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**FRANCISCA  
BAFFOUR ADDO**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION STUDIES  
AND INTRA-STATE INEQUALITIES

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS



**CARLOS  
DE SOUZA**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

FAKE NEWS & DEEPPAKES, U.S . PUBLIC  
DISCOURSE, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, SOCIETAL  
POLARIZATION & FACTUAL REALITY

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

AMERICAN POLITICS  
MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR



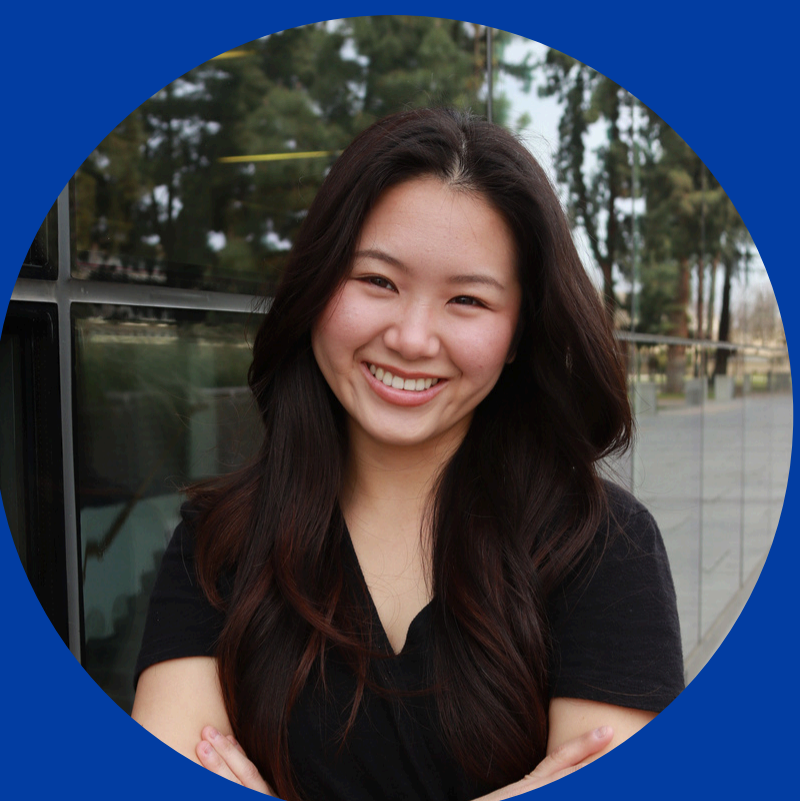
**BENJAMIN WILLI  
GAVIN**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

DEVELOPMENT, FOREIGN AID, AND POLITICAL  
ECONOMY

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



**HUABSHIAB  
LEE**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER AND POLITICS,  
WOMEN'S INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS, AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

POLITICAL THEORY



**ZHI-YING  
LI**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

VOTING BEHAVIOR, DEMOCRATIZATION,  
SPATIAL ANALYSIS

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR



**JAYLYNN ISABELLE  
LOPEZ**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, PUBLIC OPINION  
POLLING, DEMOCRACY, AND CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR  
AMERICAN POLITICS



**ROSS SIDNEY  
RICHTER**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

ACTIVIST NETWORKS IN THE US, POLITICAL  
BEHAVIOR, MEDIA & POLITICS

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
AMERICAN POLITICS



**NIKOLAY  
SHIKUNOV**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

ALGORITHMIC GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRATIC  
ACCOUNTABILITY UNDER AUTOMATION

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR



**ANNA  
TABAKINA**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

ONTOLOGICAL SECURITY, MEDIA AND  
PROPAGANDA INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC OPINION,  
POPULISM, RUSSIA, & THE POST-SOVIET SPACE

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR



**XIANGXUE  
ZHENG**

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

POLITICAL ECONOMY & GLOBALIZATION

**MAJOR FIELD OF CONCENTRATION**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS