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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Political Science *Expected 2026*
Dissertation: “Latino Racial Classifications and Political Attitudes and Behavior.”
Committee: Natalie Masuoka (Chair), Lorrie Frasure, Efrén Pérez, Chris Zepeda-Millán

The Pennsylvania State University

M.A., Political Science 2020

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

B.A., Political Science, *Cum Laude* 2018

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Northwestern University

Visiting Predoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science September 2025 – August 2026

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, Political Behavior, Race and Ethnicity Politics, Latino Politics, Experiments

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

3. **Castro Irizarry, Giovanni** (2026). “Latino Racial Classifications and Political Behavior: The Implications of Linked Fate Prioritization.” *Political Behavior* (Open Access).
2. **Castro Irizarry, Giovanni**. 2024. “Discrimination Against Puerto Ricans in the Puerto Rican Housing Market: Evidence from a Pre-Registered Audit Experiment.” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 9(3): 488-511.
 - ★ SocArXiv Spanish translation available [here](#).
 - ★ Covered in *News is my Business*.
1. **Castro Irizarry, Giovanni**. 2024. “The Influence of Country of Origin in the Process of Party Identification Acquisition.” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 9(1): 80-98.
 - ★ Findings featured on Matt Grossman’s *The Science of Politics* podcast.

WORKING PAPERS

Secret Shopper Analysis Highlights Accessing Mental Healthcare in Puerto Rico is a Challenging Endeavor. (*Revise and Resubmit*). With Alexis Santos.

A Holistic Framework for the Study of Electoral and Non-Electoral Mobilization. (*Under Review*). With Fernando Tormos-Aponte.

A Census Question Modification May Alter the Racial Classification of 73 Percent of Latinos.
Solo-authored. Revising full manuscript.

Leaving the Latino Tag Behind: How Some Latinos are Incorporating into Whiteness. *Solo-authored. Revising full manuscript.*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Latinos’ Racial Identity and What It Means for Political Behavior.” Northwestern University, October 2025

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

10. “Leaving the Latino Tag Behind: How Some Latinos Are Assimilating as White” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2025
9. “Latinos’ Racial Identity and Classification: Implications for Social Integration and Political Behavior” *Roundtable Presentation*. American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL 2025
8. “Leaving the Latino Tag Behind: How Some Latinos are Incorporating into Whiteness” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, CA 2025
7. “Latinos’ Racial Identity and What It Means for Political Behavior” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2024
6. “Latinos’ Racial Identity and What It Means for Political Behavior” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 2024
5. “Discrimination Against Puerto Ricans in the Puerto Rican Housing Market: Evidence From a Pre-Registered Audit Experiment” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2024
4. “A Holistic Framework for the Study of Electoral and Non-Electoral Mobilization” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2024
3. “Racial Class Consciousness: Is Experienced Discrimination an Ideological Issue?” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2023 (*Canceled due to labor dispute*)
2. “Implications of Perceiving or Experiencing Discrimination in Unconventional Politics” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada 2022
1. “The Influence of Country of Origin in the Process of Party Identification Acquisition” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2020 (*Online due to COVID-19*)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

UCLA Political Psychology Fellowship	2025
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Travel Grant	2024
APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Annual Meeting Accessibility Grant	2022
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship	2022
UCLA Race, Ethnicity, Politics and Society (REPS) Lab Fellowship	2021 – 2022
UCLA Graduate Fellowship Support	2021
ICPSR Scholarship for Political Science Research	2020
PSU Graduate Research Support Program	2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**University of Pittsburgh**

Research Assistant and Survey Analyst, Dr. Fernando Tormos-Aponte

2022 – Present

University of Maryland Baltimore County

Research Assistant and Survey Analyst, Dr. Fernando Tormos-Aponte

2019 – 2022

The Pennsylvania State University

Research Assistant, Dr. Alexis Santos

2025 – 2026

Survey Research Assistant, Dr. Carolyn Reyes

Summer 2021

Survey Field Assistant in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, Dr. Alexis Santos

January 2020

Research Assistant, Dr. Candis Watts Smith

Fall 2019; Summer 2020

Research Assistant, Dr. Lee Ann Banaszak

Summer 2019

Research Assistant, Democracy Podcast

Spring 2019

Purdue University

Research Assistant (Intern), Dr. James McCann

Summer 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**University of California, Los Angeles**Experiments in Racial and Ethnic Politics, *Teaching Associate*

- ★ Introduced students to R and RStudio for quantitative research and mentored 9 group research projects.

National Institutions: The Presidency, *Teaching Associate*U.S. Latino Politics, *Teaching Associate*Arms Control and International Security, *Teaching Assistant*Introduction to American Politics, *Teaching Assistant*Politics and Strategy (Game Theory), *Teaching Assistant***The Pennsylvania State University**Introduction to American Government, *Teaching Assistant* (4 semesters)**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE****Reviewer:** *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (x2), *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity***Conferences:**

Discussant, Panel on “Understanding Major Changes in Puerto Rican Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2025.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**RM Administrator Plus Consulting**

Independent Contractor

2025

- ★ Conducted an organizational impact analysis from 13 internship programs.

The Pennsylvania State University

Assessment Assistant, College of Information Sciences and Technology

2022 – 2023

- ★ Assessed learning outcomes for 14 undergraduate and graduate courses and prepared assessment reports summarizing results.

RESEARCH TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS

ICPSR Summer Program – University of Michigan	Summer 2020
Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) – Purdue University	Summer 2017
Internship at the Department of State of Puerto Rico	2016 – 2017
Research Internship in <i>Agenda Ciudadana</i> (Think Tank)	Spring 2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
American Sociological Association

SKILLS

Statistical and Programming Languages: R/RStudio, StataTM, Python, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX
Languages: English, Spanish (*Native*)

REFERENCES

Natalie Masuoka, Associate Professor, UCLA. (nmasuoka@ucla.edu)
Lorrie Frasure, Professor, UCLA. (lfrasure@polisci.ucla.edu)
Chris Zepeda-Millán, Associate Professor, UCLA. (czm@ucla.edu)
Efrén Pérez, Professor, UCLA. (perezeo@ucla.edu)
Fernando Tormos-Aponte, Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh. (fernandotormos@pitt.edu)
Alexis R. Santos-Lozada, Associate Professor, The Pennsylvania State University. (ars39@psu.edu)