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Research Interests

Research Interests: American politics, political methodology, U.S. Congress, campaign finance, elections and voting behavior, political polarization

Education

University of California – Davis

Davis, CA

PHD CANDIDATE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Expected – 2022

- Committee: Scott MacKenzie, Erik Engstrom, Michael Rocca, & Walter Stone
- Dissertation: “Competing Principles: The Influence of Out-of-District Donors on Congressional Representation”

University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, *summa cum laude*

2015

- Thesis Chair: Michael Rocca
- Honors Thesis: “When the Pork Barrel Runs Dry: The Ban on Earmarks and its Effect on the 2012 Election”
- Honors College Commencement 2015 — Student Speaker

Congressional Experience

U.S. Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham

Washington D.C.

FRED HARRIS CONGRESSIONAL INTERN

Fall 2014

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich

Albuquerque, NM

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Summer 2013

U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich

Albuquerque, NM

INTERN

Summer 2012

U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich

Albuquerque, NM

INTERN

Summer 2011

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. **Amlani, Sharif** & Samuel Collitt (2021). “The Impact of Vote-By-Mail Policy on Turnout and Vote Share in the 2020 Election.” *Election Law Journal*. <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/epub/10.1089/elj.2021.0015>.
2. **Amlani, Sharif** & Carlos Algara (2021). “Partisanship & Nationalization in American Elections: Evidence from Presidential, Senatorial, & Gubernatorial Elections in the U.S. Counties, 1872–2020.” *Electoral Studies* 73 (October 1, 2021): 102387. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102387>.
 - **Research featured in *The Economist*: [The Democrats’ structural disadvantage is not caused by demographics alone](#) (October 29, 2021).**

Revise and Resubmit

1. Algara, Carlos, **Sharif Amlani**, Samuel Collitt, & Sara Kazemian. “The Severity of COVID-19 & Republican Party Fortunes the 2020 Elections: The Lack of a Down-Ballot Presidential Spillover.” *Political Behavior*.

Other Articles

1. **Amlani, Sharif**, and Spencer Kiesel. “Analysis | How much do vaccinated Americans dislike the unvaccinated? We measured.” *The Monkey Cage* | *Washington Post*, January 27, 2021.
2. **Amlani, Sharif**, Ross Butters, and Spencer Kiesel. “Analysis | With Nearly 800,000 U.S. Covid Deaths, What’s Keeping People from Getting Vaccinated? Their Own Social Circles.” *The Monkey Cage* | *Washington Post*, December 14, 2021.
 - **Research featured in *The Washington Post*: [Will Pfizer’s pill presage a return to normal?](#) (December 15, 2021).**
3. **Amlani, Sharif** (2015). “Cosponsorship in Congress: Does the Number Matter?” *The Journal of Politics and International Affairs* 9.1: 120-139.

- Rocca, Michael, **Sharif Amlani**, Lisa Sanchez, & Julia Hellwege (2015). “Crony Capitalism, Corruption and the Economy in the State of New Mexico.” *Thornburg Foundation*.

Working Papers

- Amlani, Sharif**, Ross Butters, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original COVID-19 Survey Research). “The Role of Discussion Networks in the Push for COVID-19 Vaccination: Evidence of Polarization in Vaccine Networks.” *Working Paper. Under Review*.
- Amlani, Sharif**. “Competing Principals: The Prominence of Out-of-District Contributors and their Effects on Representation in Congress, Evidence from Redistricting and Campaign Finance Ideology Scores.” *Dissertation Project*.
- Amlani, Sharif**. “Please Make a Donation Today, Says Lindsey Graham: How Fox News Influences Out-of-District Contributions.” *Working Paper*.
- Amlani, Sharif** & Scott MacKenzie. “Financing the Initiative: Explaining Donations to Ballot Proposition Campaigns.” *Working Paper*.
- Amlani, Sharif**, Christopher Hare, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original Affective Polarization Survey Research). “Measuring Affective Polarization Using One-Word Responses.” *Working Paper*.
- Amlani, Sharif**, Samuel Collitt, Christopher Hare, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original Affective Polarization Survey Research). “Conjoint Analysis of Interpersonal Affective Polarization: A Study of Partisan Bias in Dating, Housing, and Consumerism.” *Working Paper*.
- Amlani, Sharif**, Christopher Hare, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original COVID-19 Survey Research). “Affect Across the Vaccine Divide: One-Word Characterizations of Vaccinated and Unvaccinated.” *Working Paper*.

