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Current Positions

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

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 Interests

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Book

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

Journal Publications

8. Carlos, Roberto F., Hajer Al-Faham, and Michael Jones-Correa. "When Panethnic Primes Get Trumped: Unpacking Latinx Voter Preferences in the 2020 US Presidential Election." *Political Behavior* (2025): 1–23.

7. Blasingame, Elise N*, Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Joseph T. Ornstein. "How the Trump Administration's Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging." *American Political Science Review* 118, no. 4 (2024): 1688–1703.

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 E. Baker*, and Elise Blasingame*. "Congressional Constraint? The Review of In Absentia Immigration Removal Orders in Federal Circuit Courts." *Political Research Quarterly* 76, no. 4 (2023): 1674–1690.

5. Carlos, Roberto F., Geoffrey Sheagley, and Karlee L. Taylor*. "Tolerance for the Free Speech of Outgroup Partisans." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 56, no. 2 (2023): 240-244.

4. Carlos, Roberto F. "The Politics of the Mundane." *American Political Science Review* 115, no. 3 (2021): 775-789.

3. Boldt, Ethan D., Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Matthew E. Baker*. "The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions." *Justice System Journal* 42, no. 3–4 (2021): 341-358.

2. Carlos, Roberto F. "Late to the party: On the Prolonged Partisan Socialization Process of Second-Generation Americans." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 3, no. 2 (2018): 381-408.

1. Wilson, Walter Clark, and Roberto Felix Carlos. "Do Women Representatives Regender Legislative Bureaucracy? Assessing the Effect of Representative Sex on Women's Presence Among US Congressional Staff." *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 20, no. 2 (2014): 216-235.

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

Invited Book Chapters

1. Carlos, Roberto F., and Linette Sanchez*. "Political Socialization and Civic Learning in Immigrant Households." In *De Gruyter Handbook of Political Socialization*, edited by Jill D. Greenlee and Zoe M. Oxley. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

1. Carlos, Roberto F. “Efrén Pérez and Margit Tavits. Voicing Politics: How Language Shapes Public Opinion.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87, no. 4 (2023): 1056–1058.

Manuscripts Submitted

Carlos, Roberto F., Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan*, Allison Verrilli*, Clinton Willbanks*, Ethan Yoo*, and Chris Cassella*. “The Limits of Latino Solidarity: Embarrassment and Punitive Immigration Attitudes”

Revise and Resubmit

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

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”

Works in Progress

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

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 in preparation.

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”

Awards, Grants, and Recognition

Midwest Political Science Association Latino/a Caucus Early Career Award, 2025

American Political Science Association Latin@/x Caucus Emerging Scholar Award, 2024

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

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

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

University of Texas 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

Susan 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

University of Richmond, Part of Latinx Heritage Month, “Information Brokers,” 2026

Rice University, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Keynote, “Information Brokers,” 2026

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

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

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

Concordia University, CA, The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC), Belonging and Integration: Diverse Perspectives on the Children of Immigrants, “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

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

University of California – Merced, Understanding Politics Seminar Series, “Testing Co-ethnic Ties among Latinos,” 2023

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

Conferences and Presentations

“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*
The American Political Science Association, 2026
Midwest Political Science Association, 2026

“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*

The Midwest Political Science Association, “2026

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

The Southern Political Science Association, 2026

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

The American Political Science Association, 2025

“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*

The Midwest Political Science Association, 2025

“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

The American Political Science Association, 2024

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

The American Political Science Association, 2024

“Reciprocal Socialization Among Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Families,” with Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*

Latine Identity and Opinion Symposium at Brown University, 2024

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

The Midwest Political Science Association, 2024

“Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them?” with Geoffrey Sheagley

The Midwest Political Science Association, 2024

Southern Political Science Association, 2024

“Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them?” with Geoffrey Sheagley

Politics of Gender, Diversity, and Representation at the University of Houston, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The Politics of Children: The Political Influence Children Are Having on their Immigrant Parents,”

The Western Political Science Association, 2017

The Midwest Political Science Association, 2017

“Partisan Pathways Beyond Parent Transmission: An Investigation into the Partisan Attainment of 2nd Generation Latinos,”

The Western Political Science Association, 2014

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

The Midwest Political Science Association, 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

Panels and Roundtables

Democracy Week at the Stone Working Group on Inequality and Political Economy at the University of Michigan (Discussant and Moderator) for How to Elect More Working-Class Americans and Why It Matters with Nicholas Carnes and Noam Lupu, 2026

Contesting American Belonging: Race and Citizenship under Democratic Threat (Discussant)
The American Political Science Association, 2026

Immigration: Attitudes and Resentment (Discussant)
The Midwest Political Science Association, 2026

Alarm Bells in Rising Authoritarian Practices Town Hall Roundtable (Panelist)
The Midwest Political Science Association, 2026

Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant for Stephanie Schmitt (University of Iowa), 2025

Identities: Race and Place (Discussant)
The Midwest Political Science Association, 2025

Public Opinion on Immigrant Communities and Immigration Policy (Chair and Discussant)
The American Political Science Association, 2025

Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant for Michelangelo Landgrave (University of Missouri) and Alexander Kustov (UNC-Charlotte), 2024

Immigrants, Ethnic Identity and Political Participation (Discussant)
The American Political Science Association, 2024

Immigrants' Political Integration and Policy Feedback Effects in Comparative Perspective (Discussant)

The Midwest Political Science Association, 2024

Latino/a/x Identity and Political Behavior (Discussant)

The American Political Science Association, 2022

Causes and Consequences of Contemporary Immigration Policy (Discussant)

The American Political Science Association, 2021

Governing AAPI People Through Immigration (Chair)

The American Political Science Association, 2020

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

American Political Science Association, 2020

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

American Political Science Association, 2019

Teaching Experience

Introduction to American Politics at the University of Michigan, 2026–present

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the U.S. from a Social Science Perspective at the University of Michigan, 2026–present

Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Michigan, 2025–present

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

Political Behavior (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin, 2024–2025

Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Texas at Austin, 2023–2025

Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin, 2023–2025

Introduction to American Politics at the University of Texas at Austin, 2022–2025

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Texas at Austin, 2022–2025

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Georgia, 2021–2022

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

Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Georgia, 2019–2022

Introduction to American Politics at the University of Georgia, 2019–2022

Social Science Inquiry III at the University of Chicago, 2016–2018

Service

University of Michigan

American Politics Workshop at the University of Michigan, 2026–present

Emerging Scholars Selection Committee, University of Michigan, 2026

Latino Scholars Award Panelist for APSA, 2026

Simko–Carlos Graduate Student Lab at the University of Michigan, 2025–present

APSA Law and Courts Best Graduate Student Paper Committee Member, 2025

APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Website Administrator, 2024–2026

University of Texas

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

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

Best Paper Award Committee Member, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, APSA, 2023

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

University of Georgia

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

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

University of Chicago

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

Journals and Presses

Editorial Board Member

Prospectives on Politics 2026 – 2029

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; De Gruyter Press; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Sociology Compass*; University of Chicago Press

Advising

Graduate Students

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair:

Elyse Hatch-Rivera, University of Michigan, 2026 -

Miranda Sullivan, University of Texas at Austin, 2024 -
(co-chair with Bethany Albertson)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member:

Mario Villegas, University of Michigan, 2026 -
Stephanie Garza, University of Texas at Austin, 2026 –
Linette Sanchez, University of Texas at Austin, 2026 –
Matt Baker, Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2023
Megan Dias, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 2024
Mackenzie Vaughn, ABD, University of Georgia, 2019 -

Graduate Advisor:

Luis Guaman, University of Michigan, 2026 -
Elyse Hatch-Rivera, University of Michigan, 2025–
Stephanie Garza, University of Texas at Austin, 2023–2026
Linette Sanchez, University of Texas at Austin, 2023–2026
Maria Mosquera, University of Texas at Austin, 2024–2026

Master's Thesis Advisor:

Elyse Hatch-Rivera, University of Texas at Austin
Miranda Sullivan, University of Texas at Austin
Elizabeth Farnum, University of Georgia

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

Languages

Spanish, bilingual proficiency

References

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