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Academic Positions

University of Houston

Interim Chair, Department of Political Science, 2025

Professor of Political Science, 2025-present

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2013-present

Senator Don Henderson Endowed Scholar, 2015-2018

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Mexican American Studies, 2013-present

Faculty Affiliate, Hobby School of Public Policy, 2013-present

University of Oxford, United Kingdom

John G. Winant Visiting Professor of American Government, 2023-2024

University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Professor of Government, 2005-2013

Associate Director, Irma Rangel Public Policy Institute, 2006-2013

Faculty Junior Fellow, British Studies Program, 2010-2013

University of Sydney, United States Studies Centre

Honorary Research Fellow, 2010-present

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2009-2010

Duke University

Samuel DuBois Cook Postdoctoral Fellow, 2007-2008

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D. in Politics, 2006

M.A. in Politics, 2003

Loyola University New Orleans

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Political Science, 1999

Books

2025, (with Robert D. Alvarez), *Shifting Allegiances: The Election of Latino Republicans to State Legislatures and Congress*, New York: Cambridge University Press (Elements Series in American Politics).

2011, *Latino Representation in State Houses and Congress*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

2025, "The Dimensions of Judicial Legitimacy: Assessing the Impact of Latino Representation" (with Scott J. Hofer, Susan Achury and Matthew Ward), *Politics, Groups and Identities*, OnlineFirst.

2023, "The Impact of Racial Representation on Judicial Legitimacy: White Reactions to Latinos on the Bench" (with Scott J. Hofer, Susan Achury and Matthew Ward), *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(1): 158-172.

2022, "Governing Texas: Lessons Learned from Political Science Textbook Authors," (with Anthony Champagne and Edward Harpham,) *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55 (3): 627-9.

2020, "Latino Judges on the Federal District Court: ¿Cómo Deciden?," (with Scott J. Hofer), *American Politics Research*, 48 (3): 343-354.

2020, "Sanctuary Cities: Exploring Public Attitudes towards Enforcement Collaboration between Local Police and Federal Immigration Authorities," (with Sophia Jordán Wallace), *Urban Affairs Review*, 56 (1): 32-64.

2019, "From Barrios to Condos: The Effects of Gentrification on Latino Representation," (with Markie McBrayer), *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, Vol. 4, 216-55.

- 2019, "Race, Partisanship, and Attitudes Towards Public Policy Commonality and Legislative Districts," (with Sophia Jordán Wallace and Daniel Q. Gillion), *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*, Vol. 4, 32-59.
- 2015, "The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Partisanship on Attitudes About Descriptive Representation," (with Sophia Jordán Wallace), *American Politics Research*, Volume 43, No. 1, pp. 144-169.
- 2013, "Partisanship or Population? House and Senate Immigration Votes in the 109th and 110th Congresses," (with David L. Leal), *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Volume 1, No. 1, pp. 48-65.
- 2012, "Changing Political Landscapes for Latinos in America," (with Joanne Ibarra), *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*, Volume 11, No. 3, pp. 234-258. Paper commissioned by President Loui Olivas of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE).
- 2012, "No Latino Left Behind? Determinants of Support for Education Reform in the US Congress," (with Bryan Shelly), *Journal of Latinos and Education*, Volume 11, No. 4, pp. 260-270.
- 2011, "Latinas in Legislatures: The Conditions and Strategies of Political Incorporation." *Aztlán: Journal of Chicano Studies*, Volume 36, No. 1, pp. 171-189.
- 2010, "A Latino on the Ballot: Explaining Co-Ethnic Voting Among Latinos and the Response of White Americans," (with Ismail White, Corrine McConnaughey, and David L. Leal), *Journal of Politics*, Volume 72, No. 4, pp. 1199-1211.
2009. "Coalitions in the House? The Election of Minorities to State Legislatures and Congress." *Political Research Quarterly*, Volume 62, Number 1, pp. 120-131.
2009. "The Institutional and Demographic Determinants of Latino Representation in U.S. Legislatures." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* XXXIV: pp. 399-426.
2007. "The Election of Latinos to the California Legislature Pre and Post 2000 Redistricting." *Journal of California Politics and Policy*, Volume 11, Number 1, pp. 21-37.

Book Chapters

2017. "The Impact of Electoral Rules on Minority Representation" (with Kenicia Wright). Todd Donovan (Ed.), *Changing How America Votes*, Rowman and Littlefield Press.
- 2012, "Redistricting and Latino Representation in the West," Gary Moncrief (Ed.), *Reapportionment and Redistricting in the West*, Lexington Press.
2010. "Minority Representation in the American Congress" (with David Leal). Karen Bird, Thomas Saalfeld, and Andreas M. Wüst (Eds.), *The Political Representation of Immigrants*

and Minorities: Voters, Parties, and Parliaments in Liberal Democracies. New York: Routledge.

