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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020- **New York University**
Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics
- 2018-2020 **University of California, Berkeley**
Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D., Political Science (with Distinction), Columbia University**
Dissertation: “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”
Committee: Michael Ting (Chair), John Huber, Macartan Humphreys, and John Marshall
- 2016 **M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2014 **M.A., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2012 **B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Rice University**
B.M., Music Performance (Violin), Rice University
Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

ARTICLES

- 2020 Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. “Misgovernance and Human Rights: The Case of Illegal Detention without Intent.” Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Erin A. York, and Michael M. Ting. “A Dynamic Model of Primaries.” *Journal of Politics*, 82(4).

WORKING PAPERS

- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Oversight, Capacity, and Inequality.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “Bureaucratic Quality and the Observability of Electoral Accountability.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “On Theory and Identification: When and Why We Need Theory for Causal Identification.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara. “The Ethics of Electoral Experimentation: Design-Based Recommendations.”
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Daniel Rubenson, Ro’ee Levy, and 16 others. “Adoption of Community Monitoring Improves Common Pool Resource Management Across Contexts” (R&R)
- 2020 Slough, Tara, Jacob Kopas, and Johannes Urpelainen. “Satellite-based Deforestation Alerts Facilitate Community Monitoring in the Peruvian Amazon.” (R&R)

- 2019 Margalit, Yotam, Tara Slough, and Michael Ting. “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss.”(R&R)
- 2019 Slough, Tara and Johannes Urpelainen.“Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon.”
- 2020 Arias, Eric, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. “Do Police-Community Meetings Work? Experimental Evidence from Medellín” (chapter for edited volume)

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Slough, Tara. “[Midiendo el acceso a programas sociales en Colombia](#)” (in Spanish). Prepared with Innovations for Poverty Action.
- 2017 Slough, Tara and Christopher Fariss. “[Impact Evaluation of USAID Haiti PROJUSTICE Program Pretrial Detention Component.](#)” Report for USAID.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

- 2015 Slough, Tara, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yoon. “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327.
- 2013 Shah, Kamal, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, Suave Gombwa, Athanase Kiromera, Z. Maria Oden, and Rebecca R. Richards Kortum. “Electronic Medical Records System for Palliative Care in Low-Resource Settings.” *BioMed Central Palliative Care*, 12(31). ()
- 2013 Spiegel, Garrett J., Cindy Dinh, Amanda Gutierrez, Julia Lukomnik, Benjamin Lu, Kamal Shah, Tara Slough, Ping Teresa Yeh, et al. “Design, Evaluation, and Dissemination of a Plastic Syringe Clip to Improve Dosing Accuracy of Liquid Medications.” *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 41(9).

OTHER WRITINGS

- 2020 Slough, Tara. “[Learning from An Experiment: Bayesian Perspectives on Estimation and Testing](#)”
- 2019 Slough, Tara. “[10 Things to Know about Measurement in Experiments](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2019 Slough, Tara. “[10 Things to Know about Missing Data](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2016 Carnegie, Allison and Tara Slough. “[The Promises and Pitfalls of Dyadic Data.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium, June 2016.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

2018	PI, Private donor grant to support project in the Peruvian Amazon, with Jacob Kopas, Johannes Urpelainen, and Rainforest Foundation US.	\$250,000
2017	Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant, with Michael Ting (advisor).	\$21,231
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance. Steering Committee Member with Daniel Rubenson (since October 2017). Total excludes sub-award for Peru project listed below.	\$1,196,780
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance Sub-Award for Experiment in Peru. With Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen.	\$203,220
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-IV Community Policing Sub-Award for experiment in Colombia. With Eric Arias, Dorothy, Kronick, and Rebecca Hanson.	\$158,220

2016	J-PAL Governance Initiative Travel Grant	\$6,140
2015	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2015-2018)	\$138,000
2015	Co-PI, USAID Impact Evaluation Grant (AID-0AA-M-13-00013). With Christopher Fariss. (Grant administered by NORC.)	\$481,672

INTERNAL

2017	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Grant	\$5,000
2017	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,800
2016	Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics	\$1,600
2016	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,750
2015	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Seed Grant	\$4,700
2014	Institute for Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Fellowship	\$1,800
2011	Rice University Parish Fellowship	\$3,000

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2020	University of Rochester; UC Santa Barbara; US Department of State; Office for Evaluation Services; UK Department for International Development; Caltech Political Economy Conference (postponed); Empirical Studies of Conflict Conference, Princeton (discussant); EGAP (\times 2); NYU; Washington University in Saint Louis
2019	Yale; International Methods Colloquium; Duke PPE Summer Symposium; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; NYU CESS Conference (discussant); Seventh Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, UC Berkeley (discussant); Ford Foundation
2018	American University; Columbia University; University of Pennsylvania; Yale; Universidad del Rosario (\times 2); Universidad de los Andes; BITSS Forecasts of Social Scientific Results Conference, UC Berkeley; MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-11), NYU; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; WZB Measurement of Political Inequality Workshop
2017	WZB Social Science Center; Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-9), Princeton; Fifth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Emory; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference
2015	Political Economy of Latin America Conference, Columbia

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

APSA	2015-2020
MPSA	2016-2019
POLMETH	2019
SPSA	2017, 2020
LASA	2016

TEACHING

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

2021	Inequality (graduate seminar)
2020	Introduction to Research Methods for Politics (undergraduate lecture)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT):

2016	Game Theory and Political Theory
2015	Multivariate Political Analysis
2015	Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research
2014	Math Methods for Political Science

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

2017, 2018 Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students

SHORT COURSES, WORKSHOPS:

2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days XI
African School of Economics, Abomey-Calavi, Benin

2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days X
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

2018 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IX
Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay

2017 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days VI
Salima, Malawi

2016 TA, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IV
Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

2016 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Washington DC

2015 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

2021 NYU Virtual Mini-conference on Experiments in honor of Rebecca Morton

2020 13th NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference

2017 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-8, Columbia University

2015 Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, Columbia University

WORKING GROUPS FOUNDED:

2014 Co-Founder, Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) series, with Maria Victoria Murillo, Pablo Querubin, and Eric Arias

REVIEWER:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Energy Policy

STUDENTS/ADVISING

External Reader for PhD Defense: Nicholas Haas (NYU, 2020)

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

LANGUAGES: Spanish

SOFTWARE: R, Mathematica, \LaTeX , Python, Stata

FIELD RESEARCH: Colombia (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); Peru (2017); Nigeria (2016); Haiti (2015, 2016); Argentina (2015); Malawi (2012); Venezuela (2011)