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Academic Appointments

2011–Present	Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2017–Present	Co-Founder and Co-Director, Claremont Inequality and Policy 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

2018	<i>Geography, Capacity, and Inequality</i> . In Progress, Cambridge U. Press (with Pablo Beramendi)
2015	<i>The Politics of Place and the Limits to Redistribution</i> . Routledge Press.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2018	Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending, <i>Journal of Politics</i> (with Dong Wook Lee)
2018	Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development, <i>Journal of Politics</i> (with Pablo Beramendi and Mark Dincecco)
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 DMSP/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 Illiberal 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

- Disparate Geography and the Origins of Tax Capacity, *Revise and Resubmit* (with Pablo Beramendi)
- Decentralization and the Distributive Incidence of the Great Recession, *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 Rienner 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)
- | Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research (with Dong Wook Lee)
- | Endogenous Borders (with Dong Wook Lee, Pablo Beramendi, and Kristoffer Wikstrom)
- | 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-Calderón and Juan Fernando Ibarra del Cueto)
- | Assessing the Efficacy of Early Voting Access on Indian Reservations (with Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, Aaron Berg and Savannah Johnston)

Recent Awards

Visiting Fellow, Center for US Mexican Studies UCSD 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, 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)
Thurgood Marshall Fellow, University of California, San Diego

Invited Talks

June 2019	QOG & VDEM (U Gothenburg): State Capacity: Measurement Innovations, Gaps and Challenges
January 2018	California Police Chief's Executive Leadership Institute
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	SUNY Buffalo: Workshop on the Politics of Redistribution
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"

University Leadership Roles

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, Gary Hawk, Giacomo DiPasquale, Amy Nantkes, Ernesto Hizon, Noemi Alexander

Dissertation Committee Member (Active)

Kristoffer Wikstrom, Maria Morales, Elizabeth Olson, Aye Aye Khaine, Michael Merino, Joseph Dietrich

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), Rachelle Walker (Asst Prof, Vanguard Univ), Jessica McGuire, Sumaia Alkohani (Asst Prof, U of Al Sharjaf), Linda Alvarez (Asst Prof, CSUN), Paul Pulido, Ichsan Zulkarnaean (Govt of Indonesia), Charupol Ruangsuwan (Govt of Thailand), Amanda Krzyzanowski (Texas Womens College)

Service to the Profession

Editor	APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Newsletter
Organizer	Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (September 2012, February 2017) Department of International Studies Student Conference (March 2018)
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 Political 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>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i>

Teaching Experience

Claremont Graduate University

Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality
Parties and Elections
Comparative Political Systems
Comparative Political Economy
Democracy and Development
Comparative Political Institutions
Theory and Issues in Comparative Politics
Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research
Politics of Non-Democratic Countries
Foreign Policy of Latin America
Politics of Developing Countries
Political and Economic 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

American Political Science Association, September 2018

Economic Geography, Democratic Institutions, and Redistribution

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

Nascent Bureaucracies
Measuring Geographic Distribution

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
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2011

Taxing with Autocrats and Democrats