2010, "El Estado del Jardín: Latinos in New Jersey." In Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Louis DeSipio, and David L. Leal (Eds.), *Beyond the Barrio: Latinos in the 2004 Elections*. South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

2007, "Latino Representation in Congress: To What Extent are Latinos Substantively Represented?" in Rodolfo Espino, David L. Leal and Kenneth J. Meier (Eds.), *Latino Politics: Identity, Mobilization, and Representation*. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.

Textbook And Other Publications

2025-2017 *Governing Texas* 3rd-7th Editions (with Edward J. Harpham, Anthony Champagne, and Jennifer Hayes Clark). New York: W.W. Norton

2012. "Representation, Coalitions, and Gender," *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies* (ed. Ilan Stavans). New York: Oxford University Press. (peer-reviewed)

2007. "Representation Revisited: Concepts, Typologies, and Case Selection," *Qualitative Methods*, Fall Issue, Volume 5, No. 2. (peer-reviewed)

2005. "Latino Voices," *Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, ABC-CLIO, edited by John Geer

2005. "Congressional Hispanic Caucus" and "Lauro Cavazos."

Entries in *Encyclopedia Latina*, Grolier Publishers, edited by Ilan Stavans

Awards, Grants, Honors, And Fellowships

2020 University of Houston Grant to Enhance Research on Racism (\$10,000)

2018 Research Project Grant, University of Houston, with Pablo M. Pinto and Jeronimo Cortina, Survey of DACA Recipients (\$12,000)

2016 Hispanic Leaders Program, sponsored by the Embassy of Spain and the Carolina Foundation, November 2016.

2016 Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) University of Houston Seed Grant (\$3,500)

2011-2012 Spencer Foundation/ National Academy of Education Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$55,000)

2011 Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) University of Texas at Austin Faculty Summer Research Fellowship (\$2,000)

3rd Place (\$1,000) Best Dissertation award given by The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) and Educational Testing Service (ETS) in nationwide, interdisciplinary competition.

Fellow, Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality, a consortium of scholars engaged in interdisciplinary inquiry on disparities between racial and ethnic groups in a comparative, cross-national context. Duke University, 2008.

“Changing Political Landscapes for Latinos in America,” with Joanne Ibarra, paper commissioned by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), March 2011

Recipient, 2008 Faculty Fellowship, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) (declined).

University of Texas at Austin Book Manuscript Conference, discussants included Rodney E. Hero, David Lublin, David Leal and Nicholas Valentino. February 2008.

Recipient, 2006 Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West Presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting.

Recipient, 2007-2008 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Latina/o Studies Program Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined).

2007 Summer Research Assignment Award, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin. University-wide competition.

2006-2007 Special Research Grant Recipient, Vice President for Research, University of Texas at Austin.

Fellow of the Mike Hogg Professorship of Local Government, 2005-2006.

University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts Proposal Award, 2006.

Languages And Methods Training

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Inter-University Program for Latino Research

Institute for Latino Studies

Census 2000 Workshop Participant (June 2003)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM)

Second Annual Training Institute Participant (January 2003)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Inter-Consortium for Political and Social Science Research (ICPSR)

Coursework in Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Summer 2001)

Speak and write fluent Spanish

Teaching Experience

University of Houston

Introduction to Public Policy (POLS 3318)

Legislative Processes (POLS 3374)

U.S. Government: Congress, President and the Courts (POLS 1337/GOVT 2305)

Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in U.S. Politics (POLS 3368)

Latino Politics (POLS 3372)

Graduate Seminar: Race and Ethnicity in American Politics (POLS 6395)

Graduate Seminar: American Institutions and Public Policy (POLS 6312)

Duke University

Race, Redistricting, and Representation in U.S. Politics

University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to American Government (Government 310L)

United States Congress (Government 370L)

Latino Politics (Government 370K)

Introduction to Mexican American Public Policy Studies (MAS 308)

Graduate Seminar: Race and Ethnicity in American Politics (Government 381L)

Invited Lectures and Travel Grants (2007-)

Déjà vu All Over Again? Super Tuesday Election Results in the United States, Roundtable Guest, Phelan Center for U.S. Studies, London School of Economics, London England, March 2024.

Guest Lecture, Professor Ali Valenzuela, Princeton University, Immigration and Congressional Politics, April 2021

Invited Participant, New Perspectives and New Questions in Legislative Studies Virtual Conference at American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies on April 8, 2021.

