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## Academic Appointments

2011–Present	Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2018–Present	Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research Center
2010–2011	Visiting Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
2007–2010	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

2019	<i>Geography, Capacity, and Inequality</i> . Cambridge University Press (with Pablo Beramendi)
2015	<i>The Politics of Place and the Limits to Redistribution</i> . Routledge Press

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2019	Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending, <i>Journal of Politics</i> (with Dong Wook Lee)
2019	Intra-elite Competition and Long-run Fiscal Development, <i>Journal of Politics</i> (with Pablo Beramendi and Mark Dincecco)
2019	Disparate Geography and the Origins of Tax Capacity, <i>Review of International Organizations</i> (with 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 (with 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 (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: 3-44
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: 112-137
2009	Democracias Liberal E Iliberal Na América Latina. (reprint in Portuguese) <i>Opinião Pública</i> 15, no. 2: 356-385 (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: 101-117 (with Peter Smith)

## Under Review

- Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research, *Revise and Resubmit* (with Dong Wook Lee)
- Decentralisation 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 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* (with Pablo Beramendi)

## Selected Working Papers

- Commodity Shocks, State Capacity, and Redistribution (with Pablo Beramendi and Victoria Paniagua)
- Endogenous Borders (with Pablo Beramendi, 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)
- NAFTA’s Opportunities (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, and Savannah Johnston)
- The Politics of Death (with Pablo Beramendi and Soomin Oh)
- Economic Geography, Industrialization, and Redistribution: Malapportionment as Compensation (with Pablo Beramendi and Soomin Oh)

## 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, 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 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

Co-Founder and Co-Director, Claremont Inequality and Policy Research Institute  
Founder and Director, CGU Inequality Lab  
Comparative Politics Field Chair (Department Level)  
Academic Search Committee Member (Department Level: 2014, 2016, 2017)  
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (Department Level)  
Academic Standards Committee (University Level)  
Board Chair’s Advisory Group (University Level)  
Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council (University Level)

## Invited Talks

June 2019	QOG & VDEM (U Gothenburg): State Capacity- Measurement Innovations, Gaps and Challenges Workshop
December 2018	The Carter Center: Native American Participation in U.S. Elections
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 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 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"

## Invited Media Participation

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

## Academic Advising

Dissertation Committee Chair (Active)

Andrew Heritage, Alma Bezares Calderón, Lisa Piergallini, Jake Campbell, Roger Chin (ASU), Laura Bouamrane, Gary Hawk, Giacomo DiPasquale, Amy Nantkes, Ernesto Hizon, Noemi Alexander, Simon Tang

Dissertation Committee Member (Active)

Kristoffer Wikstrom, Maria Morales, Aye Aye Khaine, Michael Merino, Joseph Dietrich, Robert Saporito

Dissertation Committee Chair (Defended)

Byron Ramirez (BPM), Lara Steele (Biogen), Rena Salayeva (CIES), Abdulaziz Albinali (Govt of Bahrain)

Dissertation Committee Member (Defended)

Benjamin Acosta (Asst Prof, LSU, IDC-Herzliya), Kerstin Fisk (Asst Prof, LMU), Dong Wook Lee (CSULB), Evis Mezini (Pomona), Rachelle Walker (Asst Prof, Vanguard Univ), Jessica McGuire (U. Central Oklahoma), Sumaia Alkohlani (Asst Prof, U. Al Sharjaf), Linda Alvarez (Asst Prof, CSUN), Paul Pulido (LA Govt), Ichsan Zulkarnaean (Govt of Indonesia), Charupol Ruangsuan (Govt of Thailand), Amanda Krzyzanowski (Dallas County CC), Abdulaziz Albinali (Govt of Bahrain)

## Service to the Profession

Editor	APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Newsletter
Mentor	Midwest Political Science Association
Organizer	Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (September 2012, February 2017) Department of International Studies Student Conference (March 2018)
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); 2013 (3); 2015; 2016 (2); 2017 (2) Western Political Science Association 2013, 2016
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>International Studies Quarterly</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 Economy Comparative Political Systems 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

American Political Science Association, September 2018	Uneven Geography and Institutional Design
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