# Education

Ph.D. May 2012 University of Houston Political Science

 Dissertation Title: “Feedback in the EU Advocacy System”

 Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Nominee, APSA European Politics and Society Section

M.A. August 2008 University of Houston Political Science

B.A. August 2004 University of Texas-Austin

Plan I Honors Government/English Double Major

# Professional Experience

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| * University of Houston-Downtown

Director, Master’s of Non-Profit Management ProgramLecturer of Political ScienceCourses: Graduate Student Non-Profit Internship, American Government, Texas Government, Race Gender Ethnicity Politics* American University, Washington DC

Professorial LecturerCourses: Introduction to College Inquiry, Mentoring Field Practicum |  | Spring 2017-currentFall 2015-current |
| * University of Missouri-Columbia

Visiting Assistant ProfessorCourses: Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, European Democracies, Comparative Political Literature |  | Fall 2014-Spring 2015 |
| * University of Houston

Lecturer/AdjunctCourses: Introductory Political Science courses, Comparative Politics, European Union Politics, Race Gender Ethnicity Politics, International Organizations |  | Fall 2012-Spring 2016 |
| * University of West Los Angeles

Course Designer/Curriculum DeveloperCourse: Administrative Processes |  | Spring 2011-Fall 2012 |

# Publications

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| * Sorurbakhsh, Laila (2016). “Interest Group Coalitions and Lobbying Environments: Towards a New Theoretical Perspective.” *Interest Groups and Advocacy* 5(3): 200-223.
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| * + Sorurbakhsh, Laila (2014). “European Interest Groups over Time: A Database” 2013; European Political Science 13, 61-77 (doi:10.1057/eps.2013.36).
	+ Sorurbakhsh, Laila (2015). “European Expansion and Interest Group Populations” Under Review.
	+ Sorurbakhsh, Laila (2015). “European Interest Groups and Biofuel Policy: A Case Study” Under Review.
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# Working Papers

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| * + Interest Groups and Policy Uncertainty: The European Biofuel Lobby” grant-funded research to be conducted in Brussels, Belgium, Summer 2014
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| * “Out of Order: Voting Order, Ordered Preferences, and Strategic Behavior on the US Supreme Court” presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association conference.
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| * “One for the Legislators, Two for the Bureaucrats: Bureaucratic Expertise and Public Opinion in the Delegation of Funds during Crises” presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
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# Conference Participation

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| * “Risk, Uncertainty, and Interest Coalitions” presenting at the American Political Science Conference, San Francisco, CA
* “Risk, Uncertainty, and Interest Coalitions” presented at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL
* “Interest Group Coalitions and Lobbying Environments: Towards a New Theoretical Perspective” presented at the ECPR Conference in Montreal, Canada
 |  | September 2017April 2017August 2015 |
| * “Uncertainty, Risk and Policy Positions: How Groups Respond to Changing Information” presented at the Midwest Political Science conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2015 |
| * Participant at the European Union Sustainable Energy Week Panel on Sub-Saharan Africa, Brussels, Belgium
 |  | June 2014 |
| * “Interest Groups in Coalition: The Case of Biofuel Policy in the EU” presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2014 |
| * “Interest Group Population Dynamics and European Policy” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2013 |
| * “Interest Groups in Coalition” presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2012  |
| * Participant at the Offshore Technology Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 |  | October 2011 |
| * “Feedback in the EU Advocacy System” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2011 |
| * “Interest Groups in the European Union” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2009 |
| * Participant at the Colombian Oil and Gas Conference in Bogota, Colombia
 |  | July 2008 |
| * “Interest Groups and Niche Theory in the European Union” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2008 |
| * “One for the Legislators, Two for the Bureaucrats: Bureaucratic Expertise and Public Opinion in the Delegation of Funds during Crises” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL
 |  | April 2007 |
| * “Out of Order: Voting Order, Ordered Preferences, and Strategic Behavior on the US Supreme Court” presented at the Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, LA
 |  | January 2007 |
| * Participant at the Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas
 |  | April 2006 |

# Professional Service/Memberships

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| * CenterPoint Energy PowerTools Non-Profit Conference Board

Member* American University Mock Conference

with Tobias Greiff and Alex Cromwell |  | May 2017November 2015 |
| * Scholarship Advisor for Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity,

University of Missouri  |  | Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 |
| * Reviewer for *Social Science Quarterly*
 |  | Fall 2010 - continuous |
| * Chair/Discussant at Midwest Political Science Conference
 |  | Spring 2013 – Spring 2014 |
| * Discussant at the 2nd Annual Texas Political Science Student Conference
 |  | Spring 2012 |
| * Research Consultant: Texas OilTech Labs, Inc.
 |  | Fall 2004 – Spring 2012 |
| * Editorial Intern for *Social Science Quarterly*
 |  | Spring 2006 – Fall 2008 |
| * Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Political Science Classes/Graduate Statistical Methods Classes
 |  | Spring 2005 – Spring 2009 |
| * APSA Member, European Politics and Society Section
* MPSA Member
 |  | 2006 - current2006 - current |

# Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Interest Groups, Non-Profit Organizations European Union, Multilevel Governance, Biofuel Policy, Political Methodology, American Politics, Environmental and Energy Policy, Network Analysis

# Leadership/Awards

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| * Director, Master’s of Non-Profit Management Program
* Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program,

Alternate Candidate |  | July 2017Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 |
| * New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston

Award in the amount of $6,000 |  | Spring/Summer 2014  |
| * EITM Seminar Participant

Stipend in the amount of $1,000 |  | Summer 2013 |
| * Prestage-Cook Travel Grant

Award in the amount of $250 |  | Summer 2007 |
| * UH Travel Grants

Awards in the total amount of $1,000 |  | Summer 2007 – Spring 2009 |
| * Social Chair of Political Science Graduate Student Association
 |  | Fall 2005 – Spring 2006 |
| * Secretary and Chair of the Mentoring Committee PSGSA
 |  | Spring 2006 – Fall 2007 |

# Language Skills

* English (fluent/native), French (proficient), Spanish (proficient), Farsi (spoken)

# Computing Skills

* Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Visual Basic, Access
* SPSS, Stata, RATS, Eviews, Yoshikoder, Wordfish, SurveyMonkey

# References

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| Academic References |
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| Eduardo AlemanAssociate Professor of Political ScienceUniversity of Houston713.743.3933ealeman2@uh.edu | Jonathan SlapinProfessor of GovernmentUniversity of Essex+44 (0) 1206 872757jslapin@essex.ac.uk |
| Teaching References |
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