lecturer, U.S. Foreign Policy and the Latin American Business Climate

### **Invited Talks**

Brennan Center Convening on Voting Rights, NYU
PIPE Workshop on The Political Economy of Native Policy, USC
Conference on Regional Inequalities, Bocconi University
Conference on Electoral Administration, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
DONDENA Center, Bocconi University
Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University
Montréal Inequality and Federalism Conference
Empirical Study of Gender Research Network, UC San Diego
Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting, Stanford
Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference, USC
University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs
Political Institutions and Political Economy Workshop, USC
USC Comparative Politics Workshop
Seminar on Fiscal Federalism, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Politics of Crisis Workshop, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Princeton Book Workshop
Historical Political Economy of the US West, USC
Inequality Conference, Konstanz, Germany
USC Book Workshop
UCSB Political Economy Workshop
UC Riverside Political Behavior Workshop
IPRC Workshop
CGU Tuesday Talk Series
UCSD Democracy and Inequality Workshop
UC Riverside: Political Behavior Workshop
London School of Economics: Comparative Politics Workshop
University of Mannheim: The Political Economy of Reforms
Peking University: Taxation and Fiscal Capacity Workshop
QOG & VDEM (U Gothenburg): State Capacity- Measurement Innovations, Gaps and Challenges Workshop
Duke University: State Capacity- Causes and Consequences
The Carter Center: Native American Participation in U.S. Elections
Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD
California Police Chief's Executive Leadership Institute
Claremont University Club: U.S. Elections in Comparative Perspective
University of Amsterdam: Workshop on the Sub-National State in Latin America
Texas A&M: Taxation, Fiscal Capacity and Revenue Workshop
UC Riverside: Graduate Colloquium
CGU Tuesday Talk: "A Natural Experiment of GDP Underreporting using Nightlights Data"
CGU Taking the Constitution Seriously Series
CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development"
SUNY Buffalo: Workshop on the Politics of Redistribution
UCLA Comparative Politics Series: "Geography, Elite Competition, and the Origins of Tax Capacity"
Stanford University Comparative Politics Workshop: "Geography, Capacity, and Inequality"
Occidental College: "Regional Inequality in Latin America"
UC San Diego: "Inequality, Electoral Institutions, and Government Spending"
CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Shifting the Burden in Global Markets"
IELA: "Regional Inequality within Latin America"
CGU Board of Visitors, School of Politics and Economics
CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Uneven Development, Unequal Education"
Claremont University Club: "South America and the Global Economic System"
CGU Minority Mentors Program: "How to Present at Conferences"
CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Taxing with Dictators Under Democracy"

# **Legal Training**

Redistricting Expert Witness Training, Native American Rights Fund, May-September 2021

#### **Recent Conference Presentations**

American Political Science Association, September 2023

Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preferences

Measuring Voter Equity in US Counties

The Curse of Overrepresentation

Commodity Booms, State Capacity, and Enfranchisement

Polarization Research Lab, March 2023

Conceptualizing and Quantifying Geographic Polarization in the American States

American Political Science Association, September 2022

Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preferences

Conceptualizing and Quantifying Geographic Polarization in the American States

Political Origins of Urban Concentration in Latin America

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2022

Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place?

Political Origins of Urban Concentration in Latin America

American Political Science Association, September 2021

Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place?

Democracy Distorted

Structural Racism, the USPS and Voting by Mail On-and Off-Reservation in Arizona

Political Origins of Urbanization

Royal Geography Society, September 2021

Political Origins of Urban Change in Latin America

American Political Science Association, September 2020

Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place?

The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science

Western Political Science Association, April 2020

Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place?

State Politics Conference, March 2020

Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development in the U.S. States

Southern California Political Methods, September 2019

Measuring Rural Populations in Political Science

American Political Science Association, September 2019

The Politics of Death

Visions in Methodology, May 2019

Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research

Western Political Science Association, April 2019

Economic Geography, Industrialization, and Redistribution

Geography, Capacity, and Inequality

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019

Economic Geography, Industrialization, and Redistribution

Building Subnational State Capacity in Mexico

American Political Science Association, September 2018

Economic Geography and Redistribution

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

Nascent Bureaucracies

Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research

Electoral Integrity Project, September 2017

Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations

American Political Science Association, September 2017

From Losers to Winners

Economic Geography and the Politics of Redistribution

What's the Right Answer to Trade Liberalization?

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017

Commodity Shocks, State Capacity, and the Politics of Redistribution

Measuring Regional Inequality for Political Research

Economic Geography and State Capacity

Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference, September 2016

Measuring Regional Inequality for Political Research

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016

Intra-elite Competition and Long-Run Fiscal Development

Latin American Studies Association, New York, May 2016

Inequality and Democratic Representation in Latin America

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016

Regional Inequality and Dynamics Government Expenditure

Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 2016

NAFTA's Opportunities

Shifting the Burden

Council for European Studies, Paris, July 2015

Geography, Capacity, and Inequality

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015

Bringing Regions Back In

**Comparing Inequalities** 

Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference, September 2014

Comparing Inequalities

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014

Regional Inequality and Political Party Representation

Bringing Home the Bacon or Serving the Homemade Bread

American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2013

Regional Inequality and Political Parties

International Studies Association-Peace Science Society, Budapest, July 2013

Bringing Regions Back In

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013

Regional Income Inequality and Government Spending

Federalism and Regional Income Inequality

International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2013

Shifting the Burden: Partisan Effects on Tax Reform

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2012

Uneven Development, Unequal Education

Trading for Development: Local Interests and National Policy Salience

Curriculum vitae last updated May 2024