Matthew Martin

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Ph.D., Government (2025)

- **Subfields:** Public Law, Comparative Politics
- **Committee:** Zachary Elkins (chair), Daniel Brinks, Wendy Hunter, Ran Hirschl (external)
- **Dissertation:** The People's Voice, The Drafters' Choice: The Politics of Public Consultation in Constitution-Making

University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA

B.A., Political Science - B.A., Legal Studies (2018)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher (August 2025–)

Comparative Constitutions Project

- Joint postdoc funded by University of Texas at Austin and University of Chicago Law School.
- Conduct research on constitutional design, public participation in constitution-making, and comparative constitutional development, and develop natural language processing tools.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Constitutional design; public participation in constitution-making; Latin American politics; immigration politics; quantitative methods; text analysis; elite interviews; mixed methods

PUBLICATIONS

Martin, Matthew. "Deportation by Design: How Political Entrepreneurs Engineered Crime-Based Deportation in the United States." *Polity*, forthcoming.

Martin, Matthew. 2025. "Elite Fractures, Public Capture: The Strategic Use of Public Consultation in Global Constitution-Making." *Journal of Law and Courts*, 1-34, doi: `10.1017/jlc.2024.9`

  ∗ Presented at American Political Science Association (2024), Law and Society Association (2024), and Northern Political Science Association (2023).

Cruz, Andrés, Zachary Elkins, Roy Gardner, Matthew Martin, and Ashley Moran. 2023. "Measuring Constitutional Preferences: A New Method for Analyzing Public Consultation Data." *PLOS ONE* 18 (12), doi: `10.1371/journal.pone.0295396`

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Martin, Matthew. "From Data to Demos: Public Consultation and the Logic of Will-Confirmation in Constitution-Making." Under review.

Martin, Matthew. "Constitutional Cherry-Picking: How Drafters Leverage Public Input in Constitution-Making." Under review.

  ∗ Presented at American Political Science Association (2025) and Law and Society Association (2025).

Gardner, Roy, Matthew Martin, Andrés Cruz, Zachary Elkins, and Ashley Moran. "Expanding Your Vocabulary: A Framework for Topic Integration in Texts." Under review.

  ∗ Presented at Latin American Political Methodology Meeting (2024).

OTHER WORKS

Elkins, Zachary, Matthew Martin, Ashley Moran, Guillermo Pérez. 2023. "12 Core Attributes of the Chilean Constitutional Proposal." ⬀ Constitute Project.

Martin, Matthew and Guillermo Pérez. "Chile 2023 - Draft of 30 Oct 2023." ⬀ Translation of Chilean constitutional proposal. Constitute Project.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Internship Supervisor (Fall 2025)
Emory University
- Co-supervise five undergraduates through POLS 399R Directed Research in Political Science.

Instructor (Spring 2024)
University of Texas at Austin
- Instructed upper-level undergraduate course GOV 357L Judicial Behavior and Process.

Research Internship Supervisor (Spring 2023–Fall 2024)
University of Texas at Austin
- Supervised eight students over four semesters through GOV 362L Undergraduate Research Internship.

Methods Camp Instructor (Summer 2022, 2023)
University of Texas at Austin
- Co-organized an introduction to methods for political science with Andrés Cruz (website ⓞ here) for incoming graduate students in the Department of Government.

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2020–Fall 2023)
University of Texas at Austin
- UGS 303: Drugs, Commerce, and Immigration in U.S.-Mexico Relations (Fall 2023, Spring 2022)
- GOV 391L (graduate-level): Statistical Analysis in Political Science II (Spring 2023)
- GOV 391J (graduate-level): Statistical Analysis in Political Science I (Fall 2022)
- GOV 320N: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (Fall 2021)
- GOV S365W: Human Rights and World Politics (Summer 2021)
- GOV 312L: The U.S. in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2021)
- GOV 328L: Introduction to Latin American Politics (Fall 2020)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Fall 2024–Fall 2025)
American Political Science Association
- Awarded grant to conduct dissertation fieldwork in Chile and Cuba.

Departmental Fellowship (Fall 2024–Summer 2025)
UT Austin Department of Government
- Awarded fellowship for full academic year to complete dissertation research.

Summer Writing Fellowship (Summer 2024)
UT Austin Graduate School
- Awarded fellowship to advance dissertation research.

Tinker Field Research Grant (Summer 2023)
Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies
- Awarded grant to conduct pre-dissertation field research for two weeks in Havana, Cuba.

ICPSR Summer Program Sponsorship (Summer 2022)
UT Austin Department of Government
- Awarded sponsorship to participate in ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods.

TRAINING

Democratic Institutional Development Program (Summer 2023)

UT Austin Department of Government, International IDEA
- Interned at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Panama City and Santiago de Chile, supporting democracy assistance projects.

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (Summer 2022)

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
- Participated in courses on categorical data analysis and text analysis in political science.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Department

Methods Fellow (Fall 2023–Spring 2024)

UT Austin Department of Government
- Assisted graduate students in the Department of Government with methods-related questions, organized methods workshops, and coordinated weekly co-working hours.

Visit Day Graduate Student Committee (Spring 2021, 2022)

UT Austin Department of Government
- Organized welcome events, student panels, poster sessions, and campus tours for students accepted to our department's Ph.D. program.

Discipline

Senior Research Analyst (Fall 2023–Summer 2025)

Comparative Constitutions Project
- Contribute to CCP projects on the constituent process in Chile and the development of natural language processing tools for the analysis of constitutional texts.

Model Constitutional Convention (May 2024)

Arizona State University
- Served as a mentor at the first national student-led Model Constitutional Convention in the United States, helping students propose, debate, and adopt amendments to the Constitution in a three-day simulation.

Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law (March 2024, 2025)

University of Texas at Austin
- Organized and moderated the conference, which was attended by 30 graduate students and junior scholars who participated in nine panels.

Graduate Student Conference in Public Law (Oct. 2022)

University of Texas at Austin
- Organized and moderated the conference, which was attended by 16 graduate students who participated in four panels.

Community

Organizer and Legal Administrator (2021–)

Trans Asylum Seeker Support Network
- Track court dates and conduct lawyer searches for our mutual aid collective of transgender and queer asylum seekers.
- Organize fundraisers, fill out forms, translate documents from Spanish to English, etc.

SKILLS

- **Languages:** English (native), Spanish (fluent)
- **Programs/technologies:** Excel, Git, LaTeX, Markdown, Quarto, Python, R