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## Academic Appointments

2011–Present	Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2017–Present	Co-Director, Claremont Inequality Research Institute
2010–2011	Visiting Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2007–2010	Adjunct Instructor, University of California-San Diego

## 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

2015 | *The Politics of Place and the Limits to Redistribution* Routledge Press.

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

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. (with Eunyoung Ha).
2017	Barriers Against the Egalitarian Turn. <i>Latin American Research Review</i> , 52, no. 3. (with Pablo Beramendi and Alberto Díaz-Cayeros).
2017	Analysis of Panamanian DMS/OLS nightlights corroborates suspicions of inaccurate fiscal data. <i>Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment</i> (with 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.
2013	Income Taxation and the Validity of State Capacity Indicators. <i>Journal of Public Policy</i> 34, no.1: 1-24. (with Nicholas Weller)
2013	National Leverage: Partisan Constraints on Reform in Sub-National Bureaucracies. <i>Revista Sul America de Ciência Política</i> 1, no.1
2009	Democracias Liberal E Iliberal Na América Latina. (reprint in Portuguese) <i>Opinião Pública</i> 15, no. 2 (with Peter Smith)
2008	Liberal and Illiberal Democracy in Latin America. <i>Latin American Politics and Society</i> 50, no.1: 31-57. (with Peter Smith)
2008	Governmental Performance and Political Regimes Latin America in Comparative Perspective, 1990-2004. <i>Taiwan Journal of Democracy</i> 3, no.2: 101-17 (with Peter Smith)

## Under Review

- Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending *Revise and Resubmit* (with Dong-wook Lee)
- Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development, *Revise and Resubmit* (with Pablo Beramendi and Mark Dincecco)
- Disparate Geography and the Origins of Tax Capacity, *Under Review* (with Pablo Beramendi)
- When Militant Organizations Lose Militarily but Win Politically, *Under Review* (with Benjamin Acosta)

## Other Peer-reviewed Publications

- 2016 | “Inequality and Democratic Representation in Latin America.” In Dolores Treviso and Joe Foweraker, ed. *Democracy and Its Discontents in Latin America*. Lynne Reinner Publishers
- 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: Geography, Fiscal Capacity, and Distribution* (with Pablo Beramendi)

## Selected Working Papers

- | Commodity Shocks, State Capacity, and the Politics of Redistribution (with Pablo Beramendi and Victoria Paniagua)
- | Economic Geography and State Capacity in Latin America (with Pablo Beramendi)
- | Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research (with Dong-wook Lee)
- | Endogenous Borders (with Kristoffer Wikstrom and Dong-wook Lee)
- | Bringing Home the Bacon but Selling the Homemade Bread (with Juan Pablo Micozzi)
- | The Multilevel Problem of Civil Conflict (with Lindsay Heger and Tom Cook)
- | Nascent Bureaucracies (with Alma Bezares-Calderon and Juan Fernando Ibarra del Cueto)
- | Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations (with Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, and Savannah Johnston)

## Invited Talks

- October 2017 | Claremont University Club: US 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 | UCR 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: “Intraelite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development”
- May 2016 | Workshop on the Politics of Redistribution, SUNY Buffalo
- January 2016 | UCLA Comparative Politics Speakers 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 and Inequality with Regions, Latin America in Comparative Perspective”
- 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”

## Invited Media Participation

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

## University Service

Founder and Director, CGU Inequality Lab  
Academic Standards Committee (University Level)  
Board Chair's Advisory Group (University Level)  
Advisory Library Planning Board (Claremont University Consortium)  
Comparative Politics Field Committee (Department of Politics and Policy)  
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (Department of Politics and Policy)  
Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council (University Level)

## Academic Advising

Dissertation Committee Chair (Active)  
Andrew Heritage, Alma Bezares Calderon, Lisa Piergallini, Harold Campbell, Roger Chin (ASU),  
Laura Bouamrane, Seokdong Kim, Alp Toygar, Gary Hawk

