

UCLA PS Methods Field!

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DREAM TEAM



Kathy Bawn is a scholar of political parties. She uses formal theory and statistics, and teaches both.



Graeme Blair studies crime and violence and how to improve social science research designs, including using field experiments and surveys.



Chad Hazlett studies conflict and causal inference and develops methods for answering questions that are hard (or impossible) to study with randomized experiments.

DREAM TEAM (CONT.)



Ozan Jaquette is an economist in the School of Education who teaches “Everyone Can Cook,” a social science-wide course on coding for first year Ph.D. students.



Jeff Lewis studies US legislative politics and how we can learn about them using data including the votes of members of Congress.



Michelle Torres studies political communication and behavior. She uses computational methods, in particular computer vision, to analyze the role of images in the political communication process.

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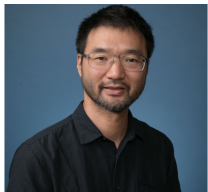
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Michael Chwe uses game theory to study how people work together collectively to cause social change and teaches at the grad and undergrad level.

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