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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, 2016-present

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Global Health, University of Chicago, 2018-present
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*
Committee: Krister Andersson, Andy Baker, Carew Boulding, Anand Sokhey, Jane Menken

- Winner of the 2017 Leonard D. White Award for Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Administration, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Honorable Mention, 2017 Award for Best Dissertation in Public Policy and Management, Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM)
- Finalist, 2017 Ronald H. Coase Best Dissertation Award, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE)

M.A., Public Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2013

- Winner of the 2014 Nathaniel Lichfield Award, Regional Studies Association (RSA)

B.S., Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

12. *Emmelhainz, Roger, **Alan Zarychta**, Tara Grillos, and Krister Andersson. 2021. "Linking Knowledge with Action when Engagement is Out of Reach: Three Contextual Features of Effective Public Health Communication." *Health Policy and Planning*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czab105>
11. **Zarychta, Alan**, Tara Grillos, and Krister Andersson. 2021. "Accountability and Effort among Street-level Bureaucrats: Evidence from a Lab-in-the-Field Experiment." *International Public Management Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10967494.2021.1951408>
10. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar, Gulay Ugur Goksel, and **Alan Zarychta**. 2021. "Political Discourse and Public Attitudes toward Syrian Refugees in Turkey." *Comparative Politics*.
<https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16263065025324>

* Student co-author.

9. *Molina, Adriana, Tara Grillos, **Alan Zarychta**, and Krister Andersson. 2021. "Decentralization Can Help Increase Cooperation among Public Officials." *American Journal of Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12606>
8. Grillos, Tara, **Alan Zarychta**, Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2021. "Water Scarcity and Procedural Justice in Honduras: Community-based Management Meets Market-based Policy." *World Development* 142: 105451. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105451>
7. Grillos, Tara, **Alan Zarychta**, and Krister Andersson. 2021. "Governance Reform, Decentralization, and Teamwork in Public Service: Evidence from the Honduran Health Sector." *Public Administration*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12722>
6. Root, Elisabeth Dowling, **Alan Zarychta**, *Bertha Bermudez Tapia, Tara Grillos, Krister Andersson, and Jane Menken. 2020. "Organizations matter in local governance: evidence from health sector decentralization in Honduras." *Health Policy and Planning* 35(9): 1168-79. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa084>
5. **Zarychta, Alan**. 2020. "Making Social Services Work Better for the Poor: Evidence from a Natural Experiment with Health Sector Decentralization in Honduras." *World Development* 133: 104996. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.104996>
4. **Zarychta, Alan**, Tara Grillos, and Krister Andersson. 2020. "Public Sector Governance Reform and the Motivation of Street-Level Bureaucrats in Developing Countries." *Public Administration Review* 80(1): 75–91. <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13132>
3. **Zarychta, Alan**, Krister Andersson, Elisabeth Root, Jane Menken, and Tara Grillos. 2019. "Assessing the impacts of governance reforms on health services delivery: a quasi-experimental, multi-method, and participatory approach." *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology* 19(4): 241–58. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10742-019-00201-8>
2. **Zarychta, Alan**. 2015. "Community Trust and Household Health: A Spatially-Based Approach with Evidence from Rural Honduras." *Social Science & Medicine* 146: 85-94. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.08.046>
1. He, Yuan, **Alan Zarychta**, Joseph B. Ranz, Mary Carroll, Lori M. Singleton, Paria M. Wilson, and Elizabeth P. Schlaudecker. 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(1): 1056. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2458-12-1056>

CURRENT RESEARCH

Under Review

Alakoc, Burcu Pinar, **Alan Zarychta**, Gulay Ugur Goksel. "Threat Perceptions, Integration and Citizenship: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Turkey." Under review.

Zarychta, Alan and *Jade Wong. "Power, Decentralization, and Resource Exchange in Local Governance Networks." Under review.

Works in Progress

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

* Student co-author.

Zarychta, Alan. “Decentralized Service Delivery and Individuals’ Political Behavior: Evidence from a Survey Experiment.”

Zarychta, Alan. “Electoral Competition and Decentralized Service Delivery: Evidence from the Honduran Health Sector.”

Zarychta, Alan. “Institutional Reforms and the Network Structure of Local Governance Systems.”

Grillos, Tara, **Alan Zarychta**, Adriana Molina, and Krister Andersson. “The Social and Behavioral Effects of Decentralization on Street-level Bureaucrats: Evidence from the Honduran Health Sector.”

GRANTS & AWARDS

External

- NSF IBSS Research Grant, National Science Foundation, Key Personnel, 2013-17 (\$998,555)
- SSRC Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, PI, 2015-16 (\$18,800)
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, PI, 2013-16 (\$136,000)
- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2014 (\$2,300)
- Research Funding Award, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, PI, 2006 (\$2,000)

Internal

- Crown Family Faculty Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2021 (\$25,000)
- Center for Global Health Seed Grant, University of Chicago, 2020 (\$10,000)
- UChicago Global, Latin America Grant Program, University of Chicago, 2020 (\$5,000)
- UChicago Global, Latin America Grant Program, University of Chicago, 2019 (\$22,800)
- SSA Junior Faculty Research Award, University of Chicago, 2019 (\$5,000)
- UChicago Global, Latin America Grant Program, University of Chicago, 2018 (\$24,000)
- The Pearson Institute Faculty Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2018 (\$10,000)
- 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

Annual Meetings and Conferences

- American Political Science Association: 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Association for Public Policy and Management: 2017, 2018
- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action: 2018, 2019
- Western Political Science Association: 2014, 2019
- Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science: 2021
- Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (formerly ISNIE): 2014, 2017
- International Research Society for Public Management Conference: 2021
- American Society for Public Administration: 2018
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health: 2019
- Sustainability and Development Conference: 2019
- MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference: 2019
- Population Association of America: 2018
- International Association for the Study of the Commons: 2015
- Front Range Conference on Environmental Governance Conference: 2015
- Regional Studies Association Latin America Conference: 2019
- Regional Studies Association Winter Conference: 2014
- Institute of Behavioral Science Research Symposium, University of Colorado Boulder: 2015

Other Presentations and Invited Talks

- Penn Identify and Conflict Lab Workshop on Refugee Resettlement Challenges: 2021
- Public Administration Review Behavioral Public Administration Symposium: 2018
- Workshop on Health Sector Reform in Honduras, University of Chicago: 2017
- Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago: 2017
- Honduran Ministry of Health, Tegucigalpa, Honduras: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Regional Health Authority #10, Intibucá, Honduras: 2013, 2015
- Ronald Coase Institute on Institutional Analysis, University of Hong Kong: 2015

TEACHING

Instructor

- Social Intervention: Policies and Programs II (Social Work; masters), University of Chicago: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (x2)
- Policy Formulation and Implementation (Social Sector Leadership; masters), University of Chicago: 2021
- Global Development and Social Welfare (interdisciplinary; masters), University of Chicago: 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (x2)
- Research Methods in Social Work (doctoral), University of Chicago: 2017, 2018, 2019

Teaching Assistant

- Scope and Methods of Political Science (doctoral), University of Colorado Boulder, 2013
- Introduction to Community Development (undergraduate), Northwestern University, 2007

EMPLOYMENT 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 an agreement with 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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for: *Public Administration Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Social Service Review*; *Public Policy and Administration*; *World Bank Economic Review*; *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*; *Regional Science, Policy and Practice*

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Honduras (20 months), Guatemala (3 months), Nicaragua (3 months), Turkey (1 month)

LANGUAGES

English (native), Polish (native), Spanish (fluent)