

# Romelia M. Solano

---

Ph.D. Candidate · Department of Political Science  
University of Notre Dame · Jenkins Nanovic Halls · Notre Dame, IN 46556, USA  
E-mail: [rsolano@nd.edu](mailto:rsolano@nd.edu) Web: [rms](#) | Updated: Apr. 21, 2021

---

## Education

**University of Notre Dame**, Ph.D., Political Science Expected 2022  
Committee: Dianne M. Pinderhughes (Chair), Luis R. Fraga, and David Cortez

**University of Notre Dame**, M.A., Political Science 2018  
Fields: American Politics & Comparative Politics

**University of Illinois**, B.A., Political Science and Latina/o Studies 2016  
Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Fellow, American Political Science Association

## Research Interests

Political Behavior, Public Policy, Race and Ethnicity Politics, The State and Identity Formation

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

Solano, R. (2020). "Racial Triangulation in Latinx Politics: Towards a Theory of State Violence and Trauma Exposure Response." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Forthcoming.

Ramirez, R., Solano, R., and Wilcox-Archuleta, B. (2018). "Selective Recruitment or Voter Neglect? Race, Place, and Voter Mobilization in 2016." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 3(1), 156-184

Ramirez, R., and Solano, R. (2017). "How Geography Trumps Alternative Facts: Using State Context and Demography to Explain Presidential Vote Choice in 2016" *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies* 42(2), 183-194

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

"Alienating or Mobilizing? The Effects of Carceral Experiences on Political Participation."

"Are Immigrants Safe in Sanctuary Cities? Evidence from Chicago and Indianapolis."

"How do Immigrants Respond to Anti-Immigrant Racism and State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. in the Trump Era."

### PUBLIC WRITING

Solano R., (2021). Biden is pursuing a pathway to citizenship. He will face two key challenges. *Washington Post*, January 29.

Rothkopf, I., Friesen, P., Schenoni, L., Shum, M., & Solano, R. (2020). Global Experts are More Likely to be Worried about Violence in the Presidential Election than their U.S. Counterparts. *United States Politics and Policy*, October 30.

Solano, R., Friesen, P., Rothkopf, I., Schenoni, L., & Shum, M. (2020). Four out of Five Electoral Experts are Concerned about a Peaceful Transfer of Power. *Mischiefs of Faction*, October 27.

Solano R., (2020). How State Violence Translates to Political Action for Immigrants in the Midwest. *The Latinx Project*, October 9.

Friesen, P., Rothkopf, I., Schenoni, L., Shum, M., & Solano, R. (2020). American Democracy at Risk: A Global Comparative Perspective. *Keough School of Global Affairs*, October 8.

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

### EXTERNAL

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship \$28,000	2021-2022
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant \$12,000	2020-2022
New York University Latino Politics Conference Honorarium \$400	2020
Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Grant \$300	2019

### INTERNAL

Excellence in Teaching Award \$200	2020
Graduate Student Research Grant \$2,500	2020
Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant \$300	2020
Francis & Kathleen Rooney Research Grant \$1,500	2019
Joseph L. Gaia Research Grant \$1,000	2019
Community Impact & Professional Development Grant \$2,500	2019
José E. Limón Best Paper in Latino Studies Award \$500	2018
Francis & Kathleen Rooney Summer Fellowship \$1,500	2017
Francis & Kathleen Rooney Conference Presentation Grant \$350	2017
Joseph L. Gaia Distinguished Fellowship \$29,000	2016-present

## Conference Presentations

“Dignity Politics: The State, Trauma, and Democratic Citizenship.” Invited Speaker, Latino Politics Workshop, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021.

“How do Immigrants Respond to State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. and Black Lives Matter.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021.

“How do Immigrants Respond to State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. and Black Lives Matter.” Latino Politics Conference, September 2020.

“Are Immigrants Safe in Sanctuary Cities? Evidence from Chicago.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

“Are Immigrants Safe in Sanctuary Cities? Evidence from Chicago.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2020.

“Selective Recruitment or Voter Neglect? Race, Place, and Voter Mobilization in 2016.” (with Ricardo Ramirez) Political Behavior Conference, October 2017.

## Teaching Experience

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

The 2020 U.S. Presidential Election (Dave Campbell and Geoffrey Layman)	Fall 2020
Dictatorship, Democracy, and War in Latin America (Guillermo Trejo)	Spring 2020
Elections and Social Protest in Latin America (Guillermo Trejo)	Fall 2019
World Politics (A. James McAdams, with 2 discussion sections)	Spring 2018
American Politics (Geoffrey Layman, with 2 discussion sections)	Fall 2017

#### GUEST INSTRUCTOR

“Hard to Reach Groups” in Thesis Research Design and Methods (Susan Pratt-Rosato)	Fall 2020
“Sanctuary Cities” in Black Chicago Politics (Dianne M. Pinerhughes)	Spring 2020
“Societal Accountability” in Elections and Social Protest (Guillermo Trejo)	Fall 2019
“Immigration Detention” in Immigration Policy and Politics (Ricardo Ramirez)	Fall 2019
“Societal Responses to Neoliberalism” in World Politics (A. James McAdams)	Spring 2018

### Department and Professional Service

#### EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Politics & Gender (Christina Wolbrecht and Susan Franceschet)	Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021
---	-------------------------------------

#### GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE

Subfield Representative	2020-2021
External Review Committee	Spring 2020
Ralph Bunche Recruitment Fair	Summer 2018

### Advanced Training

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	Summer 2021
Modern Causal Inference (ICPSR)	Summer 2021
The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2017

### Technical Skills

**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (fluent)

**Software:** R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata, Qualtrics, and Editorial Manager

### Public Engagement

Research Fellow and Paralegal, Mariposa Legal	2020-present
Public Scholarship Graduate Certificate, Center for Social Concerns	2020
Detention Paralegal, National Immigrant Justice Center	2018-2019

### References

#### DIANNE M. PINDERHUGHES

Presidential Faculty Fellow and Professor of Political Science and Director of Africana Studies

University of Notre Dame, 2169 Jenkin Nanovic Halls

Telephone: (574) 631-3676 and Email: [Pinderhughes.1@nd.edu](mailto:Pinderhughes.1@nd.edu)

#### LUIS R. FRAGA

Rev. Donald P. McNeill, C.S.C., Professor of Transformative Latino Leadership, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Institute for Latino Studies

University of Notre Dame, 310 Bond Hall

Telephone: (574) 631-4742, and Email: [lfraga@nd.edu](mailto:lfraga@nd.edu)

DAVID CORTEZ

Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of Notre Dame, 207 Jenkin Nanovic Halls

Telephone: (574) 631-3259, and Email: [dcortez@nd.edu](mailto:dcortez@nd.edu)