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Current and Former Positions

Harvard Government Department, Assistant Professor, 2024-

Harvard Government Department, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023-2024

University of Texas-Austin Government Department, Provost's Early Career Fellow, 2021-2023

Education

University of California-Los Angeles, PhD Political Science, 2021

University of California-Los Angeles, M.A. Political Science, 2020

University of Kentucky, B.A. Political Science and International Studies, 2016

Research Interests

American politics, race and ethnic politics, political behavior, immigration, policing, Latinx politics

Research Articles

Reny, Tyler, **Marcel Roman (Joint First Author with Tyler Reny)**, Benjamin Newman, David Sears. 2025 "[Late-adolescents Entering College Intending a Career As Police Officers Hold More Right-leaning Views Than Their Peers](#)" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*

Roman, Marcel (First Author), Benjamin Newman. 2025. "[Self-Interest and Voter Support for Defund the Police](#)" *Electoral Studies*

Hernandez, Kiara, Taeku Lee, **Marcel Roman**. 2025. "[White Power! How White Status Threat Undercuts Backlash Against Anti-democratic Politicians](#)" *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

Verrilli, Allison, **Marcel Roman**, Hannah Walker, Derek Epp, Amy Liu, and Mike Findley. 2025. "[Policing Socio-Demographic Boundaries and Inequality](#)" *Perspectives on Politics*

Casella, Chris, Derek Epp, Klara Frederiksson, **Marcel Roman** and Hannah Walker. 2025. "[The George Floyd Effect: How Protests and Public Scrutiny Change Police Behavior](#)" *Perspectives on Politics*

Marcel Roman and Jack Thompson. 2025 "[Fickle Prosociality: How Exposure to Violence Against LGBTQ+ People Motivates Mass Prosocial Responses Toward LGBTQ+ Group Members](#)" *American Political Science Review*

Dias, Megan, Derek Epp, **Marcel Roman**, Hannah Walker. 2024 "[Consent Searches: Evaluating the Usefulness of a Common and Highly Discretionary Police Practice](#)" *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*

Robertson, Crystal, **Marcel Roman**. 2024 "[The Wages of *Latinidad*: How Immigration Enforcement Mitigates Anti-Black Assimilation](#)" *Political Behavior*

Roman, Marcel. 2023 "[Living in the Shadow of Deportation: How Immigration Enforcement Forestalls Political Assimilation](#)" *Political Research Quarterly*

Winner of MPSA Best Paper in Latino/a Politics Award (2021)

Winner of WPSA Best Paper in Latino/a Politics Award (2021)

Roman, Marcel (first author), Hannah Walker, and Matt Barreto. 2022 "How Social Ties with Undocumented Immigrants Motivate Latinx Political Participation" *Political Research Quarterly*

Barreto, Matt, **Marcel Roman**, and Hannah Walker. 2020 "The Ripple Effect: The Political Consequences of Proximal Contact with Immigration Enforcement." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

Winner of WPSA Best Paper in Latino/a Politics Award (2019)

Barreto, Matt, **Marcel Roman**, and Hannah Walker. 2020 "The Direct and Indirect Effects of Immigration Enforcement on Latino Political Engagement." *UCLA Law Review*

Working Papers

Roman, Marcel. In the Shadow of Deportation: How Immigration Enforcement Shapes The Politics of Latinx Communities (**Book Project**)

Reny, Tyler and **Marcel Roman**. Making Americans: The Racial Politics of Reproduction. (**Book Project**)

Avina, Marco, Taeku Lee, Mashail Malik, Reed Rasband, **Marcel Roman**, Priyanka Sethy, "Which Immigrants do Citizens Prefer? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 100 Conjoint Experiments" *Minor R&R, Science Advances*

Gutierrez, Angie, **Marcel Roman**. "Deporter-in-Chief or Champion-in-Chief? How the Threat of Immigration Enforcement Shapes Latinx Presidential Politician Evaluations"

D'Urso, Amanda, **Marcel Roman**. "The X Factor: How Group Labels Shape Politics"