Roundtable organizer and participant, "The Latino Vote in the 2016 Elections," Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2017

Presentation at Texas A&M University Project on Equity, Representation, and Governance, "Examining the Role of Candidate Traits in Latino Vote Choice: Evidence from the 2008 and 2012 Elections," February 9, 2015

Invited lecture, "Latino Politics," Latino Leadership Summit, University of Texas at Austin, February 2012.

Redistricting Roundtable panelist, State Politics and Policy Conference, Rice University and the University of Houston, February 2012.

"Redistricting and Latino Representation in the West," presented at Redistricting in the West Conference, Boise State University, Boise, ID, April 30, 2011.

Roundtable panelist, Immigration and Immigration Reform, College of Liberal Arts Forum, University of Texas at Austin, Coronado Club, Houston, TX, April 7, 2011.

Invited panelist, "Latinos and Politics: A 21st Century Perspective," Loyola University New Orleans, March 30, 2011.

Roundtable panelist, Conference on Transatlantic Intolerance, University of Texas at Austin, January 28, 2011.

Keynote Lecture, "Latinos and the Economy," Kappa Delta Chi Annual Faculty, Staff, and Student Mixer, November 4, 2010.

"Latino Representation in State Houses and Congress," Invited lecture, Academia Sinica, Institute of European and American Studies, June 2010, Taipei, Taiwan (ROC)

Invited Moderator. Election Night 2008. Sigma Lambda Beta Student Fraternity sponsored event, University of Texas at Austin. November, 2008.

Invited Lecture. Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus, "Latino Politics in the 2008 Elections." October 2008.

Invited Panelist. "Latino Political Panorama," Latino Leaders Summit. October 2008, Dallas, TX.

Invited Panelist. University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts "School of Thought" Alumni Event, "No Longer in the Margins: The Voting Strength of Black and Latino Voters in the Presidential Elections," with Tasha Philpot. October 2008.

Invited Lecture. University of Connecticut, Department of Puerto Rican Studies, "Representing the Barrio (and beyond): Latino Legislators in the American States." September 2008, Storrs, CT.

Invited Lecture. Las Comadres Latina Public Policy Training Institute. February and August 2008, Austin, TX.

Invited Panelist. "Understanding the Hispanic Vote in 2008," Center for Politics and Governance, LBJ School of Public Affairs. April 2008, Austin, TX.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY, AND NATION

Editorial Board, Congress and the Presidency, 2023-present

Editorial Board, Social Science Quarterly, 2019-present

Editorial Board, Political Research Quarterly, 2018-present

Editorial Board, Politics, Groups and Identities, 2017-present

Selection Committee, Hardeman Prize for Best Book on Congress, LBJ Foundation, 2014-present.

ABC News National Decision Desk, Member, 2022-present

American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) ETS Best Dissertation Award Selection Committee Member, 2021-2023

University of Houston, Moderator, Political Science Alumni Roundtable, April 2016.

Super Tuesday: Analyzing the 2016 Election, University of Houston College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and Law School, participant, February 2016.

University of Houston, Moderator, Student Government Presidential Debate, February 2016.

University of Houston, Search Committee for Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, member, 2016.

Advanced Placement College Board, US Government and Politics National Development Committee, 2015-2017; CLEP Development Committee, 2018-present.

University of Houston, Department of Political Science, Executive Committee, 2015-2017, 2024-present.

Invited speaker, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, February 2015.

Panel Moderator, University of Houston, Mayoral Elections Forum, October 2015.

University of Houston, Faculty Compensation Committee, Member, 2014-2015

University of Houston Department of Political Science, First Year American Politics Sequence Course Coordinator, 2014-2023

University of Houston Department of Political Science Outreach Committee, 2014-2016, 2018-2023

University of Houston Department of Political Science Graduate Committee, 2013-2014, 2024-present. Undergraduate Committee, 2014-2015

University of Houston Department of Political Science Junior American Politics Search Committee, 2013 and 2015.

Invited participant, American University, Department of Government, The Republicans' Latino Problem and How it Can be Fixed, March 2014.

Invited participant, Vanderbilt University, Debating Racial Reality Conference, October 2013.

Invited panelist, Princeton Department of Politics Graduate Alumni Event, April 2013.

Invited speaker, Department of State Sponsored Visiting Delegation from Universidad de los Andes, Venezuela, University of Houston, October 2013.

Panel Moderator, University of Houston, Unaccompanied Minors Film Showing and Panel Discussion, October 2014.

Appointee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Texas State Advisory Committee, 2008-2021.

