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## Research Interests

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

## Education

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### University of California – Davis

PHD CANDIDATE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Davis, CA

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

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

Albuquerque, NM

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

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### U.S. Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham

FRED HARRIS CONGRESSIONAL INTERN

Washington D.C.

Fall 2014

### U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich

INTERN

Albuquerque, NM

Summer 2013

### U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich

INTERN

Albuquerque, NM

Summer 2012

### U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich

INTERN

Albuquerque, NM

Summer 2011

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

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1. **Amlani, Sharif**, and Carlos Algara. “**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>.

## Revise and Resubmit

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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*.

## Other Articles

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1. **Amlani, Sharif** (2015). “**Cosponsorship in Congress: Does the Number Matter?**” *The Journal of Politics and International Affairs* 9.1: 120-139.
2. 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

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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.” ***Under Review***.
2. **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*.
3. **Amlani, Sharif**. “Please Make a Donation Today, Says Lindsey Graham: How Fox News Influences Out-of-District Contributions.” *Working Paper*.

4. **Amlani, Sharif** & Scott MacKenzie. "Financing the Initiative: Explaining Donations to Ballot Proposition Campaigns." *Working Paper*.
5. **Amlani, Sharif**, Christopher Hare, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original Affective Polarization Survey Research). "Measuring Affective Polarization Using One-Word Responses." *Working Paper*.
6. **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*.
7. **Amlani, Sharif**, Ross Butters, Christopher Hare, & Spencer Kiesel. (Original COVID-19 Survey Research). "The Role of Social Networks in the Push for COVID-19 Vaccinations." *Working Paper*.
8. **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

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### 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)	<a href="#">April 2021</a>
The Impact of Vote-By-Mail Policy on Turnout and Vote Share in the 2020 Election (With Samuel Collitt)	<a href="#">April 2021</a>
Candidate Strategies in Two-Stage Elections Beginning with a Primary: Uncertainty over Public Opinion Can Drive Elite Polarization (With James Adams)	<a href="#">April 2019</a>
Donor and Cosponsorship: Evidence from a Network Analysis	<a href="#">April 2019</a>
Candidate Strategies in Two-Stage Elections Beginning with a Primary: Uncertainty over Public Opinion Can Drive Elite Polarization (With James Adams)	<a href="#">April 2018</a>

### Western Political Science Association Conference

The Impact of Vote-By-Mail Policy on Turnout and Vote Share in the 2020 Election (With Samuel Collitt)	<a href="#">April 2021</a>
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### Migration Research Center Faculty Symposium

Emotional Reactions to Migrant Deaths on the U.S.-Mexico Border (and why we should care) (With Bradford Jones)	<a href="#">December 2020</a>
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### Western Social Science Association Conference

Congress and Baseball: Charging the Mound	<a href="#">April 2014</a>
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## Research Assistantships

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### UC Davis Aggie Square

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER	<a href="#">Sacramento, CA</a> <a href="#">Fall 2021 - Present</a>
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### UC Center Sacramento

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER	<a href="#">Sacramento, CA</a> <a href="#">Fall 2020 - Present</a>
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### Political Networks Conference

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER	<a href="#">Davis, CA</a> <a href="#">Spring 2021</a>
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### Professor Michael S. Rocca

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT	<a href="#">Albuquerque, NM</a> <a href="#">Summer - Fall 2015</a>
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## Teaching

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### Class Coordinator

<b>Applied Research</b> , UC Center Sacramento	<a href="#">Fall 2021</a>
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<b>Applied Research</b> , UC Center Sacramento	<a href="#">Spring 2021</a>
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### Mentorship

<b>Political Science Undergraduate Honors Program</b> , R Consultant	<a href="#">Winter 2019</a>
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<b>Political Science Undergraduate Honors Program</b> , R Consultant	<a href="#">Winter 2018</a>
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## Teaching Assistant

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

## Workshops

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

## Awards

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

## Service

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2018	<b>Graduate Student Association</b> , Political Science Representative
2017	<b>Graduate Student Association</b> , Political Science Representative

## Skills

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<b>Statistical Programming</b>	R, Stata, Excel, Python
<b>Statistical Methods</b>	OLS, MLE, Machine Learning, Network Analysis, Causal Inference, Experimental Methods, Web Scraping, ggplot2, Text Analysis, Qualtrics

## References

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Professor

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### **Dr. Michael S. Rocca**

Associate Professor

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### **Dr. Christopher Hare**

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### **Dr. Erik J. Engstrom**

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