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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, 2016-present

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington, 2017-present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, 2016-present
Fellow, Center for Health Administration Studies, University of Chicago, 2016-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016
Dissertation: *It Takes More than a Village: Governance & Public Services in Developing Countries*

- 2017 Leonard D. White Award for Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Administration, American Political Science Association

Committee: Krister Andersson, Andy Baker, Carew Boulding, Anand Sokhey, Jane Menken
M.A., Public Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2013
B.S., Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Zarychta, Alan. 2015. "Community Trust and Household Health: A Spatially-Based Approach with Evidence from Rural Honduras." *Social Science & Medicine* 146: 85-94.
He, Yuan, **Zarychta, Alan**, Ranz, Joseph B., Carroll, Mary, Singleton, Lori M., Wilson, Paria M., and Schlaudecker, Elizabeth P. 2012. "Childhood Immunization Rates in Rural Intibuca, Honduras: An Analysis of a Local Database Tool and Community Health Center Records for Assessing and Improving Vaccine Coverage." *BMC Public Health* 12: 1056.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Under Review

Zarychta, Alan, Krister Andersson, and Edwin Castellanos. "Polycentric Governance and Forest Cover Change in Guatemala." Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Zarychta, Alan and Krister Andersson. "Assessing the Public Health Impacts of Decentralization Reform: A Systematic Approach to Overcome Persistent Weaknesses of Policy Evaluation." Under Review.

Zarychta, Alan. "Making Health Services Work Better for the Poor: Evidence from a Natural Experiment with Decentralization in Honduras." Under Review.

In Preparation

Huebert, Erin and **Alan Zarychta**. "Political Competition and Violence: Subnational Evidence from Mexico." In preparation.

Zarychta, Alan. "The Effects of Decentralization Reforms on Individual Contributions to Public Goods: Experimental Evidence from India." In preparation.

Zarychta, Alan. "Past Performance, Need, or Politics: Why are Some Municipalities Targeted for Governance Reforms?" In preparation.

GRANTS & AWARDS

External

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2013-16 (\$136,000)
- SSRC Int'l Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2015-16 (\$18,800)
- Nathaniel Lichfield Award (best master thesis), Regional Studies Association, 2014
- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2014 (\$2,300)
- Research Funding Award, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, 2006 (\$2,000)

Internal

- Center for Latin American Studies Mellon Grant, University of Chicago, 2017 (\$18,000)
- Center for Health Administration Studies Seed Grant, University of Chicago, 2017 (\$25,000)
- Latin American Studies Center Tinker Foundation Grant, University of Colorado, 2015 (declined)
- IBS Research Symposium 2nd Place Poster Award, University of Colorado, 2015
- CARTSS Graduate Fellow Grant, University of Colorado, 2015 (\$1,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2015 (\$5,000)
- Cynthia H. Schultz Grant Award, Beverly Sears Program, University of Colorado, 2015 (\$2,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2014 (\$1,275)
- Latin American Studies Center Travel Grant, University of Colorado, 2014 (\$250)
- Hope Schultz Jozsa Grant Award, Beverly Sears Program, University of Colorado, 2014 (\$2,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2014 (\$2,250)
- Chancellor's Fellowship, University of Colorado, 2011-13 (\$50,000)
- Robert Stover Award (best thesis), Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2013
- Jenny Kate Collins Grant Award, Beverly Sears Program, University of Colorado, 2013 (\$2,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2013 (\$688)
- Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant, University of Colorado, 2012 (\$1,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2012 (\$1,000)
- Best First-Year Poster Award, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2011
- CARTSS Scholars Grant, University of Colorado, co-PI with Krister Andersson, 2011 (\$2,000)
- Undergraduate Academic Year Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2006 (\$1,000)
- G. Alfred Hess Undergraduate Research Award, SESP, Northwestern University, 2006 (\$500)

PRESENTATIONS

2017 "Making Social Services Work Better for the Poor: Governance and Institutional Reform in the Honduran Health Sector," Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2016 “Past Performance, Need, or Politics: Why are Some Municipalities Targeted for Decentralization Reforms?” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

2015 “Local Forest Governance in Guatemala: Can Polycentric Governance Theory Explain Variation in Outcomes?” with Krister Andersson, 15th Biennial Global Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

2015 “Making Local Governance Work Better: Evidence from a Natural Experiment with Decentralization in Honduras,” Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

2015 “It Takes *More* than a Village: Governance and Public Services in Developing Countries,” Front Range Conference on Environmental Governance, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.

2015 “Making Local Governance Work Better: Evidence from a Natural Experiment with Decentralization in Honduras,” Institute of Behavioral Science Research Symposium, Boulder, CO.

