

# RAQUEL CENTENO

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.            **University of Southern California** (Expected 2024)  
                  FIELDS: American Politics; Methods; Political Psychology  
                  DISSERTATION: “The Racial Undercurrents of Affective Partisan Polarization”  
                  COMMITTEE: Christian R. Grose (chair); Pablo Barberá; Jane Junn; Efrén Pérez; and Abby K. Wood.
- M.A.            **University of Southern California:** Political Science (2021)
- B.A.            **California Lutheran University:** Political Science (2018)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Occidental College

*Visiting Instructor*

POLS 101: American Politics and Public Policy (Fall 2022)

### University of Southern California

*Teaching Assistant*

POSC 130: Law, Politics and Public Policy (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Sept 2021 - May 2022    **The Center for Election Science**  
                                  *Research Associate*
- May 2021 - May 2022    **Research and Politics**  
                                  *Editorial Assistant*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019            “Mi Familia Vota.” In *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders* ed. Jessica L. Lavariega Monforti. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- 2021            “The Demobilizing Effect of Primary Electoral Institutions on Voters of Color,” (with Christian R. Grose, Nancy M. Hernandez, and Kayla E. Wolf). *Invited to revise and resubmit to **Political Research Quarterly**.*

## WORKING PAPERS

“Hostile Relations Among Party Elites Change Out-Party Sentiment Among Black but Not White Partisans: Two Experiments.” *Preparing for Journal Resubmission.*

“The Relationship between Perceived Racial Discrimination and Affective Polarization” *Article Manuscript in Preparation*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Strength in numbers? Race’s relationship with conceptualizations of strong and weak partisanship” *Article Manuscript in Preparation*

“Tracking over time state-level partisan polarization through Supreme Court amicus brief filings: a network analysis” (with Lee Epstein and Michael J. Nelson) *Article Manuscript in Preparation*

## NON-PEER-REVIEWED WORKS

2019 USC Schwarzenegger Institute - USC Price California Issues  
Poll Fall 2022 General Election Poll (with Christian Grose).  
November 2022. [http://schwarzeneggerinstitute.com/images/files/USC\\_Schwarzenegger\\_Institute\\_California\\_Issues\\_Poll\\_2022\\_Results.pdf](http://schwarzeneggerinstitute.com/images/files/USC_Schwarzenegger_Institute_California_Issues_Poll_2022_Results.pdf)

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **The Hidden Curriculum: Preparing for Academia**  
Predoctoral Summer Institute for First-Generation and Diverse Scholars: University of Southern California (July 2023)
- 2023 **The Relationship Between Racial Attitudes and Affective Polarization**  
APSA EPOVB Conference Plenary Panel (March 2023)
- 2023 **The Relationship Between Racial Attitudes and Affective Polarization**  
Rice University Identity Politics and Representation Workshop (February 2023)
- 2022 **The Hidden Curriculum: Preparing for Academia**  
Predoctoral Summer Institute for First-Generation and Diverse Scholars: University of Southern California (July 2022)
- 2022 **How Closed Primaries Disproportionately Impact Latino and Asian Voters**  
Open Primaries (April 2022)
- 2021 **What You Need to Know About Graduate School**  
Center for the Political Future: University of Southern California
- 2021 **Life in Graduate School: Ph.D. Student Panel**  
Diversity, Inclusion & Access JumpStart Program: University of Southern California

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **The Relationship Between Perceived Racial Discrimination and Affective Polarization**  
APSA: The Racial Underpinnings of Contemporary Political Attitudes
- 2023 **The Relationship Between Perceived Racial Discrimination and Affective Polarization**  
MPSA: Partisanship and Public Opinion
- 2022 **The Impact of Race on Affective Polarization Among Black and White Voters**  
APSA: Affective Polarization Panel

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| 2022 | <b>The Impact of Race on Affective Polarization Among Black and White Voters</b><br>MPSA: Junior Scholar Symposium - Gender, Race & Stereotypes                        |
| 2022 | <b>The Impact of Race on Partisan Affect Among Black and White Voters</b><br>WPSA: Race, Rights, and Views of the Other  |
| 2021 | <b>The Demobilizing Effect of Primary Electoral Institutions on Voters of Color</b><br>MPSA: Electoral and Personal Roots of Representation in Legislatures            |
| 2021 | <b>Racialized and Polarized: The Impact of Race on Affective Polarization</b><br>WPSA: Group Identity, Consciousness, and Politics                                     |
| 2020 | <b>The Demobilizing Effect of Primary Electoral Institutions on Voters of Color</b><br>APSA: Winning the Nomination - An Examination of Campaign Strategy in Primaries |

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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| 2022 | USC: Bartling Endowed Research Fund Grant (\$6,000)                       |
| 2022 | Rapoport Family Foundation: Dissertation Survey Research Grant (\$14,630) |
| 2022 | USC: Graduate School Summer Writing Grant (\$2,000)                       |
| 2021 | USC: Bartling Endowed Research Fund Grant (\$1,000)                       |
| 2021 | USC: Ph.D. Academy Scholarship and Research Fund (\$1,000)                |

## FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2023      | Participant of the Vanderbilt University LAPOP Summer School in International Survey Methods |
| 2022-2023 | APSA Elections, Public Opinion & Voting Behavior Early Career Fellow                         |
| 2019-2024 | USC Diversity, Inclusion and Access Doctoral Fellowship Recipient                            |

## HONORS and AWARDS

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| 2020 | USC Fair Maps and Political Reform Lab: Best Research Proposal |
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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Reviewer:** *Political Behavior; Research and Politics; Political Research Quarterly*

**Discussant:** MPSA 2022

Organizing Board Member: Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) (2022 - Present)

Mentor: USC Predoctoral Summer Institute for First-Generation & Diverse Scholars (2022, 2023)

Organizer: JAWS Conference-within-a-Conference at MPSA 2023 (2023)

Mentor: Graduate Anti-Racist Political Science Collective Ph.D. Applicant Program (2020)

Mentor: USC Diversity, Inclusion & Access JumpStart Summer Program for Undergraduates (2020)

## PUBLIC WRITING

- 2021 “A voting rights analysis of high-Latino-CVAP proposed districts in south and east L.A. County: Are proposed districts in L.A. County and the southern California area Latino-ability-to-elect districts?,” (with Christian Grose). *Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)*. November 24, 2021.  
Online: <https://tinyurl.com/mjfyyze8>
- 2020 “USC Schwarzenegger Institute California Issues Poll,” (with Christian Grose, Mindy Romero, Pamela McCann, Abby Wood, Christian Phillips, and Bijean Ghafouri). *USC Schwarzenegger Institute*. November 5, 2020.  
Online: <http://www.schwarzeneggerinstitute.com/institute-in-action/article/usc-schwarzenegger-institute-california-issues-poll>

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

### Substantive

Political Behavior  
Political Psychology  
Public Opinion  
Identity Politics

### Methodological

Research Design  
Quantitative Methods  
Survey Methodology  
Experiments

## COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python (elementary)