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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)

Selected Working Papers

Two-Sided Sensitivity Bias in List Experiments: Support for Same-Sex Marriage in Argentina"" (with Jordi Díez and Michelle Dion) *Revise and resubmit*

"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)

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

Tulane University

Politics of Developing Democracies	Spring 2022
Comparative Politics	Fall 2021

Awards

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

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

2025: Texas Methods Meeting. University of Houston
Computation and Data Exchange. Northwestern University
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL

2024: International Society of Political Psychology. Santiago, Chile
MapleMeth. Western University, Canada
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL

2023: MapleMeth. Western University, Canada
American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. Stanford University

2022: Spark Centre for Social Research Innovation. McMaster University, Canada
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL
American Political Science Association. Montréal, QC, Canada
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. Washington University in St. Louis
Political Economy of Development Virtual Workshop. Journal of Public Policy
Souther Political Science Association. San Antonio, TX
Latin American Political Methodology Meeting. Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

2021: Methods Reading Group. American University
Graduate Student Exchange, Washington University in St. Louis
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL
American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. New York University

Latin American Political Methodology Meeting. ITAM, Mexico
Quantitative Political Economy Research Group. King's College London
Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science. Purdue University
NYU-CESS Annual Experimental Political Science Conference. New York University

2020: Graduate Student Exchange. University of Notre Dame
Latin American Political Methodology Meeting. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
NYU-CESS Annual Experimental Political Science Conference. New York University

2019: American Political Science Association. Washington, DC
Latin American Political Methodology Meeting. Universidad Católica del Uruguay
Political Methodology Colloquium. University of Minnesota
St. Louis Area Methods Meeting. Southern Illinois University

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. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Skills

Languages: Spanish, French, Portuguese

Software: R, STATA, GIS, GitHub, LaTeX, Markdown, Typst, Quarto