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## Academic Appointments

2019–Present	Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2019–Present	Associate Dean, School of Social Science and Policy Evaluation
2018–Present	Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research Center
2019–2020	Chair, Department of International Studies
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

2021	<i>Geography, Capacity, and Inequality</i> . Cambridge University Press (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
2015	<i>The Politics of Place and the Limits to Redistribution</i> . Routledge Press

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2020	Measuring the Rural Continuum in Political Science, <i>Political Analysis</i> (w/ Zoe Nemerever)
2020	Federalism and the Welfare State in Latin America, <i>Regional and Federal Studies</i>
2020	Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations, <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i> (w/ Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, Savannah Johnston, Aaron Berg)
2020	Decentralization and the Distributive Incidence of the Great Recession, <i>Regional Studies</i> (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
2020	When Militant Organizations Lose Militarily but Win Politically, <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> (w/ Benjamin Acosta)
2019	Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research, <i>Political Analysis</i> (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
2019	Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending, <i>Journal of Politics</i> 81, no. 2. (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
2019	Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development, <i>Journal of Politics</i> 81, no. 1. (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Mark Dinuccio)
2018	Disparate Geography and the Origins of Tax Capacity, <i>Review of International Organizations</i> (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
2017	What's Left to Tax? Partisan Reallocation of Trade Taxation in Less Developed Countries, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 70, no. 3: 495-508 (w/ Eunyoung Ha)
2017	Barriers Against the Egalitarian Turn. <i>Latin American Research Review</i> , 52, no. 4: 529-551 (with Pablo Beramendi and Alberto Díaz-Cayeros)
2017	Analysis of Panamanian DMSP/OLS Nightlights Corroborates Suspicions of Inaccurate Fiscal Data, <i>Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment</i> 8 (November): 99-104 (w/ Andrew Marx)
2014	Taxing with Dictators and Democrats: Regime Effects, Transfers, and Revenue in Argentina's Provinces. <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i> 6, no.1: 3-44
2013	Income Taxation and the Validity of State Capacity Indicators. <i>Journal of Public Policy</i> 34, no.1: 1-24 (w/ Nicholas Weller)
2013	National Leverage: Partisan Constraints on Reform in Sub-National Bureaucracies. <i>Revista Sul America de Ciência Política</i> 1, no.1: 112-137

- 2009 Democracias Liberal E Iliberal Na América Latina. (reprint in Portuguese) *Opinião Pública* 15, no. 2: 356-385 (w/ Peter Smith)
- 2008 Liberal and Illiberal Democracy in Latin America. *Latin American Politics and Society* 50, no.1: 31-57 (w/ Peter Smith)
- 2008 Governmental Performance and Political Regimes: Latin America in Comparative Perspective, 1990-2004. *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* 3, no.2: 101-117 (w/ Peter Smith)

## Under Review

- Randomization Inference in Observational Data: Applications to Comparative Politics, *Under Review* (w/ Glenn Steinback)

## Other Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2016 “Inequality and Democratic Representation in Latin America.” In Dolores Trevizo and Joe Foweraker, ed. *Democracy and Its Discontents in Latin America*. Lynne Rienner Press
- 2013 “Book Review: The Fire Next Door: Mexico’s Drug Violence and the Threat to America.” *Trends in Organized Crime* 16, no.2: 249-250
- 2010 *The Taxation Tango: State Capacity in Argentina’s Provinces*. UMI Dissertation Publication
- 2010 “Illiberal and Liberal Democracy in Latin America.” In William Smith, ed. *Latin American Democratic Transformations*. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers
- 2002 *From Peace to Governance: Police Reform and the International Community* Washington, D.C.: Washington Office on Latin America, 2002

## Book Manuscripts

- *Limits to Equality*, in progress (w/ Pablo Beramendi)

## Selected Working Papers

- Commodity Shocks, State Capacity, and Redistribution (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Victoria Paniagua)
- Endogenous Borders (w/ Pablo Beramendi, Kristoffer Wikstrom, and Dong Wook Lee)
- NAFTA’s Opportunities (w/ Alma Bezares Calderón and Juan Fernando Ibarra del Cueto)
- The Politics of Death (with Pablo Beramendi and Soomin Oh)
- Economic Geography, Industrialization, and Redistribution (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Soomin Oh)
- The Curse of Overrepresentation (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
- Inter-elite Competition and Fiscal Development in the US States (w/ Pablo Beramendi and Mark Dincecco)
- Voting Your Pocket Book or Voting Your Place? Decomposing Variance in Vote Choice (w/ Dong Wook Lee)
- The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science (w/ Dong Wook Lee and Hillel Soifer)
- The Political Origins of the Urbanization: Evidence from 50 Years of Nightlight Data (w/ Soha Hammam)
- The Spatial Politics of Taxing the Wealthy (w/ Pablo Beramendi)
- Federalism and Inequality in a Pandemic: Evidence from Location Tracking in Mexico (w/ Andrew Marx and Yuzhu Zeng)

