

# DIEGO F. LEAL

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina.

## EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Massachusetts.

Committee: James A. Kitts (Chair), Joya Misra, Mark C. Pachucki, Justin H. Gross.

2012 M.A., Political Science (*cum laude*), Universidad de los Andes.

Committee: Mónica Pachón Buitrago (Chair), Miguel García Sánchez, Juan Camilo Cárdenas.

2010 B.A., Political Science, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Honors thesis chair: Miguel Ángel Herrera Zgaib.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration, Minority Health, Social Networks, Computational Social Science.

## PUBLICATIONS (\*indicates graduate student co-author)

### BOOK

- Roll, David, María C. Robayo, **Diego F. Leal**, Enrique Serrano, Jessika Gómez, Juan C. Escamilla. 2014. *The Latin American Diaspora in Spain, 1997–2007*. Bogotá: Editorial Universidad del Rosario. (In Spanish). [\[citation info in jstor\]](#)

### ARTICLES

- **Leal, Diego F.** 2021. “Network Inequalities and International Migration in the Americas,” *American Journal of Sociology* 126(5): 1067-1126 [\[pdf\]](#) [\[online appendix & data\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- Kitts, James A. and **Diego F. Leal**. 2021. “What is(n’t) a Friend? Dimensions of the Friendship Concept among Adolescents,” *Social Networks* 66: 161-170. [\[pdf\]](#)
- **Leal, Diego F.** and Nicolas L. Harder.\* 2021. “Global Dynamics of International Migration Systems across South-South, North-North, and North-South Flows, 1990-2015,” *Applied Network Science* 6(8): 1-27. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[appendix & code\]](#)
- Pachucki, Mark C. and **Diego F. Leal**. 2020. “Is Having an Educationally Diverse Social Network Good for Health?” *Network Science* 8(3): 418-444. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[appendix & code\]](#)
- **Leal, Diego F.** 2020. “Mass Transit Shutdowns as a Tactical Innovation in Bogotá, Colombia,” *Social Currents* 7(4): 299-309. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[code\]](#) [\[appendix\]](#)
- **Leal, Diego F.**, Anthony Paik and Steven A. Boutcher. 2019. “Status and Collaboration: The Case of Pro Bono Network Inequalities in Corporate Law,” *Social Science Research* 84: 102325. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[data & code\]](#)
- **Leal, Diego F.**, Ragini S. Malhotra and Joya Misra. 2019 “Visualizing Feminized International Migration Flows in the 1990s,” *Socius* 5: 1-3. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[data & code\]](#)

- Kitts, James A., **Diego F. Leal**, Will Felps, Thomas M. Jones and Shawn L. Berman. 2016. “Greed and Fear in Network Reciprocity: Implications for Cooperation among Organizations,” *PLoS ONE* 11(2): e0147264. [[pdf](#)] [[data & code](#)]
- Malhotra, Ragini S., Joya Misra and **Diego F. Leal**. 2016. “Gender and Reproductive Labor Migration in Asia, 1960-2000,” *International Journal of Sociology* 46(2): 114-140. [[pdf](#)]
- **Leal, Diego F.** 2014. “Well-Being, Social Capital, and International Migration: An Exploration of a Latin American and Andean Spain,” *Migraciones* 36: 369-401. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]
- **Leal, Diego F.** and David Roll. 2013. “Think Tanks and Political Parties in Colombia: The Constitutional Reforms of 2003 and 2009,” *Ciencia Política* 16: 89-112. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]
- Roll, David and **Diego F. Leal**. 2010. “Migration, Co-Development and Social Capital: Guidelines for an Integration Strategy of Two Worlds,” *Colombia Internacional* 72: 89-110. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]
- Roll, David and **Diego F. Leal**. 2010. “How did a Latin-American and Andean Spain Emerge after Eleven Years of Immigration?” *Ciencia Política* 9: 35-61. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]

#### BOOK CHAPTERS & PAPERS IN WORKING PAPER SERIES

- **Leal, Diego F.** 2013. “The Dual Infrastructure of Protest Behavior in Bogotá: Transmilenio, Social Capital, and Collective Dissent in the Colombian Capital,” *Documentos de Política* No. 22, Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá). (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]
- **Leal, Diego F.**, Camilo Camacho, Ángela Bohórquez and Steffany López. 2012. “The Return Migration of Colombians from Spain: A Social Capital Approach,” In *Research Results: Unal Researchers 2009-2010*, pp. 41-81. Bogotá: Unibiblos. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS & POLICY REPORTS

