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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.
University of California, Santa Barbara, Summer 2015 to the present.

Research Associate of the [Broom Center for Demography](#). University of California, Santa Barbara. March 2017.

Research Associate, Harvard University, Fall 2014
Harvard Research Opinion Program, Harvard School of Public Health.

Assistant Adjunct Professor, Columbia University, Spring 2014
Department of Political Science.

Adjunct Instructor, New York University, Fall 2013
Steinhardt School of Education, Culture and Human Development.

Survey Director & Project Manager, [New York City Poverty Tracker Columbia University School of Social Work](#). June 2012-February 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 2014.

Dissertation Title: God Made the Country and Man Made the Town: The Impact of Local Institutions on the Integration of Immigrants in the United States.

Examining Committee: Robert Y Shapiro (Main Advisor), Alfred Stepan, Ira Katznelson, Fredrick Harris and Rodolfo de la Garza.

M.Phil. , Political Science, Columbia University, 2012.

M.A. , Political Science, Columbia University, 2008.

B.A. , International Relations, El Colegio de Mexico, 2003.

FIELDS

American Politics, Latino Politics, Immigration, Urban Politics, Research Methods, Public Opinion, Political Behavior, Race and Ethnicity American Politics.

PUBLICATIONS

[“Turnout and weather disruptions: Survey evidence from the 2012 presidential elections in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy”](#) (with Robert Y Shapiro and Viviana Burgos), *Electoral Studies*, February 2017.

[Poor weather doesn’t dissuade voting in noncompetitive elections – not even Hurricane Sandy did in 2012.](#) (with Robert Y Shapiro and Viviana Burgos).USAPP Blog LSE US Centre. March 2017.

[“Ebola in the United States — Public Reactions and Implications”](#)(with Gillian SteelFisher and Robert Blendon), *New England Journal of Medicine*, August 2015

“Threats to Polio Eradication: A Polling Study of Caregivers in Higher Conflict Areas in Pakistan and Nigeria” (with Gillian SteelFisher et.al.), *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, July 2015.

[“One Vote or Many Mexicos? Income, Heterogeneity, and the 2006–2012 Presidential Elections”](#) (with Jeronimo Cortina), *Social Science Quarterly*. November 2015.

[Income, Hardship and Health in NYC](#) (with Irwin Garfinkel, Julien Teitler, Jane Walfogel & Christopher Wimer), Columbia Poplulaton Research Center and RobinHood Foundation Inaugural Report. Spring 2014.

[Summary Report](#) Policy Dialogue Task Force Meeting on Migration. With Mathew Winters. 2009

BOOK PROJECT
& WORKING
PAPERS

“God Made the Country and Man Made the Town. The Role of American Institutions and Local Political Contexts in Shaping Immigrants Civic Engagement”. Book Project.

“Immigrant and Minority “Nones”: Politically Isolated or Engaged in Politics? (with David L. Leal, UT Austin).

“Any Way Out? Public Opinion, Partisan Conflict and Demographic Change” (with Robert Shapiro, Columbia University; Joy Wilke, UCLA; Shannon Schumacher, UCSB).

“Does Political Socialization Explain Differences in Political Participation? Why Latinos and Asians Vote Less Than Blacks and Whites.”

RESEARCH
PROJECTS

[Syrian Refugee Panel Study](#) and the [European Cities and Neighborhoods](#) Survey. (Principal Investigator). Funded by NSF RAPID, UCSB Senate and ISBER Grants and Oxford University Skoll Centre, 2016-2019

[Collaborative Multi-Racial Post-Election Survey.](#) I was one of [86](#) researchers from 55 colleges and universities contributed questions.

American Cities Survey (Principal Investigator). An in-person survey with representative samples of native and foreign born blacks, whites, Latinos and Asians in seven American cities and two Native American Reservations (N=2,300).

[UNICEF-Harvard Public Opinion Research Project Polling Collaboration](#) (with Robert Blendon and Gillian SteelFisher), multi-year multi-country studies targeting hard-to-reach population in Afghanistan, Pakistan, DRC, Nigeria, India and Somalia. Field Supervisor, Sampling and Research Design support in DRC, India and Afghanistan. June 2014–May 2015

GRANTS, AWARDS
& FELLOWSHIPS

NSF RAPID Grant (**Principal Investigator, awarded 124,000**). Panel study of Syrian Refugees in Europe, 2017-2019.

University of California Senate Grant (**Principal Investigator, awarded \$12,500**), Summer 2016.

University of California Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research Grant (**Principal Investigator, awarded \$17,000**). 2016 and 2017.

University of Oxford [Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship](#) Grant, (**Co-Principal Investigator, awarded \$18,000**), Summer 2016.

California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant. (**Co- Investigator, PI Casey Walsh awarded \$150,000**). 2017-2018.

IRAAS, Research Grant, Columbia University, 2012-2013.

Dean's Office [Diversity Documentary](#) Grant, Columbia University, 2012.

Applied Statistics Center/Center for the Study of Developing Societies Summer, Research Grant, Columbia University, Summer 2010.

[Initiative For Policy Dialogue Summer Research Grant](#), Columbia University, 2007.

Fellow and Research Associate of the [Broom Center for Demography](#). University of California, Santa Barbara. 2017-present.

[Columbia Population Research Center](#) Fellow. 2013-2015.

Merit Scholarship Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2011-2012.

[IGERT Fellow](#) (Globalization and Development program at Columbia University) led by Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz. 2007-2010.

Teaching Fellow at the [Workshop on Poverty, Development and Globalization](#), Manchester University, Summer 2009.

Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2006 – 2011.

Ford Foundation and William Flora Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, 2005-2007

National Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis for “The US-Mexico NAFTA Negotiations: the Social, Political and Economic Consequences of the Agricultural Agreement” Mexican Association of Rural Studies, 2003.

TEACHING

Quantitative Research Methods for Political Science, UCSB, 2016-2017.

Challenges in Public Opinion Polling, Latino Politics. UCSB, 2016.

Immigration, Religion and Development (Graduate Seminar) UCSB, 2016

Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in American Politics. Columbia University, 2014.

Comparative Studies of Education: Quantitative Analysis. NYU. Steinhardt School of Education, Culture and Human Development, 2013.

TA -Quantitative Methods for Political Science, Columbia University, Fall 2007-2013.

TA- Analysis of Political Data and Applied Econometrics, Columbia University, Spring 2008-2014.

TA- Introduction to American Politics, Columbia University, Fall 2006.

DIVERSITY

Faculty Mentor for [The University of California's Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees \(UC LEADS\)](#), 2016-2017.

Faculty Mentor, DACA Dream Scholars, UCSB, 2015-2017.

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars, UCSB, 2016-2017.

Graduate Student Mentor of the [Leadership Alliance Early Identification Program](#), 2010-2013.

NON- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

[Researcher](#) Los Angeles Times, Mexico City Bureau, 2005.

Political Liaison & Coordinator for the Program for the Mexican Communities Abroad of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs in San Francisco, CA, 2002- 2004.

Head of the Press and Trade Office of the General Consulate of Mexico in San Francisco, CA, January 2001- July 2002.