

# Johabed G. Olvera

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## **Current Appointment:**

### **Penn State University, University Park, PA, August 2020-**

Assistant Professor of Public Policy  
School of Public Policy

## **Education:**

**Ph.D. Public Affairs**, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, 2020

Fields: Public Policy Analysis and Public Management

**Master of Public Administration and Policy**, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico City, Mexico, 2012

**B.A. International Affairs**, University of the Americas–Puebla (UDLAP), Puebla, Mexico, 2008

## **Professional Employment:**

**2018-2019**      **Research Assistant**, Dr. Claudia Avellaneda, SPEA, Indiana University

**2015-2017**      **Research Assistant**, Dr. Claudia Avellaneda and Dr. Maureen Pirog, SPEA, Indiana University

**2013-2015**      **Research Assistant**, Dr. David Arellano and Dr. Guillermo Cejudo, CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico

**2012-2013**      **Program Manager**, Regional Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Latin America (CLEAR-LA), Mexico City, Mexico

## **Research Interests:**

Policy Analysis, Policy Implementation and Management, Health and Social Policy, Maternal and Infant Health and Well-being, Global Health

## **Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2019). Subnational Government Performance: Testing Multiple Dimensions of Governors' Experience. *Public Administration Review*, 19(3): 383-398.

Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2018). Chief Executives' Approval of Immigrants: Evidence from a Survey Experiment of 101 Latin American and Caribbean Mayors. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 1(1):1-14.

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and David Arellano (2015). The Concept of Equity and its Contradictions. The Case of Social Programs in Mexico. *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, 77(4): 581-609.

#### **Book Chapters:**

Avellaneda, Claudia N., Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez and **Johabed G. Olvera** (forthcoming). “Explaining Subnational Governance: The Role of Governors’ Codified and Uncodified Knowledge.” In Glückler J, Herrigel G, Handke M (Eds). *Knowledge for Governance*. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer.

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2017). “Performance Management and Public Administration.” In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, William Thompson, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### **Working Papers:**

Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed G. Olvera**. “Implementers’ Preference of Job Discretion Under Performance Disclosure: The Role of Framing and Incentives”

Bello-Gomez, Ricardo A., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Claudia N. Avellaneda. “Adversarialism and Power-Sharing Agreements as Moderators of the Management-Performance Relationship”, *Under Review*

**Olvera, Johabed G.** “Improving Maternal and Infant Health Through Prenatal Care Home Visits” [job market paper]

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Maureen Pirog. “Reducing Maternal Deaths Through Home Visits: The Role of Health Care Providers’ Human Capital”

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana. “Health Care Providers’ Response to Pay-For-Performance Under Framing: Experimental Evidence”

Ramos-Pastrana, Julio A., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Claudia N. Avellaneda. “Saving Infant Lives or Generating Jobs? The Impact of Governor's Career Path on Gubernatorial Performance”

#### **Work in Progress:**

Lozano-Rojas, Felipe, **Johabed G. Olvera**, Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana, and Kosali Simon. “The Effect of Opioid Prescribing Restrictions on Homelessness”

Moulton, Stephanie, **Johabed G. Olvera**, Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana, and Kosali Simon. “ACA’s Medicaid Expansion and Emergency Shelters: Spillover Effects of the Social Safety Net”

López Cruz Iván, **Olvera, Johabed G.**, Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana. “Unintended Consequences of Fighting Drug Cartels: Maternal and Infant Health”

**Olvera, Johabed G.**, Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez and Claudia N. Avellaneda. “Which Performance Measures Chief Executives Prefer? An Experimental Study with 250 Mayors”

#### **Invited Conferences and Presentations:**

2020 American Society of Health Economists Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference  
American Society of Health Economists Conference  
Public Management Research Conference

- 2018 American Society of Health Economists Conference  
 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference  
 LSE-Stanford-U. de los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America  
 International Yonsei Public Administration Conference
- 2017 Western Economic Association International Conference  
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 Public Management Research Conference  
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference  
 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

**Additional Training and Research Skills:**

- Spring 2018 Web scraping techniques using Python, Econometric Methods in Business II (BUS-G652)
- Summer 2017 Field research in Mexico and Guatemala to interview mayors and run survey experiments and lab-in-the-field experiments.
- Summer 2016 Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop Participant, Columbia University Population Research Center, \$600

**Grant Writing Experience:**

- Principal Investigator.* Tobias Center for Innovation and International Development Research Support Fund, “Improving Maternal and Infant Health Through Prenatal Care Home Visits: Evidence from Mexico City,” December 2018 (\$5,000). Funded.
- Co-Principal Investigator.* President’s International Research Award. “Government Performance: Assessing Health Outcomes of Mexico City’s Doctor at Your Home Program,” January 2018 (\$150,000), PI Claudia N. Avellaneda. Unfunded.
- Principal Investigator.* Tinker Field Research Grant. “Collaborative Governance and Social Policy Implementation in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis of Two Mexican Social Programs,” July 2017 (\$2,000). Funded.
- Co-Principal Investigator.* Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. “Identifying the Drivers of Land Policy Adoption in Mexican Cities,” June 2017 (\$39,900), PI Claudia N. Avellaneda. Unfunded.

**Teaching Experience:**

**Penn State University**

**Instructor of Record:** PPOL 801 The Public Policy Process: Fall 2020 (planned); PPOL 810 Policy and Program Evaluation: Spring 2021 (planned)

**Indiana University**

**Instructor of Record:** V379 Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation: Fall 2019, Spring 2020

**Teaching Assistant:** V606 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs: Fall 2017, Fall 2018; V607 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs: Spring 2017, Spring 2018

**Iberoamerican University**

**Instructor of Record:** Finance and Macroeconomics: Summer 2015

**Instructor of Record:** Public Policy Analysis: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014

**Teaching Interests:**

Program Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Public Policy Process, Comparative Health and Social Policy, Performance Measurement and Management.

**Honors and Awards:**

- Spring 2019 Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award, International Riggs Symposium, Section on International and Comparative Administration, American Society for Public Administration
- 2018-2019 The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Graduate Student Research Award, "Improving Healthcare Provision for Vulnerable Population," \$5,000
- 2017-2018 The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Fellowship, Indiana University
- Spring 2016 Best Paper Prize, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference
- 2015-2019 Centro Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Scholarship for PhD studies
- Spring 2013 Third place, Best Thesis of the Master of Arts in Public Administration and Policy, CIDE
- Summer 2012 Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias Fellowship for master's thesis
- 2012 Valedictorian, MPAP, CIDE
- 2010-2012 Centro Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Scholarship for master studies
- 2008 Cum Laude, B.A. in International Affairs, UDLAP

**Professional Service**

2016-2017 Annual Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference Committee Member  
Reviewer: *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, *International Journal of Public Sector Management*  
Abstract translation, *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*

**Professional Memberships:**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
American Society of Health Economists  
Public Management Research Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
American Political Science Association