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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University	2020-present 2019-2020
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Department of Political Science, <b>University of Houston</b> <i>Fields:</i> Public Law, Comparative Politics <i>Dissertation:</i> The impact of formal authority in Latin American constitutional justice <i>Committee:</i> Lydia Tiede (Chair), Eduardo Alemán, Tanya Bagashka and Julio Ríos-Figueroa  M.A., Department of Political Science, <b>University of Texas at El Paso</b> Specialist in Business Law, <b>Universidad Externado de Colombia</b> J.D, <b>Universidad Nacional de Colombia</b>	2019    2013 2007 2005
RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS	<i>Research:</i> Judicial institutions under different political contexts, measure of judicial institutions and behavior, and constitutional adjudication systems. <i>Teaching:</i> Constitutional law, Law and society, Judicial institutions and behavior, Human rights, Comparative politics, and Research design for empirical judicial studies.	
PUBLICATIONS	<b>Articles</b> “Quotas, Women’s Leadership, and Grassroots Women Activists: Bringing Women into the Party?” (with Aldo Ponce and Susan Scarrow) <i>EJPR</i> . (2020) “The consequences of membership incentives: Do greater political benefits attract different kinds of members?” (with Susan Scarrow, Karina Kosiara-Pedersen, and Emilie van Haute) <i>Party Politics</i> . (2018) “Endogenous ballot structures: The selection of open and closed lists in Colombia’s legislative elections” (with Margarita Ramírez and Francisco Cantú) <i>Electoral Studies</i> . (2017)  <b>Book Chapter</b> “The Power of <i>Amparos</i> : protecting rights and challenging (in)action by those in authority” (with Lydia Tiede) in <i>Research Handbook on Law and Courts</i> . Edward Elgar (2019)  <b>Book Review</b> “The Achilles Heel of Democracy: Judicial Autonomy and The Rule of Law in Central America, by Rachel Bowen.” (with Lydia Tiede) <i>Law and Politics Book Review</i> . (2018)  <b>Non-peer reviewed publications</b> “Dismantling Legacies of Oppression in Academia.” (with Rebecca Reid and Jessica Stone) <i>APSA Law &amp; Courts Newsletter</i> . (Forthcoming 2020)	

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

“The Consequences of Diversifying the US District Courts: Revisiting Ideological Alignment and the Implications for Judicial Independence” (with Scott Hofer) Invited to review and resubmit at the *Justice System Journal*.

“The Effect of Power Concentration in Government: Constitutional Adjudication under Different Political Context in Peru.” Presented at APSA 2020.

“Institutional explanations of Courts’ activism. in Latin America: Reassessing the impact of formal independence and authority on judicial behavior.” Abstract of the chapter accepted in *Judicial Activism*, edited by Raul Sanchez-Urribarri, Lori Hausegger, and Richard Pacelle.

“Diversity Trends in the Legal Profession: Examining the legal profession pipeline.” (with Scott Hofer) Chapter under-review in *Open Judicial Politics*, edited by Rorie Spill Solberg, Jennifer Segal Diascro, and Eric Waltenburg.

“Immigration and the Courts: Does the jurist’s race matter for perceptions of legitimacy?” (with Scott Hofer, Matt Ward, and Jason Casellas) Presented at SPSA 2020.

“Does the Formal Authority of Constitutional Review Matter? Reassessing the Explanations for Judicial Assertiveness.” Accepted at MPSA 2020.

“Formal Authority of Latin American Constitutional Courts.” Presented at MPSA 2018.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

*Texas Christian University, Instructor*

Constitutional Law: Rights, undergraduate course	Fall 2020
Constitutional Law:Powers, undergraduate course	Fall 2020
Introduction to American Politics, undergraduate course	Fall 2020

*Miami University, Instructor*

Constitutional Law, undergraduate course	Spring 2020, Fall 2019
Political and Constitutional Change, Combined course	Spring 2020, Fall 2019
Populism and Courts in Latin America, undergraduate course	Spring 2020
American Politics and Diversity, undergraduate course	Fall 2019

*University of Houston, Teaching Assistant*

Comparative Judicial Systems, graduate course	Spring 2018
Judicial Behavior and Process, graduate course	Summer 2017
Judicial Process, undergraduate course	Spring 2017
U.S. Federal Government Institutions, undergraduate course	Fall 2013, Spring 2014

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

*American Political Science Association, Annual Conference.* 2020

“The Effect of Power Concentration in Government: Constitutional Adjudication under Different Political Context in Peru.”

*Southern Political Science Association Conference, Annual Conference.* 2020

“Immigration and the Courts: Does the jurist’s race matter for perceptions of legitimacy?”

*Southern Political Science Association Conference, Annual Conference.* 2019

“Grassroots Female Participation in Political Parties: Quotas, Female Leadership, and Women Activists.” and “Selecting judges: Diversity at the expense of ideology?”

