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Current Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2025 –
Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, 2025 -

Past Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, University of Texas, 2022 –2025
Faculty Fellow, Politics of Race and Ethnicity Lab, University of Texas, 2022 – 2025
Faculty Associate, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, 2023 – 2025

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2019 –2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Immigration,
University of Pennsylvania, 2018-2019

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 2018
M.A., Social Science, University of Chicago, 2014
M.A., Political Science, University of Texas-San Antonio, 2012
B.A., History, *Summa Cum Laude*, Texas State University, 2006

Research Interest

Race, Ethnicity & Politics, Latinx Politics, Political Socialization, Immigration, Immigration
Enforcement, Political Behavior, and Public Opinion

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Book

1. Carlos, Roberto F. (Forthcoming July 2026). *Information Brokers: Political Socialization in Latino Immigrant Families*, University of Chicago Press

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/I/bo267948834.html>

Journal Publications

8. Carlos, Roberto F., Hajer Al-Faham, and Michael Jones-Correa. (2025). “When Co-Ethnic Attachments Get Trumped: Unpacking Latinx Voter Preferences in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election” *Political Behavior*

7. Blasingame, Elise N*, Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Joseph T. Ornstein. (2024). “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging” *American Political Science Review*

Winner of APSA Law and Courts Section Award Best Conference Paper, APSA 2023

Winner of Evan Ringquist Award for Best Paper on Political Institutions, MPSA 2023

6. Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, Margaret H. Taylor, Matthew Baker*, and Elise N. Blasingame*. (2023). “Congressional Constraint? Reviewing In Absentia Immigration Removal Orders in the Federal Circuit Courts” *Political Research Quarterly*

5. Carlos, Roberto F., Geoffrey Sheagley, and Karlee Taylor*. (2022). “Tolerance for the Free Speech of Outgroup Partisans” *PS: Political Science & Politics*

4. Carlos, Roberto F. (2021). “Politics of the Mundane” *American Political Science Review*

3. Boldt, Ethan, Christina Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Matthew Baker*. (2021). “The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions” *Justice System Journal*

2. Carlos, Roberto F. (2018). “Late to the Party: On the Prolonged Partisan Socialization Process of 2nd Generation Americans.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

1. Wilson, Walter, and Roberto F. Carlos. (2014). “Do Women Representatives Regender Legislative Bureaucracy? Assessing the Effect of Representative Sex on Women’s Presence among Congressional Staff.” *The Journal of Legislative Studies*

**Denotes student co-author at the time of writing.*

Invited Book Chapters

1. Carlos, Roberto F., and Linette Sanchez*. (Forthcoming). “Political Socialization and Civic Learning in Immigrant Households.” In *De Gruyter Handbook of Political Socialization*, edited by Jill D. Greenlee and Zoe M. Oxley. De Gruyter.

Book Reviews

1. Carlos, Roberto F. 2023. “Efrén Pérez and Margit Tavits. Voicing Politics: How Language Shapes Public Opinion.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 97 (4): 1056–1058,1056-1058.

Manuscripts Submitted

Carlos, Roberto F., Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo*, and Chris Cassella*. “Drawing a Line in the Sand: Embarrassment and Latinx Support for Punitive Immigration Policies”

Revise and Resubmit

Carlos, Roberto F., Mashail Malik, and Marcel Roman. “The Role of Migration Motive in Latino Immigrant Political Incorporation”

Blajer de la Garza, Yuna, Carlos, Roberto F., and Geoffrey Sheagley. “How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants”

Winner of APSA Racial and Ethnic Politics Section Best Paper Award, APSA 2024

Works In Progress

Carlos, Roberto F., Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*. “Mind the Gap: How Knowledge Gaps Impact Trickle-Up Political Socialization in Contemporary American Families”

Carlos, Roberto F., Vladimir E. Medenica, and Francisco I. Pedraza. “The Contours of Parenthood: Experimental Evidence of Support for Child Separation Policies Among Parents”

Carlos, Roberto F., Geoffrey Sheagley, and Yuna Blajer de la Garza. “How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants” Book project.

Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, and Michael J. Nelson. “Immigration Courts and Public Opinion” Book project in preparation.

Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, and Miranda Sullivan*. “Campus Tragedies and Immigration Politics” manuscript is in preparation.

