

Rene R. Rocha
Curriculum Vitae

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Educational History

Ph.D. Texas A&M University (September 2002 - August 2006)
Political Science, Fields: Public Policy, American Politics, Race and Politics

B.A. University of Texas – Pan American (August 2000 - August 2002)
Political Science, *Summa cum laude*

Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2006-Present

Research and Teaching Interests

Political Behavior
Race and Politics, Latino Politics
State and Local Politics, Urban Politics
Public Policy, Education Policy
Public Administration, Bureaucratic Politics

Publications

Rocha, Rene R. Forthcoming. “Black/Brown Coalitions in Local School Board Elections.”
Political Research Quarterly

Rocha, Rene R. Forthcoming. “Cooperation and Conflict in Multiracial School Districts.” In
Latino Politics: The State of the Discipline, eds. Rodolfo Espino III, David Leal, and Kenneth J.
Meier. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press

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.

Working Papers

“Racial Threat, Residential Segregation, and the Policy Attitudes of Anglos” Under Review
(with Rodolfo Espino III)

“Explaining Racial Policy Equity in US Public Schools” Under Review

“Culture, Capital, and Diversity: Assessing the Determinants of Civic and Economic Equity in the American States” Under Review (with Daniel P. Hawes and Kenneth J. Meier)

“Segregation, Immigration, and Latino Participation in Ethnic Politics” (with Rodolfo Espino III)

“Gender, Ethnicity, and Support for Bilingual Education: Will Just Any Woman or Latino Do? A Contingent ‘No’” (with Robert D. Wrinkle)

Honors and Awards

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)

Carlos H. Cantu Research Assistantship, Texas A&M University, 2002-2006

Medrano Fellowship, University of Texas - Pan American, 2002

Professional Service

President, Latino Caucus, Midwest Political Science Association, 2006-Present

Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2007

Advisory Board, Latino Caucus, Midwest Political Science Association, 2005-2006

Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*

Panel Chair, SWPSA (2003)

Panel Discussant, MPSA (2007)

Departmental and University Service

Member, Council on the Status of Latinos, University of Iowa, 2006-Present

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006-Present

Member, Dissertation Committee, Andrew J.W. Civettini, 2006

Community Service

Interviewed for article on immigration policy, *The Courier*, Waterloo-Cedar Falls IA, 10/06

Interviewed for article on immigration policy, *The Monitor*, McAllen TX, 10/05

Recent Teaching Evaluations

All items are scaled 1-6, 6 indicates “Strongly Agree”

Fall 2006, Latino Politics (upper-division course, enrollment of 20 students)

Median Responses:

Instructor is effective at teaching the subject matter 5.92

Concepts are presented in a manner that helps me learn 5.82

This course improved my writing skills 5.56

My work is evaluated in ways that are helpful to my learning 5.67

Instructor encourages mutual respect among students of diverse backgrounds 5.92

Help is available outside class if I have questions 5.75

Instructor’s Oral Communication skills are adequate 5.92

Conference Presentations

Rocha, Rene R., and Robert D. Wrinkle. 2007. "Gender, Ethnicity, and Support for Bilingual Education: Will Just Any Woman or Latino Do? A Contingent 'No'." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention; Chicago, IL.

Espino, Rodolfo III, and Rene R. Rocha. 2007. "Immigration, Segregation, and Latino Participation in Ethnic Politics" Presented at the Western Political Science Convention; Las Vegas, NV.

Rocha, Rene R., Thomas Longoria, and Robert D. Wrinkle. 2006. "Inter-Racial Governing Coalitions and the Representation of African-Americans and Latinos in Urban School Districts." Presented at the American Political Science Convention; Philadelphia, PA.

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.'" Presented at the American Political Science Convention; Philadelphia, PA.

Hawes, Daniel P., Rene R. Rocha, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2006. "Social Capital, Racial Diversity, and Equity in the American States." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention; Chicago, IL.

Rocha, Rene R., Kenneth J. Meier, Chris Olds, and Erica Solis. 2006. "The Contingent Relationship between Latino Heterogeneity and Nativity on Representation." Presented at the Western Political Science Convention; Albuquerque, NM.

Rocha, Rene R., Robert D. Wrinkle, and J.L. Polinard. 2005. "Inter-Racial Governing Coalitions and the Substantive Representation of African-Americans and Latinos in Urban School Districts." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention; Chicago, IL.

Rocha, Rene R. 2005. "The Politics of Minority Education: African-Americans, Latinos, and Second-Generation Discrimination." Presented at the Western Political Science Convention; Oakland, CA.

Rocha, Rene R. 2004. "Prospects for Interracial Coalitions in Urban School Districts: Revisiting the Rainbow Coalition and Power Hypotheses." Presented at the Conference: *The Politics of Latino Education*; Austin, TX.

Rocha, Rene R. 2004. "Cooperation and Conflict in Multiracial School Districts." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention; Chicago, IL.

Espino, Rodolfo III, Anaka Rivera, and Rene R. Rocha. 2004. "¿Vecinos o Enemigos?: White Racial Threat in Latino Communities." Presented at the Western Political Science Convention; Portland, OR.

Eller, Warren, Alisa K. Hicklin, and Rene R. Rocha. 2003. "Political Representation and Ethnic Equity: Assessing the Determinants and Impacts of African American Representation in Education." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association; September 2003; Philadelphia, PA.

Rocha, Rene R. 2003. "Con Mi Gente: Environmental Support for Public Managers in Latino Communities." Presented at the Southwest Social Science Convention; San Antonio, TX.

Rocha, Rene R., Maciej Z. Ruszczak, Kayla D. Dreyer, and Daniel P. Hawes. 2003. "Mexican-American Perceptions of the Judicial System." Presented at the Southwest Social Science Convention; San Antonio, TX.

Rocha, Rene R., and Maciej Z. Ruszczak. 2002. "Death Penalty And Police Use Of Force: A Mexican American Perspective." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Criminal Justice Association; San Antonio, TX.

Rocha, Rene R., and Maciej Z. Ruszczak. 2002. "Police Trust and Fear of Crime: A Mexican-American Perspective." Presented at the Southwest Social Science Convention; New Orleans, LA.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Latino Caucus, American Political Science Association
Latino Caucus, Midwest Political Science Association

References

Available upon Request