

## Matthew David Smoldt

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**Education** Arizona State University (ASU), PhD, Political Science exp. 2025  
U. of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM), MA, Political Science 2019  
Southern Methodist University (SMU), BBA, Finance 2015

**Dissertation** “The Political Economy of Immigration Policy Enforcement”  
*Chairs:* Drs. Valerie Mueller and Timothy Peterson  
*Committee:* Drs. Fabian Neuner and Henry Thomson

**Research Interests** Migrants’ Decision Making, Immigration Policy,  
Comparative Politics, International Relations,  
International and Comparative Political Economy

**Peer-Reviewed Publications** **Smoldt, Matthew**, Valerie Mueller, and Cameron G. Thies. 2025.  
“[US Enforcement Politics and Remittance Dynamics in Mexico.](#)” *Journal of Politics* 87(1).

Maystadt, Jean-Francois, Ashok K. Mishra, Valerie Mueller, and **Matthew Smoldt**. 2024. “[The Causes and Policy Responses to Forced Migration and Environmental Degradation in Africa.](#)” *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 16: 301–22.

**Non-Refereed Publications** Blogs  
**Smoldt, Matthew**, Valerie Mueller, and Cameron Thies. 2024.  
“[Should They Stay or Should They Go? Deportations and Migrants’ Remittances.](#)” *JOP Blog* [blog], November 15.

**Smoldt, Matthew**. 2021. “[Unenforced: The State of Migrants’ Rights.](#)” *Global Human Rights Hub Fellows Blog* [blog].

**Smoldt, Matthew**. 2020. “[Insecure Justice: Migrants’ Right to Due Process.](#)” *Global Human Rights Hub Fellows Blog* [blog].

Editorials  
Mueller, Valerie, **Matthew Smoldt**, and Cameron Thies. 2020.  
“[El gobierno de López Obrador debe prepararse para una disminución en el envío de remesas.](#)” *El Economista*.

<b>Grants, Awards, and Fellowships</b>	<u>Research Grants</u>	
	ASU JumpStart Research Grant \$750	2024
	SPGS Graduate Student Summer Research Grant \$2,000	2024
	SPGS Graduate Student Summer Research Grant \$3,000	2023
	<u>Travel Grants</u>	
	International Studies Association–Midwest Travel Grant \$250	2024
	International Studies Association–Northeast Travel Grant \$150	2022
	SPGS Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant \$635	2022
	<u>Awards</u>	
	SPGS Teaching Assistant of the Year \$150	2023
	SPGS Summer Paper Completion Award \$500	2020
	UWM Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award \$4,000	2017 – 2018
	<u>Fellowships</u>	
	Stephen G. Walker Graduate Support Fellowship \$1,500	2023
	Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse Fellow	2021
ASU Global Human Rights Hub Fellow	2020 – 2021	
SMU Robert Mayer Research Fellow	2014 – 2015	
<b>Conferences</b>	“Occupational Immobility and Attitudes on Immigration Policy Enforcement” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association–Midwest Chapter	2024
	“Sanctions-Induced Migration and Foreign Policy Attitudes” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual)	2023
	“U.S. Enforcement Politics and Remittance Dynamics in Mexico” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association–Northeast Chapter	2022
	International Studies Association–West Chapter	2022
	“Interstate Remittances and the Host Country” at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (virtual)	2021
	<u>Software</u> : Stata, R, LaTeX, Qualtrics	
	<u>Skills</u> : OLS, MLE, Causal Analysis, Web Scraping	
<b>Teaching Experience (1/2)</b>	Instructor of Record School of Politics and Global Studies Arizona State University	
	<u>Graduate</u> <i>Graduate Student Math Camp (in-person and online)</i>	SM23, SM24

**Teaching  
Experience  
(2/2)**

Instructor of Record  
School of Politics and Global Studies  
Arizona State University

Undergraduate

*Political Economy (in-person)*

FA23, SP24, FA24

Teaching Assistant  
School of Politics and Global Studies  
Arizona State University

Undergraduate

*World Politics (online)*

SP25

*Global Politics (in-person)*

SP25

*Polimetrics II (in-person)*

SP23

*Polimetrics I (in-person)*

FA22

*Empirical Political Inquiry (in-person)*

FA22

*Political Statistics (online)*

SP22

*How Dictators Rule (in-person)*

SP21

*Comparative Government (in-person)*

SP21

*Global Trends (online)*

SP20, FA20, FA21, SP22

*Political Ideologies (online)*

SP20, FA20, SP21, FA21

*Fake News: Identify and Refute (online)*

FA19

*American Government and Politics (in-person)*

FA19

Teaching Assistant  
Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Undergraduate

*Politics of Authoritarian Regimes (in-person)*

SP19

*Russian and Post–Soviet Politics (in-person)*

SP19

*International Organization and the United Nations (online)*

FA18

*Politics of International Economic Relations (online)*

SP18

*Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy (in-person)*

SP18

*Conduct of American Foreign Affairs (in-person)*

FA17

*American Political Thought (in-person)*

FA17

*Introduction to Political Science Research (in-person)*

FA17