

# Jason Eichorst

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## Education

Ph.D., 2013. Political Science. Rice University.

*Dissertation:* Conditioning Descriptive Representation: Institutional Moderation of Unique Group Perspectives in Legislative Debates

*Committee:* Lanny Martin (chair), Royce Carroll, and Mark Jones

*Fields:* Comparative Institutions, Political Methodology, Legislative Behavior, and Latin American politics

B.A., 2005. Political Science and Economics. Texas A&M University (Undergraduate Research Fellow, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa).

*Senior Honors Thesis:* Affecting Citizen Satisfaction: Transitions to Mixed Member Electoral Systems in Latin America and the Effects on Citizen Satisfaction

*Research Advisor:* Michelle Taylor-Robinson

## Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Researcher in Quantitative Methods (political text analysis), 2014-present.  
Universität Mannheim. School of Social Sciences. Mannheim, Germany.

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2013–2014.

Lewis & Clark College. Department of International Affairs. Portland, Oregon.

Visiting Researcher, Spring 2011 & February 2013.

Facultad de Políticas Públicas y Gestión (Department of Public Policy and Management). Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American School of Social Sciences). Quito, Ecuador.

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

“TopFish: Topic-Based Analysis of Political Position in US Electoral Campaigns.” Federico Nanni, Căcilia Zirn, Goran Glavaš, Jason Eichorst & Simone Paolo Ponzetto. 2016. *Proceedings of the International Conference on the Advances in Computational Analysis of Political Text*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 14-16 July 2016, pp. 61-67.

“Classifying topics and detecting topic shifts in political manifestos.” Căcilia Zirn, Goran Glavaš, Federico Nanni, Jason Eichorst & Heiner Stuckenschmidt. 2016. *Proceedings of the International Conference on the Advances in Computational Analysis of Political Text*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 14-16 July 2016, pp. 88-93. 2016.

“Explaining Variation in Coalition Agreements: The Electoral and Policy Motivations for Drafting Agreements.” Jason Eichorst. 2014. *European Journal of Political Research*. 53(1). 98-115.

“The 2013 Ecuadorian Legislative and Presidential Elections.” Jason Eichorst & John Polga-Hecimovich. 2014. *Electoral Studies*. 34(1): 361-365.

“The Role of Party: The Legislative Consequences of Partisan Electoral Competition.” Jason Eichorst & Royce Carroll. 2013. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 38(1). 83-109.

*Book Review*

Review of *From the Mines to the Streets: A Bolivian Activist's Life* by Benjamin Kohl & Linda Farthing. 2013. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. 32(3).

*Under Review*

“Resist to Commit: Concrete Campaign Statements and the Need to Clarify a Partisan Reputation” with Nick Lin. R&R, Round 2, *Journal of Politics*.

*Manuscripts*

“Electoral Commitment and Coalition Policymaking in Latin American Legislatures” with John Polga-Hecimovich.

“Distinct Informational Cues in Bolivian Legislative Speech.”

**Grants**

President's Strategic Initiative Funds, 2013-2014. Lewis & Clark College. Research Assistant.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Political Science, 2010–2011. \$12,000. To support dissertation field research in Latin America.

Rice University Ora N. Arnold Fellowship for Latin American Research, 2010–2011. \$8,750. To support dissertation field research in Latin America.

American Political Science Association, September 2011. Travel Grant. \$200.

The Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, 2004–2005. Texas A&M University. \$800. To support field research in State Legislature, Morelos, Mexico, November 2004.

Former Student Advisory Board, Department of Political Science, Spring 2005. Texas A&M University. \$500. To present research at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

**Additional Training**

Lisbon Machine Learning School. 21-28 July 2016. Lisbon, Portugal. Instituto Superior Técnico.

**Teaching**

“Complexities of Political Representation” (Fall 2016).

“Latin American Politics” (Fall 2013).

“Human Rights in Latin America” (Fall 2013, Spring 2014).

