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Research Interests

Immigration, Immigration Enforcement, Latina/o/x Politics, Push/Pull Migration Factors, Policy Feedback Effects, Policy Environments, Contextual Factors.

Education

2016–current Ph.D. in Political Science, **University of Iowa**

Advisor: Dr. Rene Rocha

2018 M.A. in Political Science, **University of Iowa**

Advisor: Dr. Rene Rocha

2016 B.A. in Political Science, **University of North Texas**

Minor: French

Advisor: Dr. Regina Branton

Academic Appointments

2020 University of Iowa’s Ballard Seashore Fellowship recipient for the Fall semester

2019–2020 Latinidades Dissertation Fellowship for Mellon-Sawyer Seminar’s “Imagining Latinidades: Articulations of National Belonging” housed in the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies and funded by the Mellon Foundation, **University of Iowa**.

2016–2018 Research Assistant to Dr. Fredrick Solt, data collection for Standardized World Income Inequality Database (SWIID), **University of Iowa**.

2015 Research Assistant to Dr. Regina Branton, data collection for research project, **University of North Texas**.

Teaching Experience

2019 Online Course Instructor, **University of Iowa** Introduction to the Politics of Race , 1 semester; Developed original syllabus, created course materials, graded assignments

2019 Course Instructor, **University of Iowa**. Immigration Politics, 1 semester; Developed original syllabus, created course materials, held weekly discussion sections, graded papers

2018 Teaching Assistant, **University of Iowa**. Intro to American Politics, 1 semester, 1 section; Conducted weekly discussion sections, graded papers

2016 Teaching Assistant, **University of Iowa**. Intro to Political Communication, 1 semester, 3 sections; Conducted weekly discussion sections, graded papers

Honors and Awards

2020 Recipient of the University of Iowa's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
2019 Recipient of the American Political Science Association's Latino Caucus Travel Fund
2018 Recipient of the American Political Science Association's Fund for Latino Scholarship
2018 Underrepresented Minority Pre-Comprehensive Mentored Summer Research Fellowship awardee
2017 American Political Science Association's Minority Fellowship Program Recipient
2017 Underrepresented Minority Pre-Comprehensive Mentored Summer Research Fellowship awardee
2016 University of North Texas's Outstanding Undergraduate Political Science Student
2015 Recipient of NSF REU grant in Civil Conflict Management and Peace Studies

Manuscripts Under Review

"Cosponsoring and Cashing In: U.S. House Members' support for punitive immigration policy and financial payoffs from the private prison industry" (Jason Morin, **Rachel Torres**, and Loren Collingwood)
"Policing Participation: Policy Feedback in Context" (Elizabeth Maltby, Jielu Yao, and **Rachel Torres**)
"When Policy Clashes: Understanding Policy Feedback in Varying Policy Environments" (**Rachel Torres**, Jielu Yao, Rene Rocha, and Adriano Udani)

In Progress

"Protesting La Migra: The Politics of Fear on Latino Political Participation" (Marcel Roman and **Rachel Torres**)

Conference Presentations

2019 "Spinning the Money Web: Private Prison Companies