

# Alma M. Velazquez

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## Education

### Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D. Political Science, expected 2027

Dissertation: Land and Resource Nationalism in the Politics of Foreign Direct Investment

Committee: David Carter (chair), Amy Pond, Guillermo Rosas, Ted Enamorado, Timm Betz

### University of Southern California

B.A. International Relations (Hons.), 2017

Minor Business Finance

### Sciences Po Paris

Education Abroad Program, January-June 2015

## Articles

### Working Papers

- Sowing Discontent: Unpacking Public Opposition to Land-Intensive FDI.
- Historical Border Changes and Contemporary Public Health Outcomes. (with David Carter and Matthew Gabel) *Under Review*

### Work in Progress

- Private Governance vs. Public Regulation: Navigating Unpopular FDI
- Between Borders and Land Deals: Exploring Threats to Territorial Identity in South America. (with David Carter)
- From the Fields to Foreign Markets: How Ethnic Minority Representation Transforms Trade Policy
- How Historical Border Instability Affects Patterns of Economic Innovation. (with David Carter)

## Grants & Awards

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| • Department Research Grant (\$5,000)                        | 2024 |
| • Department Travel Grant (\$500)                            | 2024 |
| • Weidenbaum Center Small Grant with David Carter (\$15,000) | 2023 |

## Conference Presentations

IPES (2024)  
MPSA (2024, 2025)  
SPSA (2025)

## Teaching

### Lecturer

<b>Introduction to Python (G)</b>	Summer 2024
Led graduate-level Python workshop, integrating lectures and labs on programming fundamentals and data analysis for Political Science.	

### Teaching Assistant

<b>International Political Economy (UG)</b>	Spring 2025
Amy Pond	
<b>Business and Politics (UG)</b>	Fall 2024
Timm Betz	
<b>Causal Inference (G)</b>	Spring 2024
Christopher Lucas	
<b>Quantitative Political Methodology II (G)</b>	Fall 2023
Jacob Montgomery	
<b>Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG)</b>	Spring 2023
Guillermo Rosas	
<b>Data Science for Politics (UG)</b>	Fall 2022
Jacob Montgomery	

## Skills & Additional Training

**Languages:** Spanish and English (Native), French (Fluent), Guarani and Portuguese (Novice)  
**Software Proficiency:** R, Python,  $\LaTeX$ , ArcGIS, SQL, Tableau  
**Workshop Participation:** Geospatial Summer Workshop (2024), Text as Data Summer Workshop (2023)

## Non-Academic Employment

**Cerner Corporation**, Kansas City, USA  
Data Analyst, 2018 - 2021

**Centro de Análisis y Difusión de la Economía Paraguaya (CADEP)**, Asunción, Paraguay

Research Intern, 2017 - 2018