

# ALEJANDRA LÓPEZ VILLEGAS

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative Politics: Democratic Backsliding, Gender and Politics, Political Institutions, Latin American Politics  
Research Methods: Time Series Cross Sectional Analysis, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Survey Experiments

## EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)**  
Ph.D. in Political Science 2020 - Present  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methods  
*Women's and Gender Studies Specialization*

**Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris - Sciences Po (Paris, France)**  
M.A. in International Development 2020  
Concentrations: Latin American Studies and Human Rights

**Intituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) (Mexico City, Mexico)**  
B.A. in International Relations 2019

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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**ICPSR Summer Program (Ann Arbor, MI)** 2021  
*Time Series Analysis I*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Alejandra López Villegas** and Erica Frantz. Forthcoming. "Democratic Backsliding". In Natasha Lindstaedt (Ed.). *Research Handbook on Authoritarianism*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

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"Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia" (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Michael Wahman, *Under review*)  
"Who Supports the Authoritarian Incumbent? Elite Cohesion and Democratic Backsliding"  
"Misogynists at Home: How Anti-Democratic Leaders Use Gender Strategically"

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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Midwest Political Science Association (paper, discussant)	Accepted 2023
International Studies Association (paper)	Accepted 2023
Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshop (paper)	2022
“Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia” (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Michael Wahman)	
Wayne State U. Migration, Ethnicity and Race Conference (discussant)	2022
Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science VIII (discussant)	2022

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

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<b>Michigan State University, Department of Political Science</b>	
Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow	2022-2023
Summer Training Grant	2021
Graduate Assistantship	2020 - Present
<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b>	
Academic Excellence Scholarship - Awarded to pursue undergraduate studies at ITAM	2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Michigan State University</b>	
<i>Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow</i>	2022-2023
Support for graduate level Quantitative Methods courses.	
Organization of a series of Quantitative Methods workshops using R language.	
<i>Instructor</i>	2022
Programming in R language for Political Scientists Summer Course (Co-instructor)	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Introduction to Political Science, Dr. Erica Frantz	2021, 2022
Politics of Developing Areas, Dr. Erica Frantz	2021
Latin American Politics, Dr. Mariana Medina	2022
Special Topics in Political Science (U.S. Immigration), Dr. Mariana Medina	2020
<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b>	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
History of International Relations I, M.A. Gisela Adriana Carmona Rodríguez	2018

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Ethos Public Policy Lab (Mexico City)</b>	2019
Final Report: "Pago por Resultados: de la promesa a la realidad", Ethos, November 2019	

## **LANGUAGES**

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Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (proficient)

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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R, Stata, HLM, LISREL,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Microsoft Office

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