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Employment

CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING IN ECONOMICS (CIDE), MEXICO

Director, Division of Political Studies August 2024-present

Full Professor (Profesor-Investigador Titular "C") 2023-present

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, USA

Associate Professor (tenured) 2019-2025

Assistant Professor 2015-2019

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY, USA

Assistant Professor 2013-2015

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY, USA

Assistant Professor 2011-2013

TULANE UNIVERSITY, USA

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2011

Education

University of Notre Dame, USA, Ph.D. in Political Science 2011

Florida State University, USA, M.A. in Political Science 2006

University of Pittsburgh, USA, M.A. in Economics 2003

ITESM - Campus Monterrey, Mexico, B.A. in Economics 1995

Peer-Reviewed Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bejar, Sergio. 2024. "Determinants of Affective Polarization in Mexico's 2018 Presidential Election." *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinion Publica* 13. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14201/rlop.31937>. **Maria Braun Award for Best Article published in RLOP.**

Bejar, Sergio and Bumba Mukherjee. 2024. "Domestic Financial Intermediaries, Dictatorship, and Social Spending." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-024-09441-3>.

- Moraes, J.A., and **Sergio Bejar**. 2023. "Electoral Volatility and Elite Polarization in Developing Democracies: Evidence from Latin America, 1993-2016." *Party Politics* 29(4). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221095098>. **Honorable Mention, Carlos Real de Azua Award for Best Article, AUCiP.**
- Bolte, B., Nicolas Schmidt, **Sergio Bejar**, Nguyen Huynh, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2021. "BayesSPsurv: An R Package to Estimate Bayesian Split-Population (SP) Survival Models for Clustered Event Processes." *The R Journal* 13(1): 595-613. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.32614/RJ-2021-068>
- Huynh, Nguyen, **Sergio Bejar**, Vineeta Yadav, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2021. "IDCeMPy: Python Package for Inflated Discrete Choice Models." *Journal of Open Source Software* 6(63): 3322. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.03322>
- Joo, Minnie M., Nicolas Schmidt, **Sergio Bejar**, Vineeta Yadav, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2020. "BayesMFSurv: An R Package to Estimate Bayesian Split-Population Survival Models With (and Without) Misclassified Failure Events." *Journal of Open Source Software* 5(48): 2164. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.02164>
- Bejar, Sergio**, Santiago Lopez-Cariboni, and J.A. Moraes. 2020. "Elite Polarization and Voting Turnout in Latin America, 1993-2010." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 30(1): 1-21. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2018.1545775>
- Bejar, Sergio** and J.A. Moraes. 2016. "The IMF, Party System Institutionalization and Protest in Latin America." *Latin American Politics and Society* 58(2): 26-48. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-2456.2016.00309.x>
- Mukherjee, Bumba, Vineeta Yadav and **Sergio Bejar**. 2014. "Electoral Particularism, Bank Concentration and Capital Account Liberalization in Developing Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(6): 851-77. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414013488551>
- Mukherjee, Bumba, Vineeta Yadav and **Sergio Bejar**. 2014. "Candidate-Centered Systems, Public Banks and Equity Market Restrictions in Developing Countries." *Review of International Political Economy* 21(3): 670-709. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2013.822410>
- Bejar, Sergio** and David Ortiz. 2013. "IMF-sponsored Economic Programs and Contentious Collective Action in Latin America, 1980-2007." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(5): 492-515. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894213499677>
- Bejar, Sergio** and Bumba Mukherjee. 2011. "Electoral Institutions and Growth Volatility: Theory and Evidence." *International Political Science Review* 32(4): 458-479. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192512110385299>
- Bejar, Sergio**, Bumba Mukherjee and Will H. Moore. 2011. "Time Horizons Matter: Coalition Governments, Replacement Risk and the Size of Government." *Economics of Governance* 12(3): 201-235. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10101-011-0096-0>

ARTICLES INVITED TO REVISE AND RESUBMIT (PEER-REVIEWED)

Bejar, Sergio. 2026. "Asymmetric Polarization: Affective Hostility and Dominant-Party Politics in Mexico." Resubmitted to *Latin American Politics and Society*.