Newman, Benjamin, Tyler Reny, and **Marcel Roman** "The Immigration-to-Reproduction Shift: Latino Population Growth and White Support for Legal Abortion"

Kustov, Alexander and **Marcel Roman**. No Backlash to Value-Aligned Policies: Reassessing Public Responses to High-Profile Immigration Reforms

Crabtree, Kiela, and **Marcel Roman**. "Racialized Mass Shootings and Attitudes Toward Targeted Groups"

Avina, Marco, and **Marcel Roman**. "The Partisan-Ideological Sorting of New American Citizens"

Carlos, Roberto, Mashail Malik, and **Marcel Roman**. "The Role of Migration Motive in Immigrant Political Incorporation"

Agadjanian, Alexander, Alejandro Flores, and **Marcel Roman**. "Latinos in the House? Demographic Change, Ethnic Attrition, and Latino Political Behavior"

Works in Progress

Roman, Marcel and Ariel White. "Community Responses to Immigration Enforcement Using Video Data"

Roman, Marcel, Michael Strawbridge, and Stephanie Ternullo. "The Geographic Roots of Black Partisanship"

Craig, Mary, Janae Jackson, Hunter Rendleman and **Roman, Marcel**. “Merging the Wheat with the Chaff: A General Theory of In-Group Solidarity”

Oaxaca, Ana, **Marcel Roman**, and Rodolfo Solis. “How Social Ties with Undocumented Immigrants Inform Latinx Identity Formation”

Invited Talks

2026, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (Borders and Belonging Conference)

2026, MIT (American Politics Workshop)

2026, Columbia University (American Politics Workshop)

2025, New York University (American Politics Workshop)

2025, Princeton (Center for the Study of Democratic Politics)

2025, UC-Berkeley (Identity and Politics Workshop; American Politics Workshop; Law and Economics Workshop)

2025, UC-Riverside (Public Policy Speaker Series)

Conference Presentations

MPSA 2025, “Merging the Wheat with the Chaff: A General Theory of In-Group Solidarity” (with Mary Craig, Janae Jackson, and Hunter Rendleman)

Latino Identity and Opinion Symposium 2024, “Latinos in the House? Demographic Change, Ethnic Attrition, and Latino Political Behavior” (with Alex Agadjanian and Alex Flores)

SPSA 2024, “Racialized Mass Shootings and Attitudes Toward Targeted Groups” (with Kiela Crabtree)

MPSA 2023, “Racialized Mass Shootings and Attitudes Toward Targeted Groups” (with Kiela Crabtree)

APSA 2022, “Policing Socio-Demographic Boundaries and Inequality” (with Allison Verrilli, Hannah Walker, Derek Epp, Amy Liu, and Mike Findley), “The Wages of *Latinidad*: How Immigration Enforcement Mitigates Anti-Black Assimilation” (with Crystal Robertson)

WPSA 2022, “How Immigration Enforcement Shapes Latinx Candidate Preferences” (with Angie Gutierrez), “The Wages of *Latinidad*: How Immigration Enforcement Mitigates Anti-Black Assimilation” (with Crystal Robertson)

WPSA 2021, “Living in the Shadow of Deportation: How Deportation Threat Forestalls Attitudinal Assimilation,” “Less Policing, Less Problems: The Impact of Strategic Depolicing” (with Donald Grasse)

SPSA 2021, “Living in the Shadow of Deportation: How Deportation Threat Forestalls Attitudinal Assimilation,” “Less Policing, Less Problems: The Impact of Strategic Depolicing” (with Donald Grasse)

PRIEC (ASU) 2021, “Living in the Shadow of Deportation: How Deportation Threat Forestalls Attitudinal Assimilation”

APSA 2020, “Deputize and Deport: The Effect of Immigration Enforcement on Policing”

SPSA 2020, PRIEC (UNM) October 2019, “The Political Consequences of Knowing Someone Undocumented” (with Ana Oaxaca and Rodolfo Solis)

