

Nicolas Florez

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Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI PhD expected 2028
Political Science (American Politics; Research Methods)
Dissertation: *Off the Rails: How Anti-Black Racism Rerouted Metropolitan America's Transit Paths*
Committee: Charles Shipan (Co-Chair), Nicholas Valentino (Co-Chair), Christian Fong, Robert Manduca, Robert Mickey, Tyler Simko

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA 2022
B.A. Political Science
B.S. Communications (Multimedia Journalism)

Affiliations

- Student Affiliate, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics | University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Affiliate, Consortium on the American Political Economy

Journal Articles

Florez, Nicolas and Christian Fong. 2026. "Cover Bills." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Turcotte, Jason; Lauren Furey; Omar J. Garcia-Ortega; Nicolas Florez; Carissa Siccion; Emily Stephenson. 2021. "The Novelty News Frame." *Newspaper Research Journal*.

Book Chapters

Turcotte, Jason, and Nicolas Florez. 2023. "How Journalistic Objectivity Turns Matters of Science into (Subjective) Matters of Politics: A Closer Look at Climate Change and COVID-19 Reporting." In *Issues in Contemporary American Journalism*, edited by H. C. Schmidt. Taylor & Francis.

Work in Progress

Anti-Black Roots of Routes: Great Migration Exposure and Regional Public Transit Legacies

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan
Graduate Student Instructor

- Political Science Research Design (Mickey), Winter 2025
- Introduction to American Politics (Lowande), Fall 2024
- Modeling Politics (Kollman), Winter 2024

- U.S. Legislative Politics (Fong), Fall 2023

Presentations

“Anti-Black Roots of Routes: Great Migration Exposure and Regional Public Transit Legacies.” Consortium on the American Political Economy Junior Working Group, remote presentation, April 2026.

“Off the Rails: Racial Diversity and American Public Transit Provision.” Consortium on the American Political Economy Summer Academy, Berkeley, May 2025.

“Racialized Provision and Preferences of American Mass Transit.” Third-Year Conference, University of Michigan, February 2025.

Fellowships and Awards

APSA Diversity Fellowship, 2021–2022. (\$2,000)

Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, 2024. (\$900)

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (Pre-Candidate), University of Michigan, 2025. (\$1,500)

Converse and Miller Fellowship in American Political Behavior, University of Michigan, 2026. (\$6,000)

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship and Research Grant, University of Michigan, 2026-2027. (\$2,500)

Technical Skills

Statistical Analysis: R (`tidyverse`, `sf`)

Survey Platforms: Qualtrics

Writing: L^AT_EX, Zotero