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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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, Columbia University Population Research Center, School of Social Work. New
York City Poverty Tracker. 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 Political Attitudes and Behavior of Immigrants and Minorities in the United
States.

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

Major Field: American Politics Minor Field: Quantitative Methods

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, Research Methods, Public Opinion, Political Behavior, Race,
Ethnicity and Immigration.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

[“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.

[“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, Jane Waldfogel & Christopher Wimer), Columbia Population Research Center and RobinHood Foundation Inaugural Report. Spring 2014.

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

“Where there is a Will... There isn’t Always a Way. The Role of American Institutions and Local Political Contexts in Shaping Latino Political Behavior”. Under review.

“Any Way Out? Public Opinion, Partisan Conflict and Demographic Change” (with Robert Shapiro, Columbia University & Shannon Schumacher, UCSB). Working Paper.

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

"Who Are “They”? The Real Challenges Mexican Immigration poses for Democracy in America". Working Paper.

A Survey on a Shoestring: Measuring Political Effects of Gentrification and Immigration Using a Mixed-Mode Survey in New York City (With Thomas Ogorzalek) Working Paper.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

High School and College Media Panel. Principal Investigator. (with Daniel Gomez, Sam Fontaine and Michele Zamora). 2017.

Cuyama Groundwater Basin and the San Antonio Creek Groundwater Basin Water Use and Risk Perception Census (with Casey Walsh) Co-Investigator & Project Manager; funded by the California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. 2017.

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 (with Shahana Chattaraj, University of Sheffield; Heather Stoll, UC and Laura Morales, Leicester University). 2017.

[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.

American Cities Survey (with Fredrick Harris). An in-person seven city study with representative samples of native and foreign born blacks, whites, Latinos and Asians in seven American cities (New York, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles) and two Native American Reservations. (Principal Investigator). 2011-2013.

[Robin Hood Foundation New York Poverty Tracker](#) (with Irwin Garfinkel, Jane Waldfogel and Julien Teitler). Field Director and Project Manager 2012-2013.

Latino Canvassing Experiment (with Don Green and David Broockman) Longitudinal study of Latino communities in Austin, Texas. Co-Investigator and Field Director, 2014.

The Mexican American Leadership Project. Survey and structured interviews with randomly selected California Mexican American Community Leaders. Principal Investigator. 2006.

AWARDS AND
DISTINCTIONS

NSF RAPID Grant. 2017-2018 (Syrian Refugee Project)

Research Associate of the Broom Center for Demography. University of California, Santa Barbara. March 2017.

California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. (With Casey Walsh) March 2017.

University of California Santa Barbara Senate Grant, UCSB, June 2016.

The Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (ISBER) June 2016.

Columbia Population Research Center Fellow. Nominated by Jane Waldfogel, March 2013.

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

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

Summer Merit Scholarship Award Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2010-2012.

Dean's Office Documentary Grant , Columbia University, 2012.

Initiative For Policy Dialogue Summer Research Grant, Columbia University, 2007.

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

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

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 Dissertation. Mexican Association of Rural Studies, 2003.

OTHER RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant of Prof. Robert Shapiro, Columbia University, for his book "Selling Fear: Counterterrorism, Public Opinion and the Media" Chicago University Press, 2011.

Research Assistant of Prof. Joseph Stiglitz & Akbar Noman. rapporteur for an Initiative for Policy Dialogue Task Force Meeting on Migration. With Mathew Winters, I compiled the [summary report](#) from the meeting.

Research Assistant of Prof. Andrew Gelman, for his book, "Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State", Princeton University Press, 2008.

Research Assistant of Prof. Rodolfo O de la Garza. UNICEF-Columbia University. Compiled the notes of the Development Research Center on Migration and Social Protection Conference "Exploring Issues of Portability and Access" held at the University of Sussex (5-6 November 2008) and then helped write the report for UNICEF. Fall 2008.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor. University of California Santa Barbara.
Undergraduate Courses: Quantitative Research Methods for Political Science, Challenges in Public Opinion Polling, Latino Politics.
Graduate Courses: Immigration, Religion and Democracy; Public Opinion and Political Behavior.

Assistant Adjunct Professor, Columbia University. Department of Political Science.
Course: Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in American Politics. 2014.

Adjunct Instructor, New York University. Steinhardt School of Education, Culture and Human Development.
Course: Comparative Studies of Education: Quantitative Analysis. 2013.

Instructor (with Robert Shapiro) and Research Mentor, Columbia University. GSAS Office of Diversity-Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program. Course: Quantitative Methods for Political Science & Survey Research Methods. 2010-2013

Teaching Fellow at the Department of Political Science, Columbia University.
Courses: Quantitative Methods for Political Science, Analysis of Political Data and Applied Econometrics (with Prof. Robert Y Shapiro). Introduction to American Politics (with Prof. Justin Phillips). Fall 2006 to 2011.

Teaching Fellow at the Workshop on Poverty, Development and Globalization (with Joseph Stiglitz. Manchester University, Summer 2009