“Gender and Ethnic Politics” (Spring 2014).

**Invited Lectures**

“Institutional Obstacles to Viable Competition: Distinct Informational Cues in Bolivian Legislative Speech.” University of Vienna. Department Seminar. 22 May 2017.

“Resist to Commit: Concrete Campaign Commitments and the Need to Clarify a Partisan Reputation.” Workshop: Quantitative Text Analysis in Manifesto Research. Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung. Berlin, Germany. 29 July 2016.

“Channeling the Pachamama: Unique Indigenous Representation in Legislative Speech Patterns.” Workshop: Making Democracy Work in Latin America. Universität Mannheim. 20 June 2016.

“Tools in Text Analysis for the Study of Political Representation.” Sonderforschungsbereiche (SFB) 884 Seminar Series at Universität Mannheim. Mannheim, Germany. 4 May 2015.

“Unique Legislative Speech in Centralized Parties.” SFB 884 Conference on Text Analysis at Universität Mannheim. Mannheim, Germany. 31 October 2014.

“Notes on the Review Process and Common Voids in Manuscripts During my AJPS Experience.” CDSS Workshop at Universität Mannheim. Mannheim, Germany. 22 October 2014.

“Issue Inclusion in Coalition Agreements.” Coalition Politics at Universität Mannheim. Germany, 15 October 2014.

“Institutional Solutions and Obstacles to Effective Group Representation.” International Affairs Speaker Series at Lewis & Clark College. Portland, Oregon. 5 February 2014.

“Channeling the Pachamama: A New Measure of Political Representation.” Research Methods at Lewis & Clark College. Portland, Oregon. 8 November 2013.

“Unique Group Representation in Legislative Debates.” Congressional Politics at Lewis & Clark College. Portland, Oregon. 8 October 2013.

“Party Nationalization Trends After the 2013 Ecuador Election.” Introduction to Latin American Politics at University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. 7 March 2013.

“Diseño de la investigación (Research Design).” Thesis Workshop at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American School of Social Sciences). Quito, Ecuador. 7 April 2011.

“Fieldwork in Latin America.” Introduction to Comparative Politics at University of Notre Dame. South Bend, Indiana. 16 September 2010.

## Professional Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher, 2014–present. Universität Mannheim. Political Economy of Reforms. “Measuring a Common Space and the Dynamics of Reform Positions.”

Faculty Affiliate, 2013–2014. Lewis & Clark College. Latin American Studies.

Editorial Assistant, Summer 2011–Summer 2013. *American Journal of Political Science*.

Bolivian Country Expert, Spring 2011. Boston University (John Gerring and Erzen Oncel). Global Leadership Project.

Teaching Assistant & Discussion Section Leader for Dr. Victor Marin, Spring 2010. Rice University. Introduction to Comparative Politics.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Lanny Martin, Fall 2009. Rice University. Applications of Least Squares and General Linear Models.

Research Assistant under the direction of Dr. Lanny Martin, Fall 2008–Fall 2009. Rice University. Government Policy Responsiveness in Multiparty Parliamentary Democracies Project.

Research Assistant under the direction of Dr. Paul Brace, Fall 2006–Spring 2008. Rice University. State Supreme Court Data Project.

Undergraduate Research Assistant under the direction of Dr. Kenneth J. Meier, January 2004–December 2005. Texas A&M University. The Project for Equity, Representation, & Governance and Texas Educational Excellence Project.

## Field Research

### *Latin America*

Quito, Ecuador, February 2013. Research conducted to complete *Electoral Studies* election overview article. Collected electoral data and attended campaign events for the 17 February election.

Lima, Peru, Spring 2011. Interviewed 23 legislators in the National Assembly from all political parties, collected plenary debates dating back to 1993, and electoral data dating back to 1989.

