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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Department of Government

Expected 2026

A.M., Department of Government

2022

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration,
Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy
Graduate Affiliate, Center for American Political Studies
Graduate Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

University of Pennsylvania

2018

B.A., International Relations and German

Cum Laude, with Distinction in German

Freie Universität Berlin

2017

Berlin Consortium for German Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Hernandez, Kiara A., Taeku Lee, and Marcel Roman. 2025. “White Power! How White Status Threat Undercuts Backlash Against Anti-democratic Politicians.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Local Fracture, Large-Scale Cooperation: Why Diverse Groups Disagree Yet Collective Action Succeeds”

“Perceptions of Firm-level Ethnoracial Diversity and Support for Unionization”

“Do All Partisans Sort? Evidence from the American Service Sector Workforce” (with Daniel Schneider)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Beyond Union Elections: Toward a New Understanding of Worker Solidarity”

“Drawing Blanks: Redistricting and Turnout Effects” (with Jeremiah Cha and Angelo Dagonel)

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Research Grants

Russell Sage Foundation—Dissertation Research Grant (\$15,000)

2025

CAPS Seed Grant, Harvard University (\$1,000)

2025

Stone Research Grant, HKS (\$7,892)

2024

CAPS Seed Grant (with Jeremiah Cha and Angelo Dagonel), Harvard University (\$1,000)

2022

Fellowships

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School

2021–2026

Graduate Prize Fellowship, GSAS, Harvard University

2020–2022

APSA Minority Fellowship

2020–2021

Honors & Awards

Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, MPSA Status Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities	2024
APSA DFP Travel Grant	2023
Special Recognition by Harvard Undergraduate Association	2023
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	2023
Sigma Iota Rho	2018

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
MPSA Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
Consortium on the American Political Economy Fourth Annual Conference	2024
The Shift Project Research Meeting, Harvard Kennedy School	2024
UCLA Race & January 6th Paper Symposium	2024

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Harvard College , Department of Government	
GOV 97 Sophomore Tutorial (Head Instructor)	Spring 2025
<u>Course title:</u> Intergroup Cleavages and the Politics of Inequality	
GOV 1372 Political Psychology (TF)	Fall 2023
GenEd 1052 Race in a Polarized America (TF)	Spring 2023
GOV 1347 Election Analytics (TF)	Fall 2022
Harvard Extension School , Division of Continuing Education	
GOVT E-1555 Race in a Polarized America (TF)	Spring 2023
Harvard College , Department of Government	
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor	
Jennifer Hughes, Government	2023 - 2024
Saba Mehrzad, Government and Computer Science	2024 - 2025
Faith Park, Government	2025 - 2026

SERVICE

Harvard University, Department of Government	
Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior	
Graduate Student Coordinator	2022 - 2024
Co-convener of the New England Area Political Psychology Meeting (NEAPP)	2023, 2024
Graduate Student Association	
Peer Mentor	2023 - present
Co-President	2022 - 2023
Co-Chair, Diversity Committee	2021 - 2022

SKILLS

Technical: R, Python, LaTeX, HTML, Qualtrics
Languages: Spanish (Native), German (Full Professional), French (Elementary)

Last updated August 2025