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POSITION

AidData Research Lab
Global Research Institute (College of William & Mary)
Research Analyst, Jan. 2019-present

University of Houston, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Dissertation Completion Fellow, Aug. 2017-May 2018

University of Houston, Department of Political Science
Research Assistant, Sept. 2013-Aug. 2017

City of New Orleans
Office of Community Development/Code Enforcement Bureau
Outreach Coordinator, Sept. 2009-Aug. 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Houston, May 2018

- Dissertation: *Media Attacks and Political Institutions*
- Committee: Ryan Kennedy (chair), Eduardo Alemán, Lydia Tiede, and Elizabeth Stein (outside reader)

M.A., Political Science, University of New Orleans, May 2009

B.A. in Mass Communication, Louisiana State University, May 2007
minors: political science, history

PUBLICATIONS

Shea, Patrick and Jonathan A. Solis (2018) "Leaders, Tenure, and the Politics of Sovereign Credit" *International Interactions*, 44(2): 294-320.

Solis, Jonathan A. and Leonardo Antenangeli (2017) "Corruption is Bad News for a Free Press: Reassessing the Relationship between Media Freedom and Corruption." *Social Science Quarterly*, 98(3): 1112-37.

REVISE & RESUBMIT

"The Press-safety Paradox of Democracies in Media Systems: Regime-type Durability and Journalist Killings" (at *Foreign Policy Analysis*)

"Constituent Communication through Telephone Town Halls: A Field Experiment Involving Members of Congress" with Claire Abernathy, Kevin M. Esterling, Justin Freeborn, Ryan Kennedy, William Minozzi, and Michael Neblo (at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*)

UNDER REVIEW

"Measuring Media Freedom: An Item Response Theory Analysis of Existing Indicators" (at *British Journal of Political Science*)

“The Media Smells Like Sulfur!!! Analyzing Hugo Chávez’s Verbal Attacks against the Fourth Estate in Venezuela” with Iñaki Sagarzazu (at *Political Communication*)

WORKING PAPERS

“Protecting the Fourth Estate: Judicial Independence, Electoral Democracy, and the Media”

“The Effect of Chinese Aid on Press Freedom in Africa: 2000-2014”

“The Influence of New and Traditional Media on Coordination Efforts”

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Congress 3.0 Project

Collaboration project among U.S. Congressional members, the Democracy Fund, the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF), and academics from Ohio State, UC-Riverside, Northeastern, and Harvard on improving Congress-constituent communication. Research assistance provided under the guidance of Ryan Kennedy. *August 2015-May 2018*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Data analysis, measurement theory, and time-series analysis
- Comparative political communication and media freedom
- Democratization
- Latin American politics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION
(selected)

2018 Midwestern Political Science Association

- The Press-safety Paradox of Democracies in Media Systems: Regime-type Durability and Journalist Killings
- Constituent Communication through Telephone Town Halls: A Field Experiment Involving Members of Congress (with Claire Abernathy, Kevin M. Esterling, Justin Freeborn, Ryan Kennedy, William Minozzi, and Michael Neblo)

2017 American Political Science Association

- Measuring Media Freedom: An Item Response Theory Analysis of Existing Indicators¹
- Constituent Communication through Telephone Town Halls: A Field Experiment Involving Members of Congress (with Claire Abernathy, Kevin M. Esterling, Justin Freeborn, Ryan Kennedy, William Minozzi, and Michael Neblo)

2016 EITM Summer Institute (Houston, TX)

- Corruption is Bad News for a Free Press (with Leonardo Antenangeli)

2016 International Studies Association

- Protecting the Fourth Estate: Judicial Independence, Electoral Democracy, and the Media

2015 The Political Economy of Government Revenues Conference (Princeton University)

- Leaders, Tenure, and the Politics of Sovereign Credit (with Patrick Shea)

¹Proposal accepted, but I was unable to present in person due to Hurricane Harvey related travel issues.

2015 American Political Science Association

- Protecting the Fourth Estate: Judicial Independence, Electoral Democracy, and the Media

2014 American Political Science Association

- Leaders, Tenure, and the Politics of Sovereign Credit (with Patrick Shea)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- **Empirical Implication of Theoretical Modeling (EITM), University of Houston:** 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- **New World of Comparative Political Communication Conference at Texas A&M University:** May 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Introduction to U.S. Federal Government

Lone Star College—University Park, summer 2014 (online course), summer 2015, summer 2016 (online course), summer 2017, fall 2018

Instructor: Introduction to Texas Government

Lone Star College—University Park, summer 2015 (online course), summer 2016 (online course), summer 2017 (hybrid online/face-to-face), summer 2018, fall 2018, spring 2019

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Francisco Cantú (professor)

University of Houston, fall 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014

Teaching Assistant: Law and Society, Lydia Tiede (professor)

University of Houston, fall 2013

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- University of Houston, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: *Dissertation Completion Grant (2017-18)*, 2017
- International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2015 & 2016
- University of Houston, Graduate Institutional Grant, 2013
- Louisiana State University Study Abroad Scholarship, 2006
- Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (T.O.P.S.) Scholarship, Fall 2003 - Spring 2007

SKILLS

- R, Stata, QGIS, LaTeX, and Microsoft Applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Original data collection and analysis
- Advanced Spanish, beginner Portuguese