APSA 2019, “A Mess in Texas: The Deleterious Consequences of Immigration Enforcement on Public Trust in Law Enforcement.” (with Loren Collingwood and Allan Colburn)

MPSA 2019, WPSA 2019, “The Ripple Effect: The Political Consequences of Proximal Contact with Immigration Enforcement” (with Matt Barreto and Hannah Walker), “A Mess in Texas: The Deleterious Consequences of Immigration Enforcement on Public Trust in Law Enforcement.” (with Loren Collingwood and Allan Colburn)

SPSA 2019, “The Ripple Effect: The Political Consequences of Proximal Contact with Immigration Enforcement” (with Matt Barreto and Hannah Walker)

PRIEC (University of Houston) December 2018, “A Mess in Texas: The Deleterious Consequences of Immigration Enforcement on Public Trust in Law Enforcement.” (with Loren Collingwood and Allan Colburn)

APSA 2018, “Officer-Involved Shootings and Public Trust in the Police: Evidence from 3 Cities.”

PRIEC (UCSD) September 2018, “The Economic Origins of Political Inequality: Evidence from St. Louis.” (with Tye Rush)

Grants and Funding

Russell Sage Trustee Grant in Social, Political, and Economic Inequality (with Derek Epp, Mike Findley, Amy Liu, and Hannah Walker) \$187,136, 2023-2026

UCLA Hoffenberg Fellowship \$1200, 2020

Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy Working Group Grant, \$1000, 2019

UCLA Political Psychology Research Fellowship, \$1000, 2019

Graduate Research Mentorship Grant, \$20,000, 2018

APSA Minority Fellowship, \$1000, 2018

Graduate Student Research Mentorship Grant, \$6000, 2017; 2018

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, \$25,000, 2016

Undergraduate Research Abroad Scholarship, \$6,000, 2015

Teaching

Instructor:

[Racial Politics in America](#), Harvard (Spring 2026)

American Politics Graduate Seminar, Harvard (Fall 2025)

[Identity Politics Graduate Seminar](#), Harvard (Fall 2025)

[Latinx Politics](#), UT-Austin (Spring 2022), Harvard (Fall 2024)

UCLA Political Science Graduate Math Camp (2018-2019)

Introduction to R Sessions With UCLA Political Science Graduate Students (2018-2019)

Skills

R, Python (beginner), QGIS, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX

Service and Departmental Positions

Faculty Contributor, American Politics Research Workshop, 2025-2026

Faculty Coordinator, Race and Ethnic Politics Research Workshop, 2024-2025

Local Host and Coordinator for the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE) Conference at Harvard, 2024

Belonging, and Inclusion in Government Faculty Committee Member, 2024

Politics of Race and Ethnicity/Innovations for Peace and Development Policing Lab Leader, 2021-2022

Graduate Anti-Racist Political Science (GAPS) Collective Mentor, 2020

Math Camp Instructor, 2018, 2019

Student Coordinator, Improving Designs in the Social Sciences, Fall 2018

Vice-Coordinator, Comparative Politics Association Student Conference, 2018

Referee: *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Research Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly; Political Behavior; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; International Migration; British Journal of Political Science; Policy Studies Journal; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; PS: Political Science & Politics; Political Science Research and Methods*

Advising and Mentorship

Graduate

Mary Soledad Craig (Advisor)

Marysol Fernandez Harvey (Advisor)

Paris Boo (Advisor)

Janae Jackson (Advisor)

Kiara Hernandez (Committee Member)

Julius Wilson (Committee Member)

Jeremiah Cha (Informal)

Undergraduate

Joseph Hernandez (Thesis Advisor, Yale Sociology PhD Student)

Sierra Valdez (Thesis Advisor)

Minerva Garcia (Research Assistant)

Sarita Plata (Research Assistant)

Veronica Ruiz

Consulting

Researcher on Lawsuit Against ICE Courthouse Enforcement (with Matt Barreto), *New York v. ICE*

Researcher on Census Lawsuits (with Matt Barreto), *California v. Ross*, *New York v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce*