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Educational History

Ph.D. Texas A&M University (2002 – 2006)
Political Science, Fields: Public Policy, American Politics, Race and Politics
Dissertation Committee Chair: Kenneth J. Meier

B.A. University of Texas – Pan American (2000 – 2002)
Political Science, summa cum laude

Positions Held

Associate Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science (2012 – Present)

Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science (2006 – 2012)

Research and Teaching Interests

Race and Politics, Public Policy, Immigration
State Politics, Urban Politics, Inequality

Refereed Articles

Rocha, Rene R., Benjamin R. Knoll, and Robert D. Wrinkle. Forthcoming. "Immigration Enforcement and the Redistribution of Trust." *Journal of Politics*

Rocha, Rene R., Natasha Altema McNeely, and Carlos E. Cuellar. Forthcoming. "How Support for Latino Candidates Encourages Municipal Reforms." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

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States." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 13: 121-138.

Matsubayashi, Tetsuya, and Rene R. Rocha. 2012. "Racial Diversity and Public Policy in the States." *Political Research Quarterly* 65: 602-616.

Hawes, Daniel P., and Rene R. Rocha. 2011. "Culture, Capital, and Diversity: Assessing the Determinants of Civic and Economic Equity in the American States." *Political Research Quarterly* 64: 924-937.
- *Winner of the Lucius Barker Award*

Rocha, Rene R., and Robert D. Wrinkle. 2011. "Gender, Ethnicity, and Support for Bilingual Education: Will Just Any Woman or Latino Do? A Contingent 'No.'" *Policy Studies Journal* 39: 309-328.

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Rocha, Rene R., Caroline J. Tolbert, Daniel Bowen, and Christopher Clark. 2010. "Race and Turnout: Does Descriptive Representation in State Legislatures Increase Minority Voting?" *Political Research Quarterly* 63: 890-907.

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Rocha, Rene R., and Rodolfo Espino. 2009. "Racial Threat, Residential Segregation, and the Policy Attitudes of Anglos." *Political Research Quarterly* 62: 415-426.

Rocha, Rene R., and Daniel P. Hawes. 2009. "Racial Diversity, Representative Bureaucracy, and Equity in Multiracial School Districts." *Social Science Quarterly* 90: 326-344.

Rocha, Rene R. 2007. "Black-Brown Coalitions in Local School Board Elections." *Political Research Quarterly* 60: 315-327.
- *Winner of the Political Research Quarterly Best Article Award*

Meier, Kenneth J., Carl Doerfler, Daniel Hawes, Alisa K. Hicklin, and Rene R. Rocha. 2006. "The Role of Management and Representation in Improving Performance of Disadvantaged Students: An Application of Bum Phillips' 'Don Shula Rule.'" *Review of Policy Research* 23: 1095-1110.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Rocha, Rene R. 2011. "Black Empowerment and the Substantive Representation of Latinos on Local School Boards." In *The Politics of Latino Education*, eds. David Leal and Kenneth J. Meier. New York, NY: Teachers College Press.

Rocha, Rene R. 2007. "Cooperation and Conflict in Multiracial School Districts." In *Latino Politics: Identity, Mobilization, and Representation*, eds. Rodolfo Espino, David Leal, and Kenneth J.

Meier. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.

Book Review

Rocha, Rene R. 2011. Review of Luis Ricardo Fraga, John A. Garcia, Rodney E. Hero, Michael Jones-Correa, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and Gary M. Segura, *Latino Lives in America: Making it Home* and Amalia Pallares and Nilda Flores-Gonzlez, eds, *Marcha!: Latino Chicago and the Immigrant Rights Movement. Perspectives on Politics* 9: 911-913.

Working Papers

"Multiple or Malleable Traditions in American Politics?" (with Ling Zhu)

"Why Does Social Capital Increase Inequality Between Immigrants and Natives?" (with Elizabeth Maltby)

"How Punitive Policy Outcomes Structure Racial Threat Among Latinos and Anglos." (with Elizabeth Maltby)

Honors and Awards

Award for the best paper presented in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section of APSA, 2015
WPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award, 2014
  • Given to the best paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting
University of Iowa Collegiate Teaching Award, 2013
Political Research Quarterly Best Article Award, 2008
Lucius Barker Award, 2007
  • Given by the Midwest Political Science Association for the best paper on race or ethnicity
Ted Robinson Memorial Award, 2005
  • Given by the Southwest Political Science Association for the best research proposal by a graduate student in the field of Minority Politics

Professional Service

Committee on the Status of Latinos/as in the Profession, WPSA, 2014-2017
Latino/a Politics Best Book Award Committee (APSA Latino/a Caucus), 2015
Ralph Bunche Award Committee (APSA), 2015
Jewel Prestage Award Committee (SWPSA), 2015
Program Committee, SPSA, Public Policy Section, 2015
Program Committee, WPSA, Public Policy Section, 2008, 2009, 2013
Executive Council of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section of APSA, 2010–2012
Best Dissertation Committee (Chair), State Politics and Policy section of APSA, 2012
Program Committee, SWPSA, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section, 2011
Best Paper in Latina/o Politics Award Committee (WPSA), 2010
Vice President, Latino Caucus of APSA, 2007–2008
President, Latino Caucus of MPSA, 2006–2008

Program Committee, MPSA, Latino Caucus Section, 2007, 2008
Advisory Board, Latino Caucus of MPSA, 2005–2006
Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *Equity and Excellence in Education*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Latinos and Education*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Women Politics & Policy*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Governance*, *Politics Groups and Identities*, *Politics & Policy*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

Departmental and University Service

Committee Service

Faculty Senate, 2012–Present
CLAS Faculty Assembly, 2012–Present
Departmental Executive Committee, 2010–2012, 2014–2016
Advisory Board, Latino Studies Minor, 2014-Present
Departmental Alumni Relations Committee (Chair), 2013–Present
UI Latino Council Executive Committee, 2009–2012
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2011–2012
Committee on Undergraduate Awards, 2010–2011
Search Committee for Position in American Political Behavior, 2008
Graduate Studies Committee, 2006–2008

Graduate Students Supervised

Elizabeth Maltby, In Progress (Chair)
Natasha Altema McNeely, Defended Spring 2013 (Chair)
  • Assistant Professor, University of Texas – Pan American
Benjamin Knoll, Defended Spring 2010 (Co-Chair)
  • Assistant Professor, Centre College
Rebecca Kreitzer, In Progress
Emily Schilling, In Progress
Allison Hamilton, Defended Spring 2013
Christopher Clark, Defended Spring 2010
Tae Eun Min, Defended Spring 2010
Hoi Ok Jeong, Defended Fall 2009

References

Available Upon Request