*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Annual Conference.* 2018

“Measuring formal judicial authority.”

<i>Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Annual Conference.</i>	2017
“Unpacking the effects of governance on the activities of MNCs: Evidence from U.S. imports.”	
<i>American Political Science Association, Annual Conference.</i>	2016
“Endogenous ballot types: Intra-party preferences for electoral rules in Colombia.”	
<i>Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Annual Conference.</i>	2015
“Endogenous ballot types: Intra-party preferences for electoral rules in Colombia.”	
<i>Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, University of Pittsburgh</i>	2013
“Political corruption: Accountability and party system institutionalization in Latin America.”	
<i>XXXIII Annual ILASSA Student Conference, University of Texas at Austin</i>	2013
“The Constraints of institutionalized political party systems on political corruption.”	
<i>Southern Political Science Association, Annual Conference</i>	2013
“District Magnitude, personal vote, and corruption.”	

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND AWARDSS

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association,	2020
ICPSR Summer Grant	2018
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences - University of Houston	2018-2019
Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston	2013-2018
Seed Grant for Interdisciplinary Policy Related Research Projects. Hobby Center for Public Policy and College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, (with Pablo Pinto and Rodrigo Núñez Donoso) - The University of Houston,	2016-2018
Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Houston, Department of Political Science, 2015, 2016, 2018	
Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Houston,	2013-2015
Marian and Alina Komarnicki Scholarship, University of Texas at El Paso	2012-2013

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

<i>American Political Science Association, Annual Conference.</i>	2018
Designing Multi-Method Research (QMMR1) workshop and Teaching & learning mini-conference.	
<i>Facilitating empirical studies of judicial behavior on constitutional courts from a comparative perspective workshop.</i>	2018
School of Law - Texas A&M University.	

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE &  
ORIGINAL DATA  
COLLECTION  
PROJECTS

Prof. Lydia Tiede, University of Houston, 2014-2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coded judicial decisions and cleaned data for the Database of Colombia Constitutional Court 1992-2015</li> <li>• Coded judicial decisions for the Database of Chilean Constitutional Tribunal 2010-2015</li> </ul>	
Prof. Susan Scarrow, University of Houston, 2016 - 2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed and cleaned data for the <b>Political Party Database</b></li> <li>• Collected data on Latin American party statutes for the <b>Political Party Database</b></li> </ul>	

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Manuscript Referee <span style="float: right;">2016-Current</span>  Occasional reviewer for Party Politics, Latin America Research Review, Revista Opera, and Revista Pensamiento Jurídico.</p> <p>Discussant  Midwest Political Science Association <span style="float: right;">2018</span></p> <p>Facilitating Empirical Studies of Judicial Behavior on Constitutional Courts from a Comparative Perspective <span style="float: right;">2018</span></p> <p>Miami University  Political Science Graduate Committee Member <span style="float: right;">2020</span></p> <p>University of Houston  Corporate Responsibility Workshop - UH Energy Center <span style="float: right;">2018</span>  Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) <span style="float: right;">2018</span>  Member and presenter at weekly workshops <span style="float: right;">2013-2016</span>  Collaborator of the Summer Program <span style="float: right;">2016</span>  President, Political Science Graduate Student Association <span style="float: right;">2015-2016</span>  President, Comparative Politics and IR Graduate Student Group <span style="float: right;">2015-2016</span>  Scientific Communication Workshop &amp; Reviewer Workshop <span style="float: right;">2016-2017</span>  Graduate student mentor <span style="float: right;">2016-2017</span></p> <p>University of Texas at El Paso  Organizer “Student Conference on Contemporary Political Rhetoric” <span style="float: right;">2012</span></p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>LaTeX, R, and STATA.</p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	<p>American Political Science Association  Midwest Political Science Association  Southern Political Science Association</p>
OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Ministry of Education, Colombia: Lawyer <span style="float: right;">2008 - 2010</span>  Managed contractual public process.  Led legal plan of the contracting process.  Supervised and managed copyright issues.</p> <p>Molano-Rincón &amp; Asociados: Lawyer <span style="float: right;">2005-2007</span>  Managed corporative and contractual issues for national and foreign companies.  Supervised and led the legal incorporation of MNC branches in Colombia and Latin America.</p>
REFERENCES	<p><b>Lydia Tiede</b>  Associate Professor <span style="float: right;">Phone:(713) 743-1538</span>  Department of Political Science <span style="float: right;">E-mail:lbtiede@uh.edu</span>  University of Houston</p> <p><b>Susan Scarrow</b>  Professor <span style="float: right;">Phone:(713)-743-3915</span>  Department of Political Science <span style="float: right;">E-mail: sscarrow@uh.edu</span></p>

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