## Recent Awards

- 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, 2015-2016, 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

## University Leadership Roles

Associate Dean, School of Social Science, Policy, and Evaluation: 2019-Present  
Department Chair, Department of International Studies: 2019-2020  
Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research Center of the Institute for Democratic Renewal: 2018-Present  
Claremont Faculty Leadership Program: 2020  
Founder and Director, CGU Inequality Lab: 2016-Present  
Chair, Faculty Research Committee (University Level)  
Comparative Politics Field Chair (Department Level): 2015-Present  
Academic Search Committee Member (Department Level: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020)  
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (Department Level)  
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)  
Advisory Library Planning Board (Claremont University Consortium Level)  
Applied Women's Studies Advisory Committee (University Level)

## Invited Talks

May 2020	UCSD Democracy and Inequality Workshop
May 2020	UC Riverside: Political Behavior Workshop
February 2020	London School of Economics: Comparative Politics Workshop
October 2019	University of Mannheim: The Political Economy of Reforms
July 2019	Peking University: Taxation and Fiscal Capacity Workshop
June 2019	QOG & VDEM (U Gothenburg): State Capacity- Measurement Innovations, Gaps and Challenges Workshop
April 2019	Duke University: State Capacity- Causes and Consequences
December 2018	The Carter Center: Native American Participation in U.S. Elections
October 2018	Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD
January 2018	California Police Chief's Executive Leadership Institute
October 2017	Claremont University Club: U.S. Elections in Comparative Perspective
March 2017	University of Amsterdam: Workshop on the Sub-National State in Latin America
March 2017	Texas A&M: Taxation, Fiscal Capacity and Revenue Workshop
March 2017	UC Riverside: Graduate Colloquium
November 2016	CGU Tuesday Talk: "A Natural Experiment of GDP Underreporting using Nightlights Data"
October 2016	CGU Taking the Constitution Seriously Series
September 2016	CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development"
May 2016	SUNY Buffalo: Workshop on the Politics of Redistribution
January 2016	UCLA Comparative Politics Series: "Geography, Elite Competition, and the Origins of Tax Capacity"
April 2015	Stanford University Comparative Politics Workshop: "Geography, Capacity, and Inequality"
February 2014	Occidental College: "Regional Inequality in Latin America"
October 2013	UC San Diego: "Inequality, Electoral Institutions, and Government Spending"
October 2013	CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Shifting the Burden in Global Markets"
November 2013	IELA: "Regional Inequality within Latin America"
May 2013	CGU Board of Visitors, School of Politics and Economics
February 2012	CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Uneven Development, Unequal Education"
December 2011	Claremont University Club: "South America and the Global Economic System"
December 2011	CGU Minority Mentors Program: "How to Present at Conferences"
April 2011	CGU Tuesday Talk Series: "Taxing with Dictators Under Democracy"

## Media Participation

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

The 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

## Student Placement

### Academic (Tenure Track)

Alma Bezares (Whittier College, Economics), Dong Wook Lee (Adelphi University), Benjamin Acosta (LSU, IDC-Herzliya), Kerstin Fisk (Loyola Marymount), Rachelle Walker (Vanguard Univ), Sumaia Alkohlani (U. Al Sharjaf), Linda Alvarez (CSU Northridge), Charupol Ruangsuwan (Thammasat University), Simon Tang (Saddleback College), Noemi Alexander (Cal Baptist Univ)

### Academic (Post Doc)

Rena Salayeva (CIES)

### Public Sector

Paul Pulido (LA Govt), Ichsan Zulkarnaean (Govt of Indonesia), Abdulaziz Albinali (Govt of Bahrain), Jake Campbell (San Bernadino County), Roger Chin (Washington State)

### Private Sector

Byron Ramirez (BPM), Lara Steele (Biogen), Christopher Hwang, Kristoffer Wikstrom (Reuters)

## Service to the Profession

Editor	APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Newsletter
Mentor	Midwest Political Science Association
Organizer	Visions in Methodology Conference (2020) Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (2012, 2017, 2019) Department of International Studies Student Conference (2018, 2019) Politics of Race Immigration Ethnicity Consortium (2019)
Panelist	Best Graduate Student Paper, MPSA 2020
Chair	Western Political Science Association 2013, 2019, 2020 Midwest Political Science Association 2012 & 2017 & 2020
Discussant	American Political Science Association 2019 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
Evaluator	Advancement, Tenure, and Promotion decisions
Reviewer	<i>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</i>

## 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

## Recent Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019	Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place? The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science Oil Shock and Government Approval
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

Western Political Science Association, Portland, March 2013  
 | National Leverage: Partisan Constraints on Sub-national Bureaucratic Reform  
 | Trading for Development: Local Interests and National Policy Salience

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2011  
 | Taxing with Autocrats and Democrats

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