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Academic Appointments:

Penn State University, University Park, PA, 2020-
Assistant Professor of Public Policy, School of Public Policy

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico, 2021-2022
Visiting Assistant Professor, Public Administration Division

Professional Appointments and Affiliations:

Associate Faculty, Population Research Institute, Penn State University, 2020-

Managing Editor, *The Journal of Public Policy*, 2021-2023

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

Research Interests:

Maternal and Child Health, Family Well-being, Health and Family Policy, Global Health, Gender Inequality

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

[12] Cejudo G., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Miguel Gonzalez (2025). El desmantelamiento de políticas: Modelo integral para analizar procesos, contenido y efectos. *Gestion y Politica Publica*. *Accepted*.

[11] Pollert Isaac, Bruce A. Desmarais, **Johabed G. Olvera**, Frederick J. Boehmke, Jeffrey J. Harden. Collaborative Diffusion: The Dynamics of Policy Output in COVID-19 Interstate Compacts. *Policy Studies Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.70008>.

[10] Bello-Gomez, Ricardo A., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2025). Adversarialism and power-sharing: the effect of political competition on the management-performance relationship. *Global Public Policy and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43508-024-00104-6>

[9] **Olvera, Johabed G.** and Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana (2024). “Improving Information to Improve Outcomes: The Effect of Home Visiting Programs on Maternal Health”. *Journal of Population Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-024-01050-7>

- [8] **Olvera, Johabed G.**, Felipe Lozano-Rojas, Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana and Sumedha Gupta (2024). "Opioids Prescribing Restrictions and Homelessness: Evidence from Hydrocodone Rescheduling" *Journal of Housing Economics*, 66. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhe.2024.102010>.
- [7] Avellaneda, Claudia N., Bello-Gomez, Ricardo A., and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2024). "Elected Executives' Preferences for Performance Assessment: A Survey Experiment with Colombian Mayors" *International Journal of Public Administration*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01900692.2024.2369621>
- [6] Ramos-Pastrana, Julio A., **Johabed G. Olvera**, and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2023). "Do Political Hawks Prioritize Different Policies Than Technocrats? Politicization and Governors' Spending Priorities". *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. Vol. 4: No. 3, pp 333-371. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.000000081>
- [5] **Olvera, Johabed G.**, Candis Watts Smith, and Niki vonLockette (2023). "The Effect of the ACA and Racial Dynamics on Federal Medicaid Transfers" *Journal of Public Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0143814X23000090>
- [4] Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2023). "Implementers' Work Autonomy Preferences under Pay-for-Performance Incentives: Testing the Role of Type and Framing of Incentives" *Global Public Policy and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43508-022-00059-6>.
- [3] **Olvera, Johabed G.** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2019). Subnational Government Performance: Testing Multiple Dimensions of Governors' Experience. *Public Administration Review*, 19(3): 383-398.
- [2] 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.
- [1] **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.

Books and Book Chapters:

Cejudo G. and **Johabed G. Olvera**. Eds. (Under contract). *Policy Dismantling in Latin America: Political Leadership and Bureaucratic Erosion in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico*. Palgrave Macmillan

Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed Olvera** (2023). "Explaining Mexican mayors' preferences for participatory decision-making: an experimental analysis," In What Works in Latin American Municipalities? Assessing Local Government Performance, ed. Claudia N. Avellaneda, 128-148. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Avellaneda, Claudia N., Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2020). "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:

Cejudo G. and **Johabed G. Olvera**. Studying the effects of policy dismantling: target populations, organizations, policy mixes and feedback effects. The Case of Prospera's Rollback. *Re&R*

Desmarais, Bruce A., Isaac Pollert, Frederick J. Boehmke, Jeffrey J. Harden, **Johabed G. Olvera**. Networked Policy Diffusion in the U.S. States: The Case of COVID-19 Response. *Re&R*

Olvera, Johabed G., Guillermo Cejudo, and Liliana Gonzalez. Impact of Public Childcare Loss on Family Well-Being: Changes in Parental Work Hours and Household Care Dynamics. *Under Review*

Olvera, Johabed G., Guillermo Cejudo, and Alejandra Penilla. When Extended School Days End: Income and Employment Effects of a Negative Childcare Shock in Mexico. *Under Review*

Olvera, Johabed G., Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana, Eduardo Fajnzylber, and Sebastian Bauhoff. “Hospitals, Maternal and Infant Health: Impact of the Opening of Public Hospitals in Mexico”.

