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## Employment and Affiliations

Associate Professor		
Department of Political Science		2020 – present
Assistant Professor		2016 – present
Department of Political Science	University of California, Riverside	
Assistant Professor		2008 – 2016
Political Science and International Relations	University of Southern California	

## Education

- Ph.D. University of California, San Diego, 2008, (Political Science)
- B.A. Rice University, 1999 (History and Policy Studies)

## Book

Nicholas Weller and Jeb Barnes. 2014. *Finding Pathways: Mixed-method research for studying causal mechanisms*. Cambridge University Press.

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

19. Lauterbach, Erinn, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Weller and Benjamin Bishin. 2026. "Working-Class Legislators, Bill Writing, and Introduction: Limited Evidence of Substantive Representation in Congress." *Political Research Quarterly*.
18. Bishin, Benjamin and Nicholas Weller. 2025. "The Substantive Effects of Descriptive Representation: Gay and Lesbian Members of Congress are more Supportive of Gay Rights." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. doi:10.1017/S1049096525000289
17. Weller, Nicholas, & Jamieson, Thomas. 2024. "Correcting Myopia: Effect of Information Provision on Support for Preparedness Policy." *Political Research Quarterly*.
16. Authment, Jacob, Michelangelo Landgrave, and Nicholas Weller. 2023. "Do Public Housing Agencies Discriminate Against Hispanics: A Large-Scale Replication Study to Assess Discrimination." *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*.
15. Desposato, Scott, Levinson, Todd, and Nicholas Weller. 2021. "The impact of group collaboration and performance on interpersonal trust and cooperation." *Journal of Articles in Support of the Null Hypothesis*.
14. Landgrave, Michelangelo and Nicholas Weller. 2021. "Do Name-based Treatments Violate Information Equivalence? Evidence from a Correspondence Audit Experiment." *Political Analysis*.

13. Landgrave, Michelangelo and Nicholas Weller. 2020. "Do More Professionalized Legislatures Discriminate Less? The Role of Staffers in Constituency Service." *American Politics Research*.
12. Jamieson, Thomas and Nicholas Weller. 2019. "Effects of Certain and Uncertain Incentives on Effort and Knowledge Accuracy." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*
11. McCubbins, Mathew D. and Nicholas Weller. 2019. "Coordination, Communication and Information: How Network Structure and Knowledge Affect Group Behavior." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
10. Weller, Nicholas and Jane Junn. 2018. "Racial Identity and Voting: Conceptualizing White Identity in Spatial Terms." *Perspectives on Politics*. Volume 16, Issue 2.
9. Barnes, Jeb and Nicholas Weller. 2017. "Case Studies and Analytic Transparency in Causal-Oriented Mixed-Methods Research. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. October.
8. Weller, Nicholas and Jeb Barnes. 2016. "Pathway Analysis and the Search for Causal Mechanisms." *Sociological Methods and Research*. Vol. 45, Issue 3, pp. 424-457.
7. Rogers, Melissa and Nicholas Weller. 2014. "Income Taxation and the Validity of State Capacity Indicators." *Journal of Public Policy*. Vol. 34, Issue 1. Pp. 1-24
6. Enemark, Daniel, Mathew D. McCubbins and Nicholas Weller. 2014. "Knowledge and Networks: An experimental test of how network knowledge affects coordination." *Social Networks*. Volume 36. January, pages 122–133
5. Tsai, Jason Hanh Thanh, Nicholas Weller and Milind Tambe. 2013. "Game-Theoretic Target Selection in Contagion-based Domains." *The Computer Journal*. Published online September 20, 2013
4. Seljan, Ellen and Nicholas Weller. 2011. "Diffusion in Direct Democracy: The Effect of Political Information on Proposals for Tax and Expenditure Limits in the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 11, No. 3. pp. 348-368.
3. Boudreau, Cheryl, Mathew D. McCubbins, Daniel Rodriguez and Nicholas Weller. 2010. "Making Talk Cheap (and Problems Easy): How Political and Legal Institutions Can Facilitate Consensus," 2010. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*. Vol. 7, Issue 10. p. 868-885.
2. Weller, Nicholas. 2009. "Trading Policy: Constituents and Party in U.S. Congressional Trade Voting." *Public Choice*. Volume 141, Issue 1, Pages 87-101
1. McCubbins, Mathew D., Ramamohan Paturi and Nicholas Weller. "Connected Coordination: Network Structure and Group Coordination." 2009. *American Politics Research*. Vol. 37, No. 5. Page 899-920.