Bejar, Sergio and Gerardo Maldonado. 2026. "Populismo sin enemigo: MORENA en el gobierno y la polarización afectiva en México." *Politica y Gobierno*.

PEER-REVIEWED SOFTWARE

BayesSPsurv: Bayesian Spatial Split Population Survival Models. CRAN-R. 2021. With Brandon Bolte, Nicolas Schmidt, Nguyen Huynh and Bumba Mukherjee.

ziopcpy: Package for Inflated Discrete Choice Models. 2022. Python. With Nguyen Huynh, Nicolas Schmidt, Vineeta Yadav and Bumba Mukherjee.

BayesMFSurv: Bayesian Misclassified-Failure Survival Model. CRAN-R. 2021. With Minnie Joo, Nicolas Schmidt and Bumba Mukherjee.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Moraes, J.A., and **Sergio Bejar.** 2024. "Latin America: Affective Polarization and Weak Partisan Institutions." *Handbook on Affective Polarization*, Mariano Torcal and Eelco Harteveld, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Bejar, Sergio. 2026. "La ilusión de la homogeneidad: Heterogeneidad electoral subnacional en México (1997-2024)." *Continuidad y Cambio en México*, El Colegio de México.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Silicon Valley Latino Report Card. 2023. Invited Author. Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley.

As violence soars in Mexico, we need to do more. 2022. CALO News.

Works in Progress

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

"Independientes pero no equidistantes. Aprobación presidencial y orientaciones afectivas partidistas en México." 2026.

"Anti-Black Affect and the Differential Evaluation of Immigrant Groups in the United States." 2026. With Angel Saavedra-Cisneros.

SOFTWARE IN DEVELOPMENT

ZMTiOP: Inflated Ordered Probit Models With and Without Correlated Errors. R package. With Ben Bagozzi, Nicolas Schmidt and Bumba Mukherjee.

PredSM: Predictive Models for Social Media Data. R package. With Bumba Mukherjee.

BVZiOP: Bivariate Zero-Inflated Ordered Probit Models. R package. With Nicolas Schmidt and Bumba Mukherjee.

WORKING PAPERS

Hegemonic Dictatorships, Bank Concentration and Social Spending.

Political Polarization and Mechanisms of Direct Democracy. With Federico Acosta y Lara and J.A. Moraes.

Programmatic Polarization and Political Participation: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Uruguay. With Santiago Lopez-Cariboni and J.A. Moraes.

Public Sector Banks, IMF Programs and Banking Crisis in Developing States. With Bumba Mukherjee and Vineeta Yadav.

DATA PROJECTS

Dataset of Populist and Authoritarian Populist Parties in New and Developing Democracies. With Vineeta Yadav, Bumba Mukherjee, and Nguyen Huynh.

Grants and Fellowships

Summer Travel Award, COSS, San Jose State University. 2019. \$3,000.

RSCA Summer Award, COSS, San Jose State University. 2017. \$5,000.

Faculty Research Council (FRC) Award, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. 2014. \$5,000.

Faculty Research Grant, William Paterson University. 2012. \$4,000.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University. 2011. \$50,000.

Small Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. 2010. \$10,000.

Moore Dissertation Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. 2009-2010. \$36,000 + tuition.

Doctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame. 2006-2009. \$20,000 + tuition.

College Teaching Fellowship, Florida State University. 2003. \$15,000 + tuition.

CONACYT Fellowship. 2000-2003. \$109,000.

Teaching Experience

CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING IN ECONOMICS (CIDE), MEXICO. 2023-PRESENT.

Research Seminar III (Graduate)

Research Design (Graduate)

General Seminar on Political Institutions (Graduate)

International Political Economy (Graduate)

Political Institutions II (Undergraduate)

Applied Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)

Research Design (Undergraduate)

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, USA. 2015-2023.

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Research Methods
- Senior Seminar
- Latin American Politics
- International Political Economy
- American Politics in Comparative Perspective

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY, USA. 2013-2015.

- Comparative Politics
- Quantitative Methods (Graduate and Undergraduate)
- Mexican Politics
- Latin American Politics
- American Politics

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY, USA. 2012-2013.

- Research Methods I and II (Graduate)
- Quantitative Methods (Graduate)
- Introduction to Political Science
- Latin American Politics
- Latin American Political Economy

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, USA. 2010.

- Political Economy of Development

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, USA. 2005-2006.

- Introduction to Comparative Politics

Professional and Institutional Service

DOCTORAL STUDENTS ADVISED

- Adrian Mauricio Aguilar Orta (CIDE, Chair)
- Felipe de la O (CIDE, Chair)
- Angel Paul Moreno Plasencia (CIDE, Committee Member)

MA STUDENTS ADVISED

- Emiliano Medina Aguilera (CIDE, Chair)
- Celeste Tosolini (CIDE, Committee Member)
- Holguer Carrillo (WPUNJ, Chair)
- Katherine Miskuna (WPUNJ, Committee Member)
- Simon Rodeiro (WPUNJ, Committee Member)
- Federico Acosta y Lara (UdelaR, Committee Member)
- Juan Carlos Mucino (UdelaR, Committee Member)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED

Pamela Josefina Diaz Valdes (CIDE, Chair)
Carlos Martinez (CIDE, Committee Member)
Angeles De Santos-Quezada (SJSU, Chair)
Gladys Hernandez (SJSU, Chair)
Carmen Cisneros (SJSU, Chair)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Party Politics*, *Government and Opposition*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Politica y Gobierno*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinion Publica*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Economics & Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *International Political Science Review*, *Journal of Developing Areas*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Latin American Politics*, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*.

Section Chair, Legislative Studies, 9th Annual Congress of the Latin American Political Science Association. 2017.

Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2016, 2017, 2018.

Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2016-2023.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AT CIDE

Director, Division of Political Studies. 2024-present.
Member, Academic Council. 2024-present.
Member, Board of Directors. 2024-present.
Member, Academic Evaluation Committee, Division of Political Studies. 2024-present.
Faculty, Graduate Program in Political Science. 2024-present.
Faculty, Undergraduate Program in Political Science and International Relations. 2024-present.

Selected Invited Talks

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain. 2023.
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. 2022, 2023.
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico. 2009, 2012, 2014, 2022, 2023.
Tulane University. 2010, 2011, 2012.
Colby College. 2012.
University of New Orleans. 2013.
University of Texas, Pan American. 2013.
Wright State University. 2010.
ITESM, Mexico. 2007.

Selected Conference Presentations

When Identity Stops Polarizing: Perceived Conflict Resolution and the Conditional Link between Populist Attitudes and Affective Hostility. 2026. Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Paris, France.

Affective Polarization in Latin America. 2025. WAPOR Latin America Conference. Florianopolis, Brazil.

Authoritarianism, Race and Attitudes towards Migrants in Transit Countries. 2023. With Angel Saavedra-Cisneros. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA.

Political Polarization and Mechanisms of Direct Democracy. 2023. With Federico Acosta y Lara and J.A. Moraes. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

Campaigns and Dimensions of Political Competition in Mexico. 2019. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, CA.

Elite Polarization and Voter Turnout in Latin America, 1993-2010. 2018. With J.A. Moraes. Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association. Barcelona, Spain.

Media Appearances

Univision, National Network (2020).

Univision 19, Sacramento, CA (2020).

Univision 34, Los Angeles, CA (2020).

Univision 14, San Jose, CA (2020).

Telemundo 40, San Jose, CA (2016).

References

Available upon request.