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Dr. José D. Villalobos is Professor of Political Science and a Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and his doctoral degree from Texas A&M University. He is a recipient of the University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, a University of Texas System Curricular Innovation Grant, UTEP's Most Distinguished Faculty Member Award, and the Outstanding Service to the College Award in Liberal Arts. Dr. Villalobos has also won multiple national and international awards for his research, including the George C. Edwards III Best Dissertation Award and the American Political Science Association's Best Book Award. He has served as an Inaugural Member of UTEP's Academy of Distinguished Teachers, the Provost's Faculty Fellow-in-Residence for Community Engagement, and Chair and Fellow of the Dean's Community Engagement & Leadership (CEL) Program in Liberal Arts. He currently serves as Faculty Fellow for UTEP's Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and member of the Provost's Community Engagement Council.

His research examines institutional leadership, mass public opinion and behavior dynamics, and policymaking in the areas of the American presidency, race/ethnicity, and immigration. His journal publications include articles in: *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *Politics & Gender*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Public Administration*, *Administration & Society*, *Review of Policy Research*, and other scholarly venues. His work on the presidency includes an article that examines the role emotions play in presidential appeals for policy making (*Presidential Studies Quarterly* 2017) as well as a book chapter on presidential rhetoric and public policies in national security covering and comparing the Obama and Trump administrations (Routledge 2018). In other work, he has applied public management theory to evaluate White House Chief of Staff influence (*Public Administration* 2014) and effectiveness in performance (*Political Research Quarterly* 2012, 2009). He is also co-author of the book *Czars in the White House: The Rise of Policy Czars as Presidential Management Tools* (University of Michigan Press 2015), which provides an in-depth analysis for better understanding the presidential staffing practice of appointing administrators—so-called policy czars—and charging them with directing the response to the nation's most pressing crises. He also recently published a piece that looks at contemporary Latinx voting behavior and trends in U.S. presidential elections (ABC-CLIO 2022).

As part of his current research agenda, Dr. Villalobos and his co-authors, Cigdem Sirin and Nicholas Valentino, have produced numerous scholarly articles and a book delving into their original Group Empathy Theory framework, which posits empathy felt by members of one racial/ethnic group can boost support for another (e.g., immigrant detainees and refugees), with major public policy implications, even when racial/ethnic groups are in direct competition for rights, security, and resources (*Journal of Politics* 2016; *American Behavioral Scientist* 2016; *Political Psychology* 2017). The book project, entitled *Seeing Us in Them: Social Divisions and the Politics of Group Empathy* (Cambridge University Press 2021), details their theory and application of their Group Empathy Index (adopted by both the ANES and BES) via a litany of large-N representative surveys and experiments demonstrating that group empathy matters for public opinion about immigration, humanitarian intervention, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, #BlackLivesMatter, #MeToo, environmental disaster relief, terrorism, welfare, Brexit, and

the COVID-19 pandemic. In all, they find group empathy is a primary determinant of political opinions and actions across racial/ethnic groups even when other competing factors—including party identification, ideology, ethnocentrism, and social dominance orientation—are at play. The book is included as part of the Cambridge Studies in Public Opinion and Political Psychology Series, has been reviewed in *Political Science Quarterly* and *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, and has won multiple awards:

- 2022 APSA Best Book Award, American Political Science Association
- 2022 David O. Sears Best Book on Mass Politics Award, International Society of Political Psychology
- 2022 Robert E. Lane Best Book in Political Psychology Award, American Political Science Association
- 2022 Best Book in Experimental Research Award, American Political Science Association

Dr. Villalobos has also published a chapter with Cigdem Sirin that provides a wide-ranging overview of the study and significance of the role discrete emotions play in politics for a volume on political decision making (Oxford University Press 2021).

Lastly, for his scholarly work connected to teaching and engagement, he is co-author of *Analyzing American Democracy: Politics and Political Science, 6th edition* (Routledge forthcoming) and has a chapter applying Villalobos et al.'s novel, dual emotional-logical Empathic Global Citizenship (EGC) framework for curricular innovation in community-engaged learning (Springer 2022).

Dr. Villalobos currently serves as member of the Political Science and Public Administration Executive Committee, member of the Political Science and Public Administration Undergraduate Committee, and, as mentioned above, Faculty Fellow for UTEP's Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and member of the Provost's Community Engagement Council. He also recently served as member for the Best Book Award Selection Committee for the Experimental Research section of APSA as well as member for the Best Book Award Selection Committee for the Political Psychology section of APSA. He previously served as member of the Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee for the American Political Science Association (APSA). Among his numerous community engagement activities, Dr. Villalobos serves as a faculty liaison with UTEP's Center for Community Engagement for promoting nonpartisan voter awareness and voter registration in El Paso, and has also served in nonpartisan outreach efforts on vaccine awareness. He has also volunteered with various organizations in helping to provide meals for immigrant refugees and asylum seekers.