Quito, Ecuador, Spring 2011. Interviewed 22 legislators in the National Assembly from the majority and minority parties, interviewed former President Alberto Acosta of the 2008 Constituent Assembly, interviewed executive officers of party organizations and non-government organizations, collected plenary debates dating back to 1979, and collected electoral data since the 1979 transition to democracy.

La Paz, Bolivia, Fall 2010. Interviewed 45 legislators in the lower chamber from the majority and minority parties, interviewed former President Carlos Mesa, interviewed executive officers from the most influential interest groups, and collected plenary debates dating back to 1985.

Lima, Peru, July 2010. Collected plenary debates and passed policy from the government archives. Interviewed government aides and research scholars about the policy-making process.

La Paz, Bolivia, June 2010. Collected plenary debates and passed policy from the government archives. Interviewed Senators, government aides, and research scholars about the policy-making process.

La Paz, Bolivia, Summer 2007. Collected election data at the precinct level for all Bolivian elections since 1985.

San Jose, Costa Rica, January–July 2006. Collected political news and wrote monthly articles.

Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, 20–27 November 2004. Interviewed eight deputies and three assistants (there are 30 total deputies in legislative chamber).

### *Europe*

Copenhagen, Denmark, Summer 2009. Collected and coded legislative bills (under the direction of Dr. Lanny Martin).

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2–4 March & 22–23 June 2009. Supervised students from Vrije University in the collection of and coding of proposed service policy (under the direction of Dr. Lanny Martin).

Umea, Sweden, 26 February–2 March 2009. Supervised students from Umea University in the collection of and coding of proposed service policy (under the direction of Dr. Lanny Martin).

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Summer 2008. Collected and coded legislative bills (under the direction of Dr. Lanny Martin).

## Conference Participation

### *Papers*

“Indistinguishable Options in Bolivia as a Consequence of Institutional Design.” Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 6-9 April 2017.

“Distinct Informational Cues in Bolivian Legislative Speech.” Paper presented at the annual APSA meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1-4 September 2016.

“Electoral Commitment and Coalition Policymaking in Latin American Legislatures” (with John Polga-Hecimovich). Paper presented at the annual EPSA meeting. Brussels, Belgium. 23-25 June 2016.

“Resist to Commit: Concrete Campaign Commitments and the Need to Clarify a Partisan Reputation” (with Nick Lin). Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, IL, 7–10 April 2016.

“Being Concrete: Clarify a Partisan Reputation When You Need It.” (with Nick Lin). Poster presented at the annual Asia PolMeth meeting. Beijing, China, 8–9 January 2016.

“Electoral Commitments and Coalition Policymaking in Latin American Legislatures” (with John Polga-Hecimovich). Poster presented at the annual APSA meeting. San Francisco, CA, 3–6 September 2015. Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, IL, 16–19 April 2015.

“Resist Concrete Policy Commitments and Let Your Partisan Reputation Reveal the Rest.” (with Nick Lin). Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, IL, 16–19 April 2015.

“Concrete Policy Commitments, Clarifying Reputation and Signaling Competency in Coalition Politics.” (with Matt Loftis & Nick Lin). Paper presented at the annual APSA meeting. Washington DC, 28-31 August 2014.

“Communicating Noise: Vague Partisan Policy Positions in Uncertain Environments” (with Matt Loftis & Nick Lin). Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, 3–6 April 2014.

“Ethnic Differences in Bolivian Legislative Speech Patterns.” Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, 10–13 April 2013.

“Measuring Representation in Bolivia: Identifying Government and Opposition Speech Patterns in Legislative Debates.” Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, 12–15 April 2012.

“The Role of Party: The Legislative Consequences of Partisan Electoral Competition” (with Royce Carroll). Paper presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Houston, Texas, 16–18 February 2012 and at the annual APSA meeting, Seattle, Washington, 1–4 September 2011 and at the annual MPSA meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 21–25 April 2010.

“Explaining Variation in Coalition Agreements” (with Lanny Martin & Randolph Stevenson). Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, 2–5 April 2009.