- Afrodescendant Resistance to Deracination in Colombia: A Review. 2019. *Mobilizing Ideas*, The Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame. [[see review](#)]
- Becoming Black Political Subjects: A Review. 2017. *Mobilizing Ideas*, The Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame. Summer 2018 [[see review](#)]
- Congreso Visible. Quarterly Policy Brief of Colombia’s Congressional Activities. Report # 24. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]
- **Leal, Diego F.** 2009. “From Dictatorship to Democracy: The Peruvian Case,” *Revista Surmanía* 2: 91-103. (In Spanish). [[pdf](#)]

#### GRANTS

- |             |   |           |
|-------------|---|-----------|
|             | NSF – Sociology Program, Division of Social and Economic Sciences   | \$306,080 |
|             | “Collaborative Research: Social Psychological, Social Network Model of the Delayed Diagnosis of Rare Conditions.” |           |
|             | <b>Role:</b> Co-Principal Investigator (joint with Katie E. Corcoran) [Under review]                              |           |
| 2020 – 2021 | NIH – NCI (R01 CA215466-S1 – Adm. Supplement. PI: J. Thrasher)  | \$199,913 |
|             | “Evaluation of Cigarette Package Inserts for Enhanced Communication with Smokers.”                                |           |
|             | <b>Role:</b> Co-Investigator.   |           |

- 2020 – 2021 American Cancer Society (ACS IRG-17-179-04 – PI: Charles Bennett) \$270,000  
 “Supporting Outstanding Academic Research Seed Grants at USC (SOAR USC).”  
Subaward: “Communication Interventions and Social Networks for Enhanced Communication with Latino Smokers.” \$19,773.  
**Role**: Principal Investigator.
- 2013 – 2012 Colombian Agency of Science, Virginia Gutiérrez Research Grant \$9,500  
 “Social Networks, Social Capital, and Return Migration in Colombia.”  
**Role**: Principal Investigator.
- 2010 – 2011 Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Institute for Socio-Legal Research Grant \$7,700  
 “Dynamics of Political Participation in the 2011 Colombian Elections.”  
**Role**: Co-Principal Investigator (joint with David Roll).
- 2009 Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Institute for Socio-Legal Research Grant \$2,050  
 “Return Migration Dynamics in Bogotá.”  
**Role**: Co-Principal Investigator (joint with Camilo Camacho, Ángela Bohórquez and Stefanny López).

## HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 R25 Big Data Health Science Fellowship, Big Data Health Science Center, University of South Carolina (R25AI164581 NIAID - NIH).
- 2020 Fellowship to participate in the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Duke University.
- 2019 Fellowship to participate in the BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science and Migration, Bremen University and Jacobs University.
- 2017 Young Scholar in Social Movements, Center for The Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.
- 2017 Competitive Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Sociology Department.
- 2016 Competitive Summer Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Sociology Department.
- 2015 Clifford C. Clogg Scholar in Sociology, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan.
- 2014 Competitive Summer Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Sociology Department.
- 2012 Graduated *cum laude*, M.A. in Political Science, Universidad de los Andes.
- 2010 – 2012 “Academic Excellence” Scholarship, College of Social Sciences, Universidad de los Andes.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Gender, Labor Migration, and Global Inequalities.” **Society for the Study of Social Problems 2021 Annual (Virtual) Meeting** (with Joya Misra and Ragini S. Malhotra).  
 “Characterizing the Venezuelan Diaspora in Colombia. The Case of Bucaramanga.” **Arizona State University**, *Human Rights on the Edge Conference* (invited talk).

- “Diffusion as the Bridging of Cultural Holes,” **University of Arizona, School of Sociology Brown Bag Series** (invited talk).
- 2020 “The Dual Infrastructure of Protest Behavior in Bogotá,” **Universidad de los Andes, Department of Sociology Colloquium on Research Design** (invited talk).
- “Diffusion as the Bridging of Cultural Holes,” **American Sociological Association 115th Annual Meeting**, virtual meeting.
- 2019 “What is(n’t) a Friend? Dimensions of the Friendship Concept among Adolescents,” (with James A. Kitts).
- **American Sociological Association Meeting**, New York, USA.
  - **International Network for Social Network Analysis Annual Conference**, Montreal, Canada.
- 2018 “Status and Collaboration: The Case of Pro Bono Network in Corporate Law,” (with Anthony Paik and Steven B. Boutcher) **American Sociological Association 113th Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, USA.
- 2017 “Mapping Feminized Migration Globally: 1960-2000,” (with Joya Misra) **American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting**, Montreal, Canada.
- “Liminality and the Diffusion of Beliefs and Behaviors in Social Networks: An Agent-Based Model,” **10<sup>th</sup> Conference for the International Network of Analytical Sociologists**, Oslo, Norway.
- “Shut the Damn Thing Down!” Mass Transit Shutdowns in Bogotá,” **2017 Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference**, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, USA.
- 2016 “Gender and Reproductive Labor Migration in Asia, 1960-2000,” **American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting**, Seattle, USA.
- 2015 “Linking Subjective and Objective Political Opportunities. The Case of Transmilenio,” **American Sociological Association 110th Annual Meeting**, Chicago, USA.
- “Developing Hands-on Computer Tools to Explore Social Theories using Dynamic Computer Simulations,” (with James A. Kitts) *Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Grant Award*, **American Sociological Association 110th Annual Meeting**, Chicago, USA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (F20 and S21 classes were online due to COVID-19)