Selected Works in Progress:

Olvera, Johabed G. Isaac Pollert, Bruce A. Desmarais, Frederick J. Boehmke, Jeffrey J. Harden. Can Telehealth Improve Health at Birth? Testing Heterogeneous Effects by Race and Ethnicity

Olvera, Johabed G. and Julio Ramos. Home Visiting Programs to Reduce Health Disparities in Aging Populations: Evidence from Mexico City

Olvera, Johabed G., and Hilary Wething. Paid Family Leave Policies in the US and Its Effect on Maternal Mental Health

Olvera, Johabed G.. ACA Medicaid Expansion and Homelessness: Increasing the Overall Capacity of the Safety Net

Pakhtigian, Emily, **Johabed G. Olvera** and Marisela Sotelo Tornero. Tapping into health: Drinking water quality and early childhood weight

Grants, Honors, and Awards:

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| 2025 | <i>Consultant</i> (with César Rentería (PI), Guillermo Cejudo, Rik Peeters, Cynthia L. Michel, Lidya Ugalde, Juan Carlos Martínez). “Visibilidad administrativa: explicaciones de la capacidad del Estado de identificar a la población objetivo de los programas sociales”. Mexican Agency of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation. |
| 2022 | <i>Co-Principal Investigator</i> (with Hilary Wething and Isaac Pollert). Pennsylvania State University Center for Social Data Analytics, “Improving Maternal and Child Health of Working Families: The Roles of Social Policy Design”, December 2022 (\$ 10,000). |
| 2022 | <i>Co-Principal Investigator</i> (with Bruce A Desmarais, Frederick J Boehmke, and Jeffrey J Harden). National Science Foundation Standard Grant “Collaborative Research: Patterns, Context, and Secondary Impacts of State Policy Responses to the Pandemic”., January 2022 (\$366,181). |
| 2022 | <i>Co-Principal Investigator</i> (with Hilary Wething). Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute, “Improving Maternal and Child Health of Working Families: The Roles of Social Policy Design,” (\$ 30,000). |
| 2020 | <i>Principal Investigator</i> . Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute, “Moving for Healthcare: The Effect of ACA Medicaid Expansion on Homelessness”, November 2020 (\$3,000). |
| 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 |
| 2018 | <i>Principal Investigator</i> . Tobias Center for Innovation and International Development Research Support Fund, “Improving Maternal and Infant Health Through Prenatal Care Home Visits: Evidence from Mexico City,” (\$5,000). |

2017-2018	The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Fellowship, Indiana University
Summer 2017	<i>Principal Investigator</i> . 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).
Summer 2016	Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop Participant, Columbia University Population Research Center, \$600
Spring 2016	Best Paper Prize, 15 th 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

Invited Conferences and Presentations:

2025	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, scheduled 11 ^o Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas Sobre México, scheduled Workshop on Women and Jobs in Latin America and the Caribbean, scheduled
2024	Southern Economic Association (SEA) 94 th Annual Meeting IEA-WB WEBINAR: Gender Norms and the Law Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference UPENN Housing and Homelessness Workshop International Workshops on Public Policy (IWPP4-Guadalajara)
2023	Conference on Policy Process Research, virtual Population American Association Annual Meeting 16 th Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) The 6 th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6), virtual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference
2022	International Workshops on Public Policy, International Public Policy Association Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference
2021	American Society of Health Economists Conference, virtual
2020	American Society of Health Economists Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19) Penn State University, School of Public Policy Research Talk Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, virtual 2nd International Experimental Public Management Conference, Seoul, South Korea, virtual
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

Teaching

Interests: Economics for Public Affairs, Healthcare Policy and Administration, Data Analysis and Research Methods, Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Comparative Health and Social Policy

Experience:

Penn State University

Instructor of Record: PPOL 801 The Public Policy Process; PPOL 802 Economic Analysis for Public Policy; PPOL 809 Public Policy Analysis; PPOL 810 Policy and Program Evaluation

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE)

Instructor of Record: PhD Dissertation Seminar; Public Policy II

Indiana University

Instructor of Record: V379 Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation

Teaching Assistant: V606 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs; V607 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs

Student Advising:

Master's Students:

Cassandra Krencisz, MPP (School of Public Policy, PSU) (research supervisor, 2020-2021)
Ithandehui Jimenez, MPAP (CIDE) (co-advisor, 2021-2022)
Alisa Farley, MPP (School of Public Policy, PSU) (research supervisor, 2022-2023)
Ludmila Bandeira, MPP (School of Public Policy, PSU) (research supervisor, 2022-2023)
Brooklyn Graham, MPP (School of Public Policy, PSU) (research supervisor, 2023)
Marisela Sotelo MPP (School of Public Policy, PSU) (research assistantship, 2024)

PhD Students:

Aishwarya Sinha (PSU) (dissertation committee member)
Liliana González Viveros (CIDE) (dissertation committee member)
Adriana Ramirez Ruiz (CIDE) (dissertation committee member)

Postdoctoral fellow:

Isaac Michael Pollert (PSU) (research supervisor 2022-2024)

Professional Service:

Professional Memberships: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Public Management Research Association, International Public Policy Association, American Society of Health Economists, The Southern Economic Association

Journal Reviewer: *Public Administration Review, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration, International Journal of Public Sector Management, Local Government Studies, Gestión y Política Pública, Global Public Policy and Governance, Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy, Journal of Health Economics*

Mentoring

2023 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Mentor Matching Program

Conference Abstract Reviewing

- 2025 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference “Family Policy” area
- 2024 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference “Health Policy” and “Family Policy” areas
- 2023 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference “Health Policy” and “Family Policy” areas
- 2020 Public Management Research Conference 2021