Dissertation Committee Member (Active)  
Amanda Krzyzanowski, Ernesto Hizon, Kristoffer Wikstrom, Maria Morales, Elizabeth Olson

Dissertation Committee Chair (Defended)  
Byron Ramirez, Lara Steele (City of Hope), Rena Salayeva (LA City College), Abdulaziz Albinali  
(Govt of Bahrain)

Dissertation Committee Member (Defended)  
Benjamin Acosta (Asst Prof, IDC-Herzliya), Kerstin Fisk (Asst Prof, LMU), Dong-wook Lee  
(CSULB), Evis Mezini (USC), Rachele Walker (Asst Prof, Vanguard Univ), Jessica McGuire,  
Sumaia Alkohlani (Asst Prof, U of Al Sharjaf), Linda Alvarez (Asst Prof, CSUN), Paul Pulido,  
Ihsan Zulkarnaean (Govt of Indonesia), Charupol Ruangsuwan (Govt of Thailand)

## Service to the Profession

Editor	APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Newsletter
Organizer	Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (September 2012, February 2017)
Mentor	Midwest Political Science Association
Chair	Western Political Science Association 2013 Midwest Political Science Association 2012 & 2017
Discussant	Council for European Studies 2015 Southern California Comparative Political Institutions 2011, 2012 Midwest Political Science Association 2012 (2 panels); 2013 (3 panels); 2015 (1 panel); 2016 (2 panels); 2017 (2 panels) Western Political Science Association 2013 (1 Panel), 2016 (1 panel)
Reviewer	<i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>British Journal of Po- litical Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Trends in Organized Crime</i> , <i>Journal of Public Policy</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> , <i>Comparative Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i>

## Teaching Experience

Claremont Graduate University  
Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality  
Parties and Elections  
Comparative Political Economy  
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  
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

Electoral Integrity Project at APSA, September 2017  
Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations  
American Political Science Association, September 2017  
Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations (Electoral Integrity Project)  
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 (with Dong-wook Lee)  
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 (with Dong-wook Lee)  
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 2016  
NAFTA's Opportunities (with Alma Bezares-Calderon)  
Shifting the Burden (with Eunyoung Ha)  
Council for European Studies, Paris, July 2015  
Geography, Capacity, and Inequality (with Pablo Beramendi)  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015  
Bringing Regions Back In (with Lindsay Heger)  
Comparing Inequalities (with Dong-wook Lee)  
Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference, September 2014  
Comparing Inequalities (with Dong-wook Lee)  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014  
Regional Inequality and Political Party Representation (with Dong-wook Lee)  
Bringing Home the Bacon or Serving the Homemade Bread (with Juan Pablo Micozzi)  
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 (with Lindsay Heger)  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013  
Regional Income Inequality and Government Spending (with Dong-wook Lee)  
Federalism and Regional Income Inequality: Effects on Education Spending  
International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2013  
Shifting the Burden: Partisan Effects on Tax Reform (with Eunyoung Ha)  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2012  
Uneven Development, Unequal Education: The Divergent Effects of Federalism on Public Education Spending (with Dong-wook Lee)  
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

## Recent Awards

Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2017 (\$7,258, with Andrew Marx)  
Big Data Faculty Research Award, Claremont Graduate University 2015 (\$3,500)  
| For attendance at ICPSR Network Theory Training, Chapel Hill, NC August 2015  
Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2015 (\$6,400)  
BLAIS Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2013-2014 (\$24,876)  
Fletcher Jones Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University 2012 (\$7,100)  
Avery Fellow, Claremont Colleges 2012-2013 and 2015-2016 (\$4,000)  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Southern California 2010-2011 (Declined)  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for US-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)  
Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS) Travel Grant, 2007  
Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies (CILAS) Travel Grant, 2006  
Dean's Travel Grant, 2006 and 2008  
Thurgood Marshall Fellow, University of California, San Diego