Quoted or appeared in numerous media outlets, including BBC News, The Wall Street Journal, The Daily Cougar, KXAN News, Good Day Austin, Associated Press, Agence France Press, the Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, Congressional Quarterly Weekly and Rumbo.

American Political Science Association: life member; Executive Council Member 2023-2026, Committee on the Status of Latino/as in the Profession, 2018-present (member); Secretary for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, 2007-2008; Chair, Latino Fund for Scholarship Selection Committee, 2011; Best Book on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Selection Committee, 2012-2013; Chair, Best Book on Latino Politics Committee, 2013-2014; Race, Ethnicity and Politics Program Co-Chair, 2015 Annual Meeting; Latino Caucus President, 2014-2015;

Legislative Studies Section Best Paper in Legislative Studies Quarterly Jewell-Loewenberg Prize Selection Committee, 2016.

Midwest Political Science Association, member of Latino Caucus Committee, 2004-2005; Section Chair for Midwest Latino/a Caucus, 2013.

Southern Political Science Association, member since 2001; Committee on the Status of Latinos in the South, 2015-2022, Chair, 2017-2019, 2021-2022; Ad hoc committee on Professional Standards, 2018-2019.

Southwestern Political Science Association, Vice President 2022, and President 2023, Program Chair for 2019 Conference; Executive Council, 2015-2018, Chair, Ted Robinson Memorial Award Committee, 2015, President, 2021-2022

Western Political Science Association, member since 2001; Section Chair for Legislative Politics, 2006, 2008, and 2011 Annual Meetings; 2007 Charles Redd Paper Award Committee; Chair, Committee on the Status of Latinas/os in the Profession, 2010-2013; Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Chair, 2015 Annual Meeting; Recording Secretary, 2019-2020; Vice President and Program Chair, 2021; President Elect, 2022; President, 2023-2024.

Polling Advisory Committee Member, Texas Politics Project, Department of Government, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2013.

Editorial Board, Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies, 2012- 2020.

Occasional Reviewer, American Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Politics, Groups, and Identities, PS: Political Science & Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Politics and Gender, Polity, Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy, Social Science Quarterly, Political Communication, the International Journal of Hispanic Media, Perspectives on Politics, the Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Oxford University Press, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Thomson-Wadsworth, Longman Press, and W.W. Norton.

Selected by Department Chair to be part of Connexus program, an initiative of the Provost to provide mentorship and specialized courses to underprivileged students in the College of Liberal Arts, Spring 2007-2013.

2007 Best Graduate Paper Award Selection Committee, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

Faculty Participant, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas at Austin, Student Welcome Program, 2007.

Peer Teaching Review Committee, Department of Government, 2010-2012

Latino Policy Faculty Search Committee, Department of Government and Center for Mexican American Studies, 2010-2011.

Public Policy Field Appeals Committee, Department of Government, 2011-2013

Course Transformation Committee for Government 310L, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, 2011-2013

Invited speaker, Subiendo: The Academy for Rising Leaders, University of Texas at Austin, "Immigration Policy in the 21st Century," June 2011 and 2012.

Minority Liaison to the Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

Invited speaker, Fulbright Pakistan Gateway Orientation, University of Texas at Austin, October 13, 2011

Invited speaker, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Election 2012 Gender Race, and Voter Participation, September 24, 2012.

Invited speaker, Hispanic Leadership Initiative Summit, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, Latino Demographics and the 2012 Election, September 27, 2012.

Invited speaker, Project MALES (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success) Platica Series, University of Texas at Austin, Latino Representation in U.S. Politics, October 24, 2012.

Invited speaker, Forum on the Black and Brown Vote 2012, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, October 30, 2012.

State Politics and Policy Section of American Political Science Association, Christopher Mooney Best Dissertation Award Committee Member, 2013-2014.

Dissertations Advised

R. Lucas Williams, 2017, (committee member)

Kenicia Wright, 2018, (committee member)

Markie McBrayer, 2018, (committee member)

Sophiya Das, 2018, (committee member)

Daniella Mascarenhas, 2018, (committee member)

Savannah Sipole, 2018, (committee member)

Joanne Ibarra, 2018, (committee member, UT Austin Ph.D.)

Kasia Hinkson, 2021, (committee member)

Henrietta MacPeeples, 2023, (committee member)

Sarah Mallams, 2025 (committee member)

Naomi Nubin, 2025 (committee member)

Robert D. Alvarez, 2025 (committee chair)

Kyle Martin, 2025 (committee member)

Aparajita Datta, 2025 (committee member)

Silky Malik, (committee chair, in progress)

Maya Fitch (committee chair, in progress)