

# Gustavo Diaz

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## Positions

### McMaster University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2022-2024

### Tulane University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research 2021-2022

## Education

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

PhD in Political Science 2021

*Committee:* Jake Bowers (chair), Avital Livny, Gisela Sin, Matthew S. Winters

MA in Political Science 2017

### Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

BA in Political Science 2014

## Publications

Forthcoming. “Assessing the Validity of Prevalence Estimates in Double List Experiments.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*

Forthcoming. “Data Sources for the Study of Gender and Corruption.” In *Handbook on Gender and Corruption in Democracies*, edited by Emily Beaulieu Bacchus and Tiffany Barnes. Edward Elgar Publishing (with [Kelly Senters Piazza](#))

2022. “Women Held Back: The Depressing Effect of Institutional and Norms-Based Barriers on Female Representation in Corrupt Contexts.” In *Norms, Gender and Corruption: Understanding the Nexus*, edited by Ina Kubbe and Ortrun Merkle. Edward Elgar Publishing (with [Kelly Senters Piazza](#))

2020. “Light in the Midst of Chaos: COVID-19 and Female Political Representation.” *World Development* 136: 105125 (with [Kelly Senters Piazza](#))

2020. “Survey Experiments and the Quest for Valid Interpretation.” In *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*, edited by Luigi Curini and Robert Franzese. London: Sage (with [Christopher Grady](#) and [James H. Kuklinski](#))

2014. "Civic Education and Voter Turnout Under Voluntary Voting." *Política* 52(1): 61-91  
(In Spanish)

## Under review

"Balancing Precision and Retention in Experimental Design" (with Erin Rossiter)

*Listed under review at American Political Science Review since May 2023*

"Ignoring Female Performance: A Survey Experiment on Policy Implementation in Argentina." (with Virginia Oliveros, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, and Matthew S. Winters)

*Listed under review at British Journal of Political Science since May 2023*

## Working Papers

"Revealing Nearby Corruption Drives Party Switching: Evidence from Local Level Audits in Brazil"

"Mayors Alter Spending to Counter the Electoral Consequences of Increased Monitoring: Evidence from Anti-Corruption Audits in Brazil"

"A Model Selection Approach to Geographic Spillovers."

*Best poster award. 2019 Latin American Political Methodology Meeting*

## Teaching

McMASTER UNIVERSITY

Research Design for Public Opinion and Public Policy. Spring 2024, 2023

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Politics of Developing Democracies. Spring 2022

Comparative Politics. Fall 2021

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## Instructor

Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Online). Summer 2019

Mathcamp for Political Scientists. Fall 2017-2019

## Teaching Assistant

Research Design and Techniques (Graduate). Jake Bowers and James H. Kuklinski. Spring 2021

Quantitative Methods II (Graduate). Jake Bowers. Spring 2021  
Quantitative Methods I (Graduate). Brian Gaines. Fall 2020  
Quantitative Methods III (Graduate). Wendy K. Tam Cho Fall 2020  
Introduction to Quantitative Political Research. Jake Bowers. Fall 2017  
Comparative Politics in Developing Nations. Avital Livny. Fall 2016

## **Awards & Honors**

2019-2020. Werner Baer Dissertation Writing Fellowship. Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois  
2019. Best Poster Award. Latin American Political Methodology Meeting. Montevideo, Uruguay  
2016. Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence. Department of Political Science, University of Illinois

## **Conferences & Talks**

American Political Science Association: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019  
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2023, 2022, 2021  
MapleMeth: 2023  
Journal of Public Policy Political Economy of Development Virtual Workshop: 2022  
McMaster University, Spark Centre for Social Research Innovation: 2022  
Midwest Political Science Association: 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017  
Southern Political Science Association: 2022  
Latin American Political Methodology Meeting: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019  
Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science: 2021  
King's College London, Quantitative Political Economy Research Group: 2021  
Washington University in St. Louis: 2021  
NYU-CESS Annual Experimental Political Science Conference: 2021, 2020  
University of Notre Dame: 2020  
University of Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium: 2019  
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models: 2019  
St. Louis Area Methods Meeting: 2019

## **Additional Training**

2023. Grant writing workshop for junior faculty. McMaster University

2019. Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute. Emory University

2014. Summer School on Mixed Methods. Department of Political Science, PUC

## **Skills**

**Languages:** Spanish, French, Portuguese

**Software:** R, STATA, QGIS, GeoDa, GitHub, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown