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Positions

Northwestern University

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Political Science

2024 -

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 Urbana-Champaign

PhD in Political Science

2021

MA in Political Science

2017

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

BA in Political Science

2014

Publications

8. **Diaz, Gustavo** and Erin Rossiter. 2025. “Balancing Precision and Retention in Experimental Design.” *Political Analysis*
7. **Diaz, Gustavo**, Virginia Oliveros, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, and Matthew S. Winters. 2025. “Ignoring Female Performance: A Survey Experiment on Policy Implementation in Argentina.” *British Journal of Political Science* 55: e54
6. **Diaz, Gustavo**. 2024. “Assessing the Validity of Prevalence Estimates in Double List Experiments.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 11(2): 162-174
5. Piazza, Kelly Senters and **Gustavo Diaz**. 2024. “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
4. **Diaz, Gustavo** and 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
3. Piazza, Kelly Senters and **Gustavo Diaz**. 2020. “Light in the Midst of Chaos: COVID-19 and Female Political Representation.” *World Development* 136: 105125 (with Kelly Senters Piazza)
2. **Diaz, Gustavo**, Christopher Grady, and James H. Kuklinski. 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
1. **Diaz, Gustavo**. 2014. “Civic Education and Voter Turnout Under Voluntary Voting.” *Política* 52(1): 61-91 (In Spanish)

Under Review

“Two-Sided Sensitivity Bias in List Experiments: Support for Same-Sex Marriage in Argentina” (with Jordi Díez and Michelle Dion)

Revise and resubmit at the Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology

Selected Working Papers

["Combining List Experiments and the Network Scale-Up Method to Improve Prevalence Estimates of Sensitive Attitudes and Behaviors."](#) (with Ines Fynn, Verónica Pérez Bentancur, and Lucía Tiscornia)

["In the Crevices of the State: Criminal Governance in Unexpected Contexts."](#) (with Ines Fynn, Verónica Pérez Bentancur, and Lucía Tiscornia)

European Research Council Starting Grant awarded in July 2025

Teaching

Northwestern University

Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science	Spring & Winter 2026, 2025
Machine Learning (Graduate)	Winter 2026
Probability and Statistics (Graduate)	Fall 2025, 2024
Math Camp (Graduate)	Summer 2025
Statistical Computing Workshop	AY 2025-26, 2024-25
Evidence-Informed Decision-Making	Spring 2025

McMaster University

Research Design for Public Opinion and Public Policy	Spring 2023-24
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Tulane University

Politics of Developing Democracies	Spring 2022
Comparative Politics	Fall 2021

Grants and Awards

2026. European Research Council Starting Grant (co-investigator, ~\$1.5 million USD)

2025-2026. Farrell Fellowship Program. Northwestern University

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

Selected Talks

2025. ["Recovering Informative Estimates in Failed Placebo-Controlled List Experiments."](#) Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research

2025. ["Balancing Precision and Retention in Experimental Design."](#) Texas Methods Meeting

2024. ["Combining List Experiments and the Network Scale-Up Method."](#) Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology

2024. ["The Merits of Externally Invalid Survey Experiments."](#) MapleMeth

2024. ["How the Presence of Others Can Bias Survey Responses."](#) Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Additional Training and Skills

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

2014. Summer School on Mixed Methods. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Languages: Spanish, French, Portuguese **Software:** R, STATA, GIS, GitHub, LaTeX, Markdown, Typst, Quarto