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Education

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
PhD Student, Political Science

Chapel Hill, NC
August 2025 – Present

The Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College
Bachelors of Science, Economics
Bachelors of Science, Political Science (Honors)

University Park, PA
May 2025
May 2025

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(1) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *et al.* Surprise! Draw the scene: Visual recall reveals poor incidental working memory following visual search in natural scenes. *Memory & Cognition*. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-023-01465-9> (2023)

Working Papers

(2) *Undergraduate Honors Thesis*: Cárdenas-Miller, N. Relatively Economic: Protest Motivations in the 2019 Chilean Uprising (2025). *Thesis Advisors*: Dr. Giancarlo Visconti, Dr. Lee Ann Banaszak, Dr. Matthew Richard Golder.

(1) Herman, E. *et al.* Are Vowels Social? Perceptual Illusions in L2 Speech Perception. *In Prep.* (2025)

Conferences & Presentations

(6) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *Relatively Economic: Protest Motivations in the 2019 Chilean Uprising*. in *PSU Undergraduate Exhibition* (The Pennsylvania State University, 2025)

(5) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *Are Vowels Social? Perceptual Illusions in L2 Speech Perception*. in *PSUxLING Conference* (The Pennsylvania State University, 2024)

(4) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *Are Vowels Social? Perceptual Illusions in L2 Speech Perception*. in *CLS (Center for Language Science) Conference* (The Pennsylvania State University, 2024)

(3) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *et al.* *Four Research Projects on Bilingual Language Acquisition & Processing*. in *CYMCIC Mind, Brain, & Behavior Research Center Conference* (Universidad de Granada, Spain, 2023)

(2) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *et al.* *The natural representation of scene in memory, and its relation to attribute amnesia*. in *OPAM 30: Object Perception, Attention, and Memory Conference* (Boston, MA, 2022)

(1) Cárdenas-Miller, N. *Memory & attribute amnesia*. in *PSI CHI Conferences* (The Pennsylvania State University, 2022, 2023)

Selected Awards & Distinctions

UNC International Relations Research Fellowship Award: \$3,000	2025
Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Economics, Penn State: \$1,250	2025
Penn State Student Leadership Scholarship: \$1,000	2024
Political Science Kim Anderson Memorial Scholarship: \$2,000	2023 & 2024
College of the Liberal Arts Enrichment Award: \$4,000	2023
Schreyer Honors College Travel Grant: \$1,000	2023
Best Poster, PSI CHI Conferences, Penn State: N/A	2022
Penn State NASA Space Consortium Award: \$1,000	2022

Grants & Fellowships

Graduate Student Fellowship: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2025 – Present
Paterno Fellow: The Pennsylvania State University, University Park	2021 – 2025
NSF Partnerships for International Research Fellow: ~ 10k stipend	2023 – 2024

Teaching Experience

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Grader: Dr. Cecilia Martinez Gallardo, Latin American Politics (Undergraduate)	2026
Grader: Dr. Cecilia Martinez Gallardo, The Politics of Mexico (Undergraduate)	2026
Grader: Dr. Tyler Pratt, The Politics of International Law & Cooperation (Undergraduate)	2025

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Grader: Dr. Baranov, Economics – Strategy (Undergraduate)	2025
Grader: Dr. Austin Boyle, Intro to Econometrics (Undergraduate)	2024

Relevant Work Experience

Economics Research Intern: PSU Economics Department	<i>January – May 2025</i>
Worked under guidance of Dr. Kala Krishna.	
Indian international trade analysis project.	
Aid in literature review for Psychology background.	
Data sorting and code in R, and STATA.	

Linguistics Research Intern: PSU Multi Grammar Lab	2022–2024
Worked under guidance of Dr. Matthew Carlson	
Stimulus creation in PRAAT acoustic software and EPrime.	
Data analysis and statistics in R (principal component analysis).	

Linguistics Research Intern: Universidad de Granada, Spain	<i>May – July 2023</i>
Worked under guidance of Dr. Teresa Bajo	
Participant recruitment (SONA systems), IRB consenting of Spanish-speaking participants.	
Conducted experimental study in a lab setting requiring fluency of academic Spanish.	

Psychology Research Intern: PSU Visual Memory & Attention Lab

2022 – 2023

Worked under guidance of Dr. Brad Wyble

Experimental design/methods in Python, Javascript, and HTML.

Research dissemination, published in the *Memory & Cognition Journal*.

Leadership Experience

President of PSU Climbing Club: University Park, PA

2024-2025

Managed and coordinated all aspects of the PSU Climbing Club.

Led initiative to coordinate collaboration between PSU Climbing communities.

Received the PSU Student Leadership Award for efforts to restructure the club.

Coach of PSU Climbing Club: University Park, PA

2023-2024

Coach of the PSU Climbing Club Team.

Created and led workouts to improve team performance at USA Climbing Competitions.

Led 5 team members to compete at Nationals.

Skills, Languages & Memberships

Software: R (advanced) • L^AT_EX (advanced) • STATA (intermediate) • Python (intermediate) • PRAAT (advanced) • EPrime (intermediate) • Adobe Creative Suite (advanced)

Language: English (native) • Spanish (native)

Memberships: American Political Science Association • UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas
• UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Affiliated Graduate

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