“Modeling Elections: Controlling for the Electoral Environment.” Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, April 3–6, 2008.

“Achieving Real Representation: When Does Descriptive Representation Affect Substantive Representation?” Poster presented at the second annual Latin Americanist Regional Conference. College Station, Texas, 18–19 October 2007.

“Affecting Citizen Satisfaction: Transitions to Mixed-Member Electoral Systems in Latin America and the Effects on Citizen Satisfaction.” Paper presented at the annual MPSA meeting Chicago, Illinois, 7–10 April 2005 and at the annual Student Research Week, Texas A&M University, 29 March 2005.

### *Discussant*

“Parties, Politics, and Institutions in Latin America.” Annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 6-9 April 2017.

“Lightning Talk: Impact of Ethnicity and Immigrants on Parties and Policy.” Annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 6-9 April 2017.

“Political Representation in Developing Countries.” Inequality and Fairness of Political Reforms. Mannheim, Germany, 8-9 December 2016.

“Mobilization and Turnout.” Annual EPSA meeting. Brussels, Belgium. 23-25 June 2016.

“Who wins and Who Loses European Elections.” Annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, IL, 7-10 April 2016.

“Accountability and Representation.” Annual APSA meeting. San Francisco, CA, 3–6 September 2015.

“Niche, Regional, and Leftist Party Success.” Annual MPSA meeting. Chicago, Illinois, 3–6 April 2014.

“Behavioral Theory in the International System.” Fourth Annual Texas Political Science Student Conference. Houston, Texas, 24 March 2012.

### University Service

Workshop Organizer. Making Democracy Work in Latin America. Universität Mannheim. 20 June 2016.

Faculty Moderator for the Gender Studies Symposium at Lewis & Clark College. 7 March 2014.

Faculty Advisor to Ambassador Christian Wenaweser’s guest lectures at Lewis & Clark College. Fall 2013.

### Reviewer

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, European Journal of Political Research, Revista Uruguaya de Ciencias Políticas*

### Honors

Former Student Representative, 28 February 2007. Texas A&M University. Selected as a former student representative to meet with Panamanian President Martin Torrijos at the Department of Political Science with faculty, current students, and other former students.

Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Honor Society, inducted December 2005.

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis Runner-Up (national competition) for *Affecting Citizen Satisfaction: Transitions to Mixed-Member Electoral Systems in Latin America and the Effects on Citizen Satisfaction*, August 2005.

Awarded Best Thesis in the International Studies and Politics group at Texas A&M University, May 2005.

Honors Department, Fall 2004. \$300. To support research as an Undergraduate Research Fellow.

Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom’s Club, 2004–2005. \$800 scholarship.

Cypress Falls Boosters, Fall 2001. \$500 scholarship.

### Other Experience

Guest Instructor. 23 May 2016. Instituto de Educación Secundaria–Virgen de la Calle. Palencia, Spain. Presentation on higher education to Spanish students.

Data Consultant. January 2013. *Texas Legislative Council*. Generated data on Majority-Minority districts for Texas Congressional Redistricting under Section 5 of the US Voting Rights Act.

Researcher/Journalist for Costa Rican Journal, January 2006–July 2006. *Mesoamerica*. Produced monthly publications that reviewed newsworthy events in each Central American country on topics that included: politics, economics, international relations, domestic security, human rights, and the environment. Conducted research in Spanish and wrote articles in English that were distributed to international subscribers.

### **Non-Peer Reviewed Publications**

Multiple Contributor to *Mesoamerica* (monthly publication). February–July 2006.

### **Foreign Language**

Spanish – proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing.

#### *Language Training*

Centro Boliviano Americano, Summer 2007. La Paz, Bolivia. Ten-week Spanish immersion program with private tutor.

Kukulcan Spanish Language Institution, Summer 2004. Morelos, Mexico. Ten-week Spanish immersion program in classroom setting.