*Instructor*, University of South Carolina.

Social Network Methods (Ph.D. class): S21 [[syllabus](#)],  
 Statistical Analysis in Sociology (Ph.D. class): F18, F19, F20 [[syllabus](#)],  
 Race & Ethnic Relations (B.A. class): S19 [[syllabus](#)],  
 Introduction to Social Problems (B.A. class): S19 [[syllabus](#)],  
 Elementary Statistics for Sociologists (B.A. class): F19, S20, F20, F21 [[syllabus](#)].

*Independent studies*, University of South Carolina.

Inferential Network Analysis (Ph.D. class): F19,  
 Health and Social Networks (Ph.D. class): F19, S20,  
 Race and Ethnic Relations (B.A. class): F19,  
 Collective Action and Social Movements (B.A. class): S21.

*Instructor*, University of Massachusetts.  
Race & Society (B.A. class): S18.

*Teaching Associate*, University of Massachusetts.  
Social Simulation (Ph.D. class) [[see materials](#)]

*Social Science (AP) Teacher*, Reuven Feuerstein High School.  
Politics, Economics & Society, 2008 – 2010.

## ADVISING

### CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dissertation committee: Victoria Lambert (Member),  
Jingwen (Zoe) Zhong (Member),  
Kristen Wilburn (Member).

### PAST GRADUATE STUDENTS

Zackery Butler Degree: Ph.D., University of South Carolina.  
First job: Full-time instructor, Cape Fear Community College, NC.  
Role: Dissertation committee member.

### PAST UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Honors thesis reader: Virginia Eith, 2019,  
Buffy Duncan, 2020.

### GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Victoria Lambert, Public Health, F20 –  
Justina Reiger, Sociology, Summer 21,  
Victoria Money, Sociology, S21,  
Nicolas Harder, Sociology, S19 – F20.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Kevin Carson, Sociology, S21 –

## SERVICE

- 2018 – **Member**, Latino Faculty Caucus, University of South Carolina.
- 2018 – **Member**, Colloquium Committee, Sociology, University of South Carolina.
- 2018 – **Member**, Undergraduate Committee, Sociology, University of South Carolina.
- 2017 – **Co-editor**, the Mathematical Sociologist, Newsletter of the Mathematical Sociology Section at ASA.
- 2021 **Session Presider**, Activism in Today's World: New Agendas for Persistent Challenges, American Sociological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
- 2020 **Session Organizer**, Open-theme regular session in Mathematical Sociology, American Sociological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA.
- 2020 – 2021 **Faculty Liaison**, Ibero-American Grad. Student Association, U. of South Carolina.

- 2019 – 2021 **Faculty Liaison**, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina.
- 2019 – 2021 **Faculty Liaison**, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina.
- 2017 – 2018 **Council Member**, Mathematical Sociology Section at ASA, Graduate Student Representative, elected.
- 2015 – 2017 **Graduate Program Committee Student Representative**, University of Massachusetts Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), elected.
- 2013 – 2015 **Co-Chair**, UMass Association of Latin American and Caribbean Students, elected.

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2021 – Editorial Board, Revista Ciencia Política (Bogotá).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent).

**Ad-Hoc Reviewer:** Advances in Group Processes | American Journal of Sociology | American Sociological Review | Ciencia Política | Globalisation, Societies, and Education | Historical Methods | Migraciones Internacionales | National Science Foundation | Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change | Social Forces | Social Psychology Quarterly | Springer Books | Youth & Society.

**Software and programming:** R, NetLogo, Stata, CSS, HTML5, STELLA.

### **Affiliations:**

International Network for Social Network Analysis.

American Sociological Association:

Global and transnational sociology | International migration | Latina/o sociology | Mathematical sociology | Medical sociology | Racial and ethnic minorities | Sociology of population.