Award, Grants, and Recognition

MPSA Latino/a Caucus Early Career Award, 2025

APSA Latin@/x Caucus Emerging Scholar Award, 2024

APSA Racial and Ethnic Politics Section Best Paper Award for “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face.” 2024

APSA Law and Courts Section Best Conference Paper Award for “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging.” 2023

Evan Ringquist Award for Best Paper on Political Institutions “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging.” 2023

Government Department Research Grant Winner with University of Texas Graduate Students: Chris Cassella*, Megan Dias*, Vianney Gomez*, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, and Ethan Yoo*. 2023

Knight Foundation Freedom of Expression Survey Access, 2021

Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Junior Faculty Member in Political Science, University of Georgia, 2021

University of Georgia Lilly Teaching Fellow, 2020-2022

Latino Caucus APSA Travel Grant, 2018

Latino/a Caucus Best Graduate Student Paper, MPSA, 2017

Ford Fellowship Dissertation Grant Alternate, Honorable Mention, 2017-2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2017

Graduate Council Travel Fund Award, University of Chicago, 2017

Division of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago Long Term Research Grant Recipient, 2015-2016

Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago Research Grant Recipient, 2015

John A. Garcia Scholarship for ICPSR, 2015

University of Chicago Fellowship, 2012 – 2017

Yale University Educator Recognition Award for Outstanding Teaching, 2010

Honoree at the Superintendent’s Summa Cum Laude Reception, 2009 – 2012

Invited Talks and In-Residence Talks

Stone Inequality & Social Policy Seminar Series, Harvard Kennedy School, “Information Brokers”, 2026

Mid-American Conference for Race, Gender, Immigration, and Ethnicity Politics, Michigan State University, “Information Brokers”, 2026

The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC), Belonging and Integration: Diverse Perspectives on the Children of Immigrants, Concordia University, CA, “From Familial Obligation to Political Action”, 2024

Identity and Inequality Conference at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, “From Familial Obligation to Political Action”, 2024

University of Texas El Paso, Polarizing Policy, Political Attitudes, and Political Behavior in Contentious Topics Series “Socialization Reimagined”, 2024

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Political Science Colloquium “Socialization Reimagined”, 2024

Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin. “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging”, 2023

Understanding Politics Seminar Series: University of California, Merced Department of Political Science “Testing Co-ethnic Ties among Latinos”, 2023

Dialogues in Diversity from the Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Gregoria “The Politics of the Mundane”, 2021

Conferences and Presentations

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Mind the Gap: How Knowledge Gaps Impact Trickle-Up Political Socialization in Contemporary American Families” with Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*, 2026

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Drawing a Line in the Sand: Embarrassment and Latinx Support for Punitive Immigration Policies” with Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo* and Chris Cassella*, 2026

The Southern Political Science Association, “Reciprocal Socialization: A Field Experiment” with Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*, 2026

The American Political Science Association, “The Role of Migration Motive in Immigrant Political Incorporation” with Mashail Malik and Marcel Roman, 2025

The Midwest Political Science Association, “How Embarrassment within the Latinx Community Impacts Attitudes Toward Immigration” with Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo* and Chris Cassella*, 2025

The American Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face? How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants” with Yuna Blajer de la Garza and Geoffrey Sheagley, 2024

The American Political Science Association, “Anti-Immigrant and Attitudes Pro-Immigrant in the Latinx Community,” with Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo*, and Chris Cassella*, 2024

Latine Identity and Opinion Symposium at Brown University, “Reciprocal Socialization Among Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Families” with Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*, 2024

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Anti-Immigrant and Attitudes Pro-Immigrant in the Latinx Community” with Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo* and Chris Cassella*, 2024

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them” with Geoffrey Sheagley, 2024

The Southern Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them” with Geoffrey Sheagley, 2024

Politics of Gender, Diversity, and Representation at the University of Houston “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them” with Geoffrey Sheagley, 2023

The Midwest Political Science Association, “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging” with Elise N. Blasingame*, Christina L. Boyd, and Joseph T. Ornstein, 2023

Representation and Identity Politics Workshop at Rice University, “Testing Co-ethnic Ties among Latinos” with Hajer Al-Fahm and Michael Jones-Correa, 2023

The American Political Science Association, “Reciprocal Socialization in the Latinx Households”, 2022

The Western Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them” with Geoffrey Sheagley, 2022

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Looking for Evidence of Reciprocal Socialization in the Latinx Community”, 2022

The Midwest Political Science Association, “The Trump Effect on Immigration Court Case” with Elise Blasingame*, Christina L. Boyd, and Joseph Ornstein, 2022

The American Political Science Association, “Trump Support Among Latinxs in an Election Year: An Experimental Approach” with Hajer Al-Faham and Michael Jones-Correa, 2021

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium at Arizona State University, “The American Political Science Association, “The Boundaries of Parenthood: Experimental Evidence of Support for Child Separation Policies Among Parents”, 2021

The American Political Science Association, “The Morality of Child Separation”, 2020

The American Political Science Association, “Children Lead: An Experimental Approach to Political Socialization”, 2019

