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Academic Appointments

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Non-Residential Fellow, W. E. B. Du Bois Research Institute 2022-2023

Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Education

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Department of Political Science (Expected 2023)

Dissertation: *Dignity Politics: Detention and Democracy in the U.S.*

Dissertation Fellowship, Ford Foundation

Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation

Committee: Dianne M. Pinderhughes (Chair), Luis R. Fraga, and David Cortez

M.A., Political Science 2018

Fields: American Politics and Comparative Politics

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

B.A., Political Science and Latinx Studies 2016

Highest Distinction in Latinx Studies

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University, 2015

Teaching and Research Interests

Political Behavior, Race and Ethnicity Politics, Public Policy, and Empirical Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Solano, R. (2022). “Dignity politics in immigrant detention.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2022.2070075

with Ramirez, 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

with Ramirez, 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

Research In-Progress

“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-Black Racism and State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. in the post-Trump Era.”

Research Reports and Media Publications

Biden is pursuing a pathway to citizenship. He will face two key challenges. The Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, January 2021.

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

with Rothkopf, I., Friesen, P., Schenoni, L., & Shum, M. Global Experts are More Likely to be Worried about Violence in the Presidential Election than their U.S. Counterparts. *London School of Economics: United States Politics and Policy*, October 2020.

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

Indiana jail neglects immigrants. *Borderless*, June 2022.

Federal lawsuit alleges Clay misappropriating ICE funds. *The Indiana Lawyer*, May 2022.

A leaked video exemplifies what Black migrants endure in US detention centers. *Business Insider*, March 2022.

Clay County officials faced with new lawsuit amid jail expansion. *WTHI-TV-10*, December 2021.

As Illinois bans immigrant detention, Indiana looks to cash in. *Injustice Watch*, October 2021.

The New Jim Crow: Immigration (Episode No. 9). In *Juneteenth Conversations*, University of Indianapolis Podcast, August 2021.

Solano R., How State Violence Translates to Political Action for Immigrants in the Midwest. *The Latinx Project*, New York University, October 2020.

Solano R., Getting Out: Family Separation, Quarantines, and Others Obstacles Detained Asylum Seekers Face When ICE Denies Parole. *National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) Commentary*, October 2018.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

EXTERNAL

Dissertation Fellowship, Ford Foundation \$28,000	2022-2023
Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation \$12,000	2020-2022
Freedom Summer Collegiate Teaching Fellowship \$2,500	2021
New York University Honorarium \$400	2020
Prestage-Cook Travel Grant \$300	2019

INTERNAL

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Honorarium \$200	2022
Social Justice Award, university-wide annual top graduate student \$10,000 <i>nominee</i>	2022
Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate	2021
Institute for Advanced Study Graduate Fellowship \$32,000 <i>finalist</i>	2021
Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts Research Grant \$2,500	2020
Excellence in Teaching Award \$200	2020
Community Engagement and Public Scholarship Certificate	2020
Community Impact & Professional Development Award \$2,500	2019
Best Paper in Latino Studies Award \$500	2018

Joseph L. Gaia Distinguished Fellowship \$29,000 a year for 5 years

2016-2022

Research Positions and Consultancies

Principle Investigator, Universal Representation Pilot Study (City of Indianapolis)	2022
Expert Consultant, NQRP Representation Study (Vera/EOIR)	2022
Editorial Assistant, Dr. Christina Wolbrecht and Dr. Susan Franceschet, (<i>Politics & Gender</i>)	2020
Co-Principle Investigator, Comparative Assessment of Electoral Risks (Keough School)	2020
Research Analyst, Detention Conditions Pilot Study, (NIJC)	2018

Academic Conferences and Invited Talks

“The Political Consequences of Immigrant Detention.” Invited Speaker, New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, University of Notre Dame, October 2022.

“The Political Consequences of Immigrant Detention.” Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity, Emory University, October 2022.

“Jail Construction and Racial Capitalism.” Invited Speaker, Vera Institute of Justice, August 2022.

“The Political Consequences of Immigrant Detention.” Justice and Injustice Conference, Yale Center for the Study of Inequality, August 2022.

“Community-Engaged Immigrant Justice Research.” Invited Speaker, Global Migration Conference, University of California-Davis, April 2022.

“Detention Closures and Expansions in Regional Context.” Detention Watch Network, March 2022.

“Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Complaints as Abolitionist Praxis.” Invited Speaker, Notre Dame Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy, February 2022.

“Racial Triangulation Theory: A Two Decade Retrospective.” Invited Speaker, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, October 2021.

“Movement Lawyering in Criminal and Immigration Law.” Invited Speaker, Notre Dame Exoneration Project, October 2021.

“Trauma-Informed Interviewing and Vicarious Trauma Prevention and Mitigation.” Invited Speaker, Notre Dame Student Policy Network, September 2021.

“Inter-professional Collaborations in Civil Legal Aid Research.” Invited Speaker, Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, May 2021.

“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 Anti-Black Racism and State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. in the post-Trump Era.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021.

“How do Immigrants Respond to Anti-Black Racism and State Violence? The Case of Latinos in the U.S. in the post-Trump Era.” Latino Politics Conference, September 2020.

“Are Immigrants Safe in Sanctuary Cities? Evidence from Indianapolis.” 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.

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

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Freedom Summer Collegiate, Race and Policing 2021
Designed and taught an interdisciplinary course for underrepresented students in the Mississippi delta.

Teaching Assistant

The 2020 U.S. Presidential Election (Campbell and Layman, *adapted for online selected discussion sections*) 2020
Dictatorship, Democracy, and War (Trejo, *adapted for online co-instruction*) 2020
Elections and Social Protest (Trejo, *with guest lecture*) 2019
Introduction to World Politics (McAdams, *with discussion sections*) 2017
Introduction to American Politics (Layman, *with discussion sections*) 2016

Guest Lectures

Research and Thesis Design (Pratt-Rosato) 2020
Black Chicago Politics (Pinderhughes) 2019
Immigration Politics and Policy (Ramirez) 2019

Additional Training

Maxwell School Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University 2021
Inter-Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan 2021, 2018

Professional Service

Graduate Representative

American Politics Subfield 2020
External Review Committee 2019
Ralph Bunche Recruitment 2017

Graduate Mentoring

Alejandra Campos; McKenzie Bennett; Jessala Grijalva; Kevin Bustamante

Undergraduate Supervising and Advising

Natalie Reysa; Victoria Torrez; Paola Ortiz; Natalie Ortega; Diego Gerena; Xochitl Obispo

Referee

American Political Science Review, Political Behavior, Law & Society Review, DuBois Review, Social Forces

Software

R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, MaxQDA, Dedoose, Sharepoint, and Editorial Manager

Languages

English: *native*

Spanish: *advanced*

Academic References

Dianne M. Pinderhughes

Presidential Faculty Fellow and Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Professor of Political Science and Director of Africana Studies

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