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EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor (*August 2016-Present*)

Latina/o and Mexican-American Studies, Affiliated Faculty (*August 2016-Present*)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE, Ph.D., Political Science, *June 2016*

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, M.A. Politics and Government, *2009*

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, B.A. Political Science and History, *2003*

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

- Collingwood, Loren, Andrea Silva, Carrie Skulley and Benjamin Bishin. "Majority Rule vs. Minority Rights: Immigrant Representation Despite Public Opposition on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act." (*Accepted at Politics, Groups, and Identities*)
- Silva, Andrea. 2016. "Neoliberalism Confronts Latinos: Paradigmatic Shifts in Immigration Practices." *Latino Studies* 14: 59
- Silva, Andrea. 2008. "United States Immigration Policy: Three Theoretical Approaches." *Critique: A Worldwide Student Journal Of Politics*.
- Silva, Andrea. "Generation Justice: How Judges Immigration Experience Affects Rulings On State Immigration Laws." (*in preparation for submission*)
- Ramakrishnan, Karthick and Andrea Silva "A Crisis of Media Proportions: News and Agenda Setting on Child Migrants." (*in preparation for submission*)
- Bishin, Benjamin, Andrea Silva and Carrie Skulley. "Substantive Representation by Surrogates: Are Minority Members of Congress more Likely to Support Gay Rights?" (*in preparation for submission*)
- Silva, Andrea. "Direct Democracy Rules: Why Immigrant Driver Licenses Failed in Oregon and didn't in California." (*revising for submission*)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "Latinos Confront Neoliberalism" *Illinois State University Latino Heritage Month Speaker Series*
- 2015 "Migration: Causes, Cases, and Consequences" *University of California, Santa Cruz College Nine Plenary*

- 2015 "A Crisis of Media Proportions: News and Agenda Setting on Child Migrants" *Sixth Annual UC International Migration Conference*
- 2012 "Are African American Members of Congress more Likely to Support Gay Rights?" *The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latino Politics, Immigration Politics in the United States, Representation in the United States, Racial and Ethnic Politics

TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics, Latino Politics, Politics of Immigration in the United States, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Human Rights and Social Activism, Public Policy, Congressional Elections, Political Science Research Methods

BOOK PROJECT

DIRECT DEMOCRACY RULES: HOW INITIATIVES AND REFERENDUMS AFFECT STATE IMMIGRATION POLICY

Abstract: The passage of California Proposition 187 in 1994 created space for states to participate in a policy area previously mandated to the federal government, but why do states pass immigration laws? Previous explanatory research answers this question by classifying legislation as restrictive or permissive, and correlating this outcome with operationalized variables like demographic or economic changes. I investigate the influence of direct democracy mechanisms, like referendums and initiatives on the passage and content of state immigration policy and find them integral to understanding and explaining the passage and content of state immigration legislation. This approach offers a nuanced investigation of state immigration policies and highlights important factors like state institutions that otherwise remain hidden in larger-scale statistical analyses.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Silva, Andrea "Direct Democracy Rules: The Effect Of Direct Democracy On State Immigration Legislation." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association *September 2016*
- Skulley, Carrie and Andrea Silva "Always Running: Women in Federal Primaries Over Time." Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association *April 2016*
- Silva, Andrea and Karthick Ramakrishnan "A Crisis of Media Proportions: News and Agenda Setting on Child Migrants." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association *August 2015*
- Silva, Andrea. "Neoliberalism Confronts Latinos: Paradigmatic Shifts In Immigration Practices" National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference *February*

2013

- Wong, Tom K. and Andrea Silva. “The 2006 Gran Marchas and Voting on Immigration Policy.” Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, *March 2010*

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Instructor of Record

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

- 2017 The Politics of Immigration Policy
- 2016 Introduction to American Politics: Policies and Processes

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

- 2015 Politics of Congressional Elections
- 2013 Politics and Economic Policy
- 2013 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity in the United States

Research Assistant

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

- 2015 Observation of GOTV campaign in the Inland Empire under Professor Lisa Garcia-Bedolla

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

- 2009-2015 Survey coding, analysis, for Professor Karthick Ramakrishnan
- 2010-2011 Media in Communications Laboratory under Professor Martin Johnson

NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS

- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. 2008. “Over-Raided, Under Siege: US Immigration Laws and Enforcement Destroy the Rights of Immigrants” *a report and timeline of Human Rights violations against immigrants by Federal and State law enforcement*

Community Development Volunteer

- 2004-2007 United States Peace Corps, St. Kitts and Nevis

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

- Latino Caucus of the American Political Science Association, WEBMASTER 2016-2017
- Latino Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association, SECRETARY 2015-2016
- Latino Caucus of the Western Political Science Association, MEMBER
- Racial and Ethnic Politics Caucus of the American Political Science Association, MEMBER
- Racial and Ethnic Politics Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association, MEMBER
- Racial and Ethnic Politics Caucus of the Western Political Science Association, MEMBER
- UCR Immigration Research Group, MEMBER, CO-COORDINATOR 2012-2013
- American Political Science Association, MEMBER

RESEARCH SKILLS

COMPUTER PACKAGES

· STATA, R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX and ATLAS.ti

QUANTITATIVE METHODS

· OLS, GIS, Survey Construction, Cross-Sectional Time Series Analysis

QUALITATIVE METHODS

· Content and Discourse Analysis, Process Tracing, Comparative Case Studies,
In-depth elite interviews

LANGUAGES

· Spanish (*Native Speaker*)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2017 Western Political Science Association Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics (Vancouver, Canada)
- 2014 Research Grant, The Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant, *University of California, Los Angeles*
- 2014 Best Graduate Paper, Julian Samora Research Institute 25th Anniversary Conference, *Michigan State University*
- 2014 Graduate Research Award, Department of Political Science, *University of California, Riverside*
- 2011 Graduate Research Mentorship Award, *University of California, Riverside*
- 2010 Outstanding Teaching Assistant for the Department of Political Science, *University of California, Riverside*
- 2009 Graduate Division Fellowship Award, *University of California, Riverside*
- 2009 Fisher Thesis Award for the Best Thesis in the Social Sciences, *Illinois State University*
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Politics and Government, *Illinois State University*
- 2007, 2008 Human Rights Fellow, *National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*
- 2007, 2008 Alice Ebel Award *Illinois State University*
- 2003 Chicano/Latino Student Services Activist Award *Loyola Marymount University*

REFERENCES

- Karthick Ramakrishnan, Professor, *University of California, Riverside*
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- Valerie Martinez Ebers, Professor; Director, Latina/o and Mexican-American Studies,
University North Texas
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- Tom K. Wong, Assistant Professor, *University of California, San Diego*
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