

# MATTHEW MARTIN

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Texas at Austin

*Ph.D., Government - CGPA: 4.0*

**Aug. 2020 – Present**

*Austin, TX*

### Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

*Summer Program in Quantitative Methods*

**July 2022**

*Ann Arbor, MI*

### University of Massachusetts at Amherst

*B.A., Political Science - B.A., Legal Studies - CGPA: 4.0*

**Sept. 2014 – May 2018**

*Amherst, MA*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Fields: Public Law, Comparative Politics
- Areas of interest: Public participation in constitution-making, authoritarian constitutions, Latin American politics, immigration law and politics
- Methods of interest: Natural language processing, qualitative interviews, archival research

## CURRENT PROJECTS

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### Performing Popular Sovereignty

*Public Consultations in National Constitution-Making*

**Sept. 2022 – Present**

- My current dissertation project.

### Criminality, Deportation, and Political Entrepreneurs

*The Emergence of Crime-Based Deportation in the 1980s United States*

**Feb. 2022 – Present**

- “Revise and resubmit” at *Social Science History*.

### What Kind of Constitution Do Chileans Want?

*Chilean Consultation Input in Comparative Perspective*

**Oct. 2021 – Present**

- Co-authored working paper under review.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Senior Research Analyst

*Comparative Constitutions Project*

**Sept. 2023 – Present**

*Austin, TX*

- Contribute to the Project’s research agenda, focusing on the ongoing constituent process in Chile.

### Graduate Research Assistant

*Professor Raúl Madrid*

**June 2021 – Jan. 2023**

*UT Austin*

- Assembled a data set of all presidential elections in Nicaragua from 1838 through 1930.
- Constructed national data sets of all Latin American revolts from 1830 through 2020.

### Graduate Research Assistant

*Professor Zachary Elkins*

**June 2021 – Dec. 2021**

*UT Austin*

- Led a team of undergraduates responsible for researching the thematic content of national constitutions as well as enriching the ontology of the Constitute Project.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

August 2020 – Present

*University of Texas at Austin*

*Austin, TX*

- GOV 391L Statistical Analysis in Political Science II - Dr. Alison Craig
- GOV 391J Statistical Analysis in Political Science I - Dr. Connor Jerzak
- UGS 303 Drugs, Commerce, and Immigration in US-Mexico Relations - Dr. Ken Greene
- GOV 320N Civil Rights And Civil Liberties - Dr. Alan Sager
- GOV S365W Human Rights and World Politics - Dr. Rhonda Evans
- GOV 312L The U.S. in Comparative Perspective - Dr. Kurt Weyland
- GOV 328L Introduction to Latin American Politics - Dr. Raúl Madrid

### Legal Assistant

July 2018 – May 2020

*Bromberg, Kohler Maya & Petre, PLLC*

*Washington, D.C.*

- Assisted attorneys with immigration cases related to asylum, naturalization, permanent residence, relief from removal, victims of violence, employment-based visas, etc.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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### Trans Asylum Support Seeker Network

May 2021 – Present

*Organizer and Legal Administrator of Asylum Coordination Committee*

*Austin, TX*

- Keep record of legal needs, court dates, and ICE check-ins as well as conduct lawyer searches for our community of transgender and non-binary asylum seekers.
- Organize fundraisers, fill out forms, translate documents from Spanish to English, etc.

### General Volunteer

Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2021

*Casa Marianella*

*Austin, TX*

- Delivered food to former residents of Casa Marianella's shelter for displaced immigrants.

## LANGUAGES

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- English (native)
- Spanish (fluent)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Programs/technologies:** Excel, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, Python, R

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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### Tinker Field Research Grant

Summer 2023

*Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies*

*Austin, TX*

- Received grant to conduct pre-dissertation field research for two weeks in Havana, Cuba.

### Democratic Institutional Development Program

Summer 2023

*UT Austin Department of Government, International IDEA*

*Panama, Chile*

- Interned at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Panama City and Santiago de Chile, supporting democracy assistance projects and organizing public consultations on constitutional reform.

## EVENTS

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### 2022 Graduate Student Conference in Public Law

Oct. 2022

*UT Austin Department of Government*

*Austin, TX*

- Organized and moderated the conference, which was attended by 16 graduate students who participated in panels on human rights/international law, judicial politics, comparative constitutionalism, and constitutional theory.