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium at Cornell University, 2018

The American Political Science Association

“The Kids Are Alright: The Heightened Efficacy of 2nd Generation Americans”, 2018

The Midwest Political Science Association, “The Kids Are Alright: The Heightened Efficacy of 2nd Generation Americans”, 2018

The American Political Science Association, “Kids Say the Darndest Things: The Political Work the Children of Immigrants Do in the Household.”, 2017

The Western Political Science Association, “The Politics of Children: The Political Influence Children Are Having on their Immigrant Parents.”, 2017

The Midwest Political Science Association, “The Politics of Children: The Political Influence Children Are Having on their Immigrant Parents.”, 2017

The Western Political Science Association “Partisan Pathways Beyond Parent Transmission: An Investigation into the Partisan Attainment of 2nd Generation Latinos.”, 2014

The Midwest Political Science Association, “The Rising Conservative Latino? A Look into the Political Socialization of 2nd Generation Latino Military Members.”, 2014

The Midwest Political Science Association, “Prospects for Moving from Passive to Active Representation? An Analysis of Sex and Ethnic Characteristics of Congressional Staff.”, 2010

Teaching Experience

Instructor: Introduction to American Politics at the University of Texas at the University of Michigan, 2026 - Present

Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the U.S. from a Social Science Perspective at the University of Michigan, 2026 - Present

Instructor: Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Michigan, 2025 - Present

Instructor: Latinx Politics: Past, present, and future in the U.S. at the University of Michigan, 2025 - Present

Instructor: Political Behavior (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin, 2024 - 2025

Instructor: Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Texas at Austin, 2023 - 2025

Instructor: Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin, 2023 - 2025
Instructor: Introduction to American Politics at the University of Texas at Austin, 2022 - 2025

Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Texas at Austin, 2022 - 2025

Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Georgia, 2021 - 2022

Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Georgia, 2019 – 2022

Instructor: Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Georgia, 2019 - 2022

Instructor: Introduction to American Politics at the University of Georgia, 2019 - 2022

Instructor: Social Science Inquiry III at the University of Chicago, 2016 - 2018

Advanced Placement U.S. Government and U.S. History Teacher, North East ISD-San Antonio, TX. Winston Churchill High School, 2007 - 2012

Service

MPSA Town Hall Round Table Discussant: Alarm Bells in Rising Authoritarian Practices, April 2026

Simeko – Carlos Graduate Student Lab at the University of Michigan 2025 - Present

Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant, May 2025

APSA Law and Courts Best Graduate Student Paper committee member, 2025

APSA REP Section Website Administrator, 2024 - Present

College of Liberal Arts Thematic Graduate Fellowship selection committee member, University of Texas at Austin, 2024 - 2025

Dean's Distinguished Graduate Awards selection committee member, University of Texas at Austin, 2024

Pi Sigma Alpha/Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, SPSA Committee, 2024

Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant, November 2024

Best Book Award Committee Member, APSA Latino Caucus, APSA, 2023

Best Paper Award Committee Member, REP Section, APSA, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association Latina/o Caucus Newsletter Editor, 2021- 2024

Co-Coordinator of the Emerging Issues in Political Science Speakers Series, University of Georgia, 2020

Roundtable Host at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Career Fair, 2020

Faculty Executive Committee Member, University of Georgia, 2019- 2020

Roundtable Host at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Career Fair, 2019

Reviewer for American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; Journal of Elections, and Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Public Opinion Quarterly; Sociology Compass, 2017- Present

Co-Coordinator, American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, 2014 – 2016

Advising

Graduate Students

Ph. D. Dissertation Chair:

Miranda Sullivan (Co-Chair with Bethany Albertson), UT-Austin 2024 - Present

Ph. D Dissertation Committee Member:

Matt Baker, PH.D. – UGA, 2023

Megan Dais, Ph.D. -UT-Austin, 2024

Mackenzie Vaughn, -UGA A.B.D.

Graduate Advisor:

Elyse Hatch-Rivera, Michigan 2025 – Present

Stephanie Garza, UT-Austin 2023 – Present

Linette Sanchez, UT-Austin 2023 -Present

Maria Mosquera, UT-Austin 2024 -Present,

Master Thesis Advisor:

Elyse Hatch-Rivera, UT-Austin

Miranda Sullivan, UT-Austin

Elizabeth Farnum, UGA

Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor at the University of Texas

Julian Montalvo

Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Advisor at the University of Georgia

Danielle St. Amand

Young Dawgs Faculty Mentor at the University of Georgia

Vivian Sekandi

Internship Experience

United States Congressman Congressional Staff Internship (Home District Office), 2010

Research Skills

R Proficient / STATA Proficient

Languages

Bilingual, Spanish

References

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