2015 “The Effects of Decentralization Reforms on Individual Contributions to Public Goods: Experimental Evidence from India,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

2015 “Entendiendo la Dinámica de Sistemas Locales de Salud en Países en Desarrollo: Descentralización y la Teoría de Gobernanza Policéntrica – Diseño y Plan de Estudio Preliminar,” (*Understanding the Dynamics of Local Health Systems in Developing Countries: Decentralization and Polycentric Governance Theory – Preliminary Design and Study Plan*), with Krister Andersson, Jane Menken, & Elisabeth Root, Ministry of Health and National Statistics Institute, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Regional Health Authority #10, La Esperanza, Intibucá, Honduras.

2014 “The Effects of Decentralization on Local Health Services: Evidence from Honduras,” Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, London, England.

2014 “The Effects of Decentralization on Local Health Services: Evidence from Honduras,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

2014 “Decentralized Forestry in Guatemala: A Test of Polycentric Governance Theory,” with Krister Andersson, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2014 “Political Competition and Violence: Subnational Evidence from Mexico,” with Erin Huebert, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

2013 “Los Efectos de Modelos de Provisión de Servicios de Salud Descentralizados sobre Salud Femenina – Resultados Preliminares,” (*The Effects of Decentralized Health Service Delivery Models on Women’s Health – Preliminary Results*), with Krister Andersson, Regional Health Authority #10, La Esperanza, Intibucá, Honduras.

2013 “Decentralized Forestry in Guatemala: A Test of Polycentric Governance Theory,” with Krister Andersson, 17th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Florence, Italy.

2013 “The Effects of Decentralized Health Service Delivery Models on Women’s Health,” with Krister Andersson, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Dr. Krister Andersson, 2012-15

Developed and implemented the sampling design, data collection, and analysis for a study of decentralized health service delivery models in Honduras; supervised Honduran research

assistants, administered surveys, conducted interviews, and implemented network data collection protocols during multiple field research trips. This work led to a successful grant proposal under the NSF Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Sciences (IBSS) competition with Krister Andersson, Jane Menken, and Elisabeth Root (\$1,000,000).

Lead Researcher advised by Dr. Richard Buten, 2010-11

Designed, implemented, and conducted the analysis for a health-focused household census and geographic data collection project in two municipalities in rural western Honduras, surveying approximately 16,000 individuals in 2,800 households.

Research Assistant to Mr. Mark Curry and Dr. Chris Leggett, 2009

Supported the design, implementation, and analysis of a sample-based census of human use and recreation activity on public lands in and around San Francisco Bay, work that culminated in a \$36.8 million natural resource damages settlement, \$18.8 million based on lost human use.

Lead Researcher advised by Dr. Paul H. Gobster and Dr. H. Paul Friesema, 2007

Prepared, conducted, and analyzed interviews with stakeholders to investigate the efficacy of the negotiated rulemaking committee process at Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a formal institution for managing natural resource impacts and user conflicts at local parks.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Research Methods in Social Work (doctoral), University of Chicago, 2017

Social Intervention: Policies and Programs (masters), University of Chicago, 2017

Global Development and Social Welfare (masters), University of Chicago, 2016

Teaching Assistant

Scope and Methods of Political Science (doctoral), University of Colorado Boulder, 2013

Introduction to Community Development (undergraduate), Northwestern University, 2007

EMPLOYMENT & CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

Shoulder to Shoulder, Concepcion, Intibucá, Honduras, 2009-2011

Information Manager (Sept. 2009 to April 2010) and Director of Health Information Systems (May 2010 to May 2011); private non-profit organization working to support underserved communities in rural western Honduras and managing a decentralized network of 11 health centers and 2 maternal clinics under contract to the Honduran Ministry of Health.

Industrial Economics Inc. (IEc), Cambridge, MA, 2007-2009

Research Analyst (July 2007 to Dec. 2008) and Senior Research Analyst (Jan. 2009 to Sept. 2009); public sector environmental economics and policy consultancy.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Information

Database Management Systems, STATA, R, ArcGIS, and LaTeX

Language

Native English, Native Polish, Fluent Spanish

Field Research

Honduras (12 months), Guatemala (3 months), Nicaragua (3 months)

Other Training

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, University of Hong Kong, 2015

Network Analysis: Advanced Topics, ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2014

Complex Systems Models in the Social Sciences, ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2014

Introduction to Bayesian Statistics Short Course, University of Colorado, 2014

Advanced Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University, 2013

Multilevel Modeling Workshop, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, 2013

Main Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University, 2012

Spatial Demography Workshop, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, 2012