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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Ph.D. in Political Science, Expected 2026
– Dissertation: *Impeachment by Popular Demand: Analyzing Citizens’ Decision-Making on Presidential Impeachment*
– Committee Members: Ernesto Calvo (Chair), Isabella Alcañiz, Calvert W. Jones, Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, and Giancarlo Visconti.
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
M.A. in Political Science, 2024
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL
M.A. in Brazilian Studies, 2021
Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, Brazil
B.A. in International Relations, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Published

Aruguete, N., **Batista, Flavia.**, Calvo, E., Guizzo-Altube, M., Scartascini, C., & Ventura, T. (2024). *Framing fact-checks as a “confirmation” increases engagement with corrections of misinformation: A four-country study*. *Scientific Reports*, 14(1), 3201.

Under Review

Batista, Flavia., F.T. Batista, Carolina., Calvo, Ernesto (2025). **R&R.** *Affective Polarization and Support for Democratic Institutions: Evidence from Survey Experiment in Brazil, Chile, and Colombia*. Manuscript conditionally approved at Latin American Politics and Society (LAPS).

Batista, Flavia., Cunningham, Kathleen., Gelvez, Juan. (2025). *Who should guide climate policy? Public opinion evidence from Latin America to Global Environmental Politics*. Manuscript submitted for publication at Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública (RLOP).

Book Chapters

Batista, Flavia., Tuncel, Ozlem. (2025). *The Politics of Impeachment in the United States: Exploring Attitudes Toward Presidential Impeachment Among Citizens and Politicians*. Forthcoming in *The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research*.

Batista, Flavia. (2017). *Potencialidades de las industrias culturales para el desarrollo económico y ascensión social en Suramérica*. In: Cintral et al. (Org.), *Relacionais e Interdependentes*. Brasília: Art e Letras.

Work in Progress

Batista, Flavia. (2025). *Eroding Democracy from Below: Instrumental Impeachment in Brazil and Colombia*. Dissertation chapter. Manuscript being prepared for publication.

Batista, Flavia. (2025). *It’s All About the Audience (and a Bit About the Framing)*:

Citizens' Impeachment Calculus in Brazil and Colombia. Dissertation chapter.

Batista, Flavia. (2025). *Voices Behind the Data: Weighing the Trade-Offs Between Audio and Typed Open-Ended Responses in Surveys*. Manuscript being prepared for publication.

GRANTS &
FELLOWSHIPS

2026. Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$15,000)
2025. American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant (\$200)
2025. Emerging Methodologists Workshop Travel Grant (\$400)
2025. Humane Studies Fellowship, George Mason University (\$5,000)
2025. Dean's Research Initiative Grant, University of Maryland (\$3,500)
2025. LACS Summer Travel Scholarship (\$250)
2024. Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award (\$1,000)
2024–2025. Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center (\$7,000)
2024. Graduate School Summer Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000)
2024. GVPT Methods Field Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$250)
2024. LACS Pop-Up Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$1,000)
2024. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Travel Award (\$500)
2023. GVPT Methods Field Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$500)
2023. LACS Pop-Up Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$1,000)
2023. Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) Comparative Politics Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$550)
2022. Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Travel Grant (\$500)
2022. Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Pop-Up Summer Grant, University of Maryland (\$1,000)
2015–2021. Dean's Summer Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$20,000)
2020–2021. Lemann Graduate Fellowship for Brazilian Studies, UIUC (\$20,000)
2020. Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Travel Grant, UIUC (\$2,000)
2020. Summer Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign (UIUC) (\$2,000)
2015–2017. Scientific Initiation Program Scholarship, University of Brasília

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

University of Maryland, College Park

– Course: International Political Relations (Fall 2024, Winter 2025 & Summer 2025)

Teaching Assistant

University of Maryland, College Park

– Courses: The Study of Comparative Politics (Fall 2025); Scope and Methods for Political Science (Spring 2025).

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

– Courses: Intensive Beginning Portuguese (Fall 2019) & Intensive Intermediate Portuguese (Spring 2020)

University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil

– Courses: Brazilian International Relations (2018), Introduction to Psychology (2017) Introduction to Law (2016) & International Relations Theory (2015).

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park

Research Assistant, **Interdisciplinary Lab of Computational Social Sciences (iLCSS-UMD)** (2021–2024)

– Advised by Prof. Ernesto Calvo. Designed and implemented survey experiments,

and conducted research on political behavior and democratic erosion.

Research Assistant, **Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL)** (Summer 2023)

– Advised by Prof. Joel Chan. Conducted an open literature review on social media and political (dys)function.

Research Assistant for Prof. Kathleen Cunningham (Summer 2022)

– Helped code data on Non-State Actor Governance for a larger cross-national project.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research Assistant for Prof. Gisela Sin (Summer 2021)

– Coded data on regime changes in Latin America.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2024, 2025

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2024, 2025

Emerging Methodologists Workshop (EMW): 2025

Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research: 2023

Sciences Po Summer School on “Electoral Democracy in Danger?”: 2023

University of Maryland Graduate Students Conference: 2022

METHODS
TRAINING

The Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (June 2022)

Natural and Randomized Experiments, Multi-Method Research, Causal Inference, Social Media as Social Science Data

Big Data for Development and Governance Conference, University of Pennsylvania (October 2022)

BERT models for text classification, Social media data, Digital Experiments

Video Research Institute, Purdue University (June 23–June 28, 2024)

Natural Language Processing, Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT), Audio Analysis, Wav2Vec and Multimodal Classification, Image/Video Analysis, Convolutional Neural Networks

LAPOP Summer School on Survey Methods, Vanderbilt University (June 2025)

Advanced Survey Design, Survey Experiments, Survey Techniques in Latin America

SKILLS

Software: R, LaTeX, Python

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

SERVICE

2024. Reviewer for Comparative Political Studies (CPS)

2023. Coordinator of the Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research (SWMMR)

2022-2023. Co-chair of the GVPT Graduate Students Association

2021. Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS-UMD)

2020-2021. Member of the Students Advising on Graduate Education (SAGE-UIUC)

2019. President of the Luso-Brazilian Students Association at UIUC

REFERENCES

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Isabella Alcañiz, Professor, **University of Maryland**, ialcaniz@umd.edu

Calvert W. Jones, Associate Professor, **University of Maryland**, cwjones@umd.edu

Anibal Perez-Liñan, Professor, **University of Notre Dame**, aperezl1@nd.edu

Giancarlo Visconti, Assistant Professor, **University of Maryland**, gvis@umd.edu