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

8. Posada, Julian, Nicholas Weller, and Wendy Wong. 2021. "We Haven't Gone Paperless Yet: Why the Printing Press Can Help Us Understand Data and AI." *Proceedings of the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society*. May.
6. McCubbins, Mathew D., Mark Turner and Nicholas Weller. 2013. "Testing the Foundations of Quantal Response Equilibrium." *Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling & Prediction*. Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science. pp. 144-153
6. Tsai, Jason, Nicholas Weller, and Milind Tambe. 2012. "Analysis of Heuristic Techniques for Controlling Contagion" *Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Fall Symposium on Social Networks and Social Contagion*. pp. 69-75
5. McCubbins, Mathew D. and Nicholas Weller. 2012. "Effects of Network Structure on Costly Coordination." *Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Technical Report FS-12-08, Social Networks and Social Contagion*. pp. 37-43
3. McCubbins, Mathew D., Mark Turner and Nicholas Weller. 2012. "The Theory of Minds Within the Theory of Games." *Proceedings of the 2012 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence*.
2. McCubbins, Mathew D., Mark Turner and Nicholas Weller. 2012. "The Mythology of Game Theory." 2012. *Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling & Prediction*. Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Eds. Shanchieh Jay Yang, Ariel Greenberg and Mica Endsley.
2. McCubbins, Mathew D., Mark Turner, and Nicholas Weller. 2012. "The Challenge of Flexible Intelligence for Models of Human Behavior." *Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Spring Symposium on Game Theory for Security, Sustainability and Health*. AAI Technical Report.
1. Enemark, Daniel, Mathew D. McCubbins, Ramamohan Paturi, and Nicholas Weller. 2011. "Does more connectivity help groups to solve social problems?" 2011. *Proceedings of the ACM Conference of Electronic Commerce 2011*. San Jose, CA.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

2. Barnes, Jeb and Nicholas Weller. 2023. "Mixed Methods and Casual Mechanisms: Re-Examining a Divided Literature from the Perspective of Methodological Pluralism." in *The Oxford Handbook of Engaged Pluralism in Political Science*. eds. Janet Box-Steffensmeister, Dino Christensen, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman.
1. Barnes, Jeb and Nicholas Weller. 2022. "Causal Pathway Analysis and Matching: A Practical Guide." *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations*. eds. R. Joseph Huddleston, Patrick James, and Thomas Jamieson. Edward Elgar Publishing.

## Other Publications

1. Rodriguez, Daniel, Mathew D. McCubbins and Nicholas Weller. 2013. "Cheap, Easy or Connected: The Conditions for Creating Group Coordination". *Southern California Law Review*. Volume 86, Issue 3.

## Working Papers Under Review

"Political Control and Policing: When Do Police Comply with Police Reform?" (R&R at *American Journal of Political Science*) with Harry Muttram, Jose Alcocer, Lauren Brown, Benjamin A.T. Graham, and Micheal Sierra-Arevalo)

Community-Informed AI Models for Police Accountability (with Everyday Respect Team, under review at *Nature: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*)

Police as Policymakers: How experiences with policy implementation shape policy representation (under review at *Perspectives on Politics*. With Michael Sierra-Arévalo, José Alcocer, Lauren Brown, Raquel Delerme, Brittany Friedman, Benjamin A.T. Graham, Harry G. Muttram, and Jackson Trager)

## Grants and Awards

Measuring and Improving Traffic Stops: An AI-Powered Approach to Analyzing Bodyworn Camera Footage, National Science Foundation, \$1,250,000

Evaluating Pretextual Stop Reform in the LAPD with Bodyworn Video and Administrative Data, Arnold Ventures, \$1,060,000

- Related to being a Principal Investigator for [Everyday Respect](#) project

LGBTQ Caucus Bailey Award for, "The Substantive Effects of Descriptive Representation: Gay and Lesbian Members of Congress are more Supportive of Gay Rights" presented at the 2022 American Political Science Association meeting

Diversifying and Expanding Participation in the Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, American Political Science Association, 2020, \$25,000

Faculty Development Award, UC Riverside, 2017

Book workshop for *Finding Pathways*, Center for International Studies, \$3,500, 2013

Advancing Scholarship in Humanities and Social Sciences, \$15,000, 2009-2010

Southern California Innovation Project Grant, \$50,000, Principal Investigator, 2008-09

## Professional Service

Vice-Chair, Department of Political Science, UCR	2021-present
Graduate Council, Member	2025-present
Southwest Mixed-Methods Research Workshop, coordinator	2019-present
Review Committee, UC Presidential Postdoc Fellowship	2021, 2023
SoCal Methods Workshop, co-organizer	2019
Sartori Award, Best Book, Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Section	2018
Best Conference Paper Selection Committee, Political Networks Section	2017
Organizer MPSA conference Political Networks Section	2016
Executive Committee, Political Networks Section	2016-17
APSA Short Course on Comparative Elections, Instructor	2013

Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, & Prediction, Program Committee	2013, 2014
AAAI Symposium on Social Networks and Social Contagion, Program Committee	2012
West Coast Experiments Conference, Organizer	2011
Center for International Studies, Advisory Committee	2009, 2010
Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, USC	2008, 2010