Invited Talks & Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Conjoint Analysis of Interpersonal Affective Polarization: A Pilot Study of Partisan Bias in Dating, Housing, and Consumerism (With Spencer Kiesel) April 2021

The Impact of Vote-By-Mail Policy on Turnout and Vote Share in the 2020 Election (With Samuel Collitt) April 2021

Candidate Strategies in Two-Stage Elections Beginning with a Primary: Uncertainty over Public Opinion Can Drive Elite Polarization (With James Adams) April 2019

Donor and Cosponsorship: Evidence from a Network Analysis April 2019

Candidate Strategies in Two-Stage Elections Beginning with a Primary: Uncertainty over Public Opinion Can Drive Elite Polarization (With James Adams) April 2018

Western Political Science Association Conference

The Impact of Vote-By-Mail Policy on Turnout and Vote Share in the 2020 Election (With Samuel Collitt) April 2021

Migration Research Center Faculty Symposium

Emotional Reactions to Migrant Deaths on the U.S.-Mexico Border (and why we should care) (With Bradford Jones) December 2020

Western Social Science Association Conference

Congress and Baseball: Charging the Mound April 2014

Research Assistantships

UC Davis Aggie Square

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Sacramento, CA

Fall 2021 - Present

UC Center Sacramento

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Sacramento, CA

Fall 2020 - Present

Political Networks Conference

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Davis, CA

Spring 2021

Professor Michael S. Rocca

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Albuquerque, NM

Summer - Fall 2015

Teaching

Class Coordinator

Applied Research , UC Center Sacramento	Winter 2022
Applied Research , UC Center Sacramento	Fall 2021
Applied Research , UC Center Sacramento	Spring 2021

Mentorship

Political Science Undergraduate Honors Program , R Consultant	Winter 2019
Political Science Undergraduate Honors Program , R Consultant	Winter 2018

Teaching Assistant

Research Methods Seminar , Jordan Kujala	Summer 2020
Public Sector Policy , Ross Butters	Spring 2020
Public Sector Policy , Ross Butters	Winter 2020
American Politics Seminar , Ross Butters	Winter 2020
Political Methodology , Rachel Bernhard	Fall 2020
Political Methodology , Christopher Hare	Spring 2020
American Politics , Cheryl Boudreau	Winter 2020
Political Methodology , Bradford Jones	Fall 2019
American Politics , Scott MacKenzie	Summer 2019
Political Methodology , Bradford Jones	Summer 2019
National Security Policy , Lindsay Reid	Spring 2019
Mass Media & Politics , Amber Boydston	Winter 2019
Political Psychology , Cheryl Boudreau	Fall 2018
Race and Ethnic Politics , Bradford Jones	Spring 2018
International Relations , Heather Elko McKibben	Winter 2018
Chicano Politics , Bradford Jones	Fall 2017
Constitutional Politics , Mark Verbitsky	Spring 2017
Media and Politics , Amber Boydston	Winter 2017

Workshops

Excel Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Fall 2021
Excel Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Summer 2021
R Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Spring 2021
R Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Winter 2021
R Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Fall 2020
STATA Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Spring 2021
STATA Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Winter 2021
STATA Workshop , UC Center Sacramento	Fall 2020
R Workshop , Undergraduate Honors Program	Winter 2019
R Workshop , Undergraduate Honors Program	Winter 2018

Awards

2020	Summer Collaborative Grant, with Scott MacKenzie , UC Davis, Department of Political Science	\$5,000
2019	Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association , UC Davis, Department of Political Science	\$500
2019	Summer Methods Travel Award , UC Davis, Department of Political Science	\$1,500
2018	Summer Collaborative Grant, with James Adams , UC Davis, Department of Political Science	\$5,000
2018	Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association , UC Davis, Department of Political Science	\$500

Service

2018 **Graduate Student Association**, Political Science Representative

2017 **Graduate Student Association**, Political Science Representative

Skills

Statistical Programming R, Stata, Excel, Python

Statistical Methods

OLS, MLE, Machine Learning, Network Analysis, Causal Inference, Experimental Methods,
Web Scraping, ggplot2, Text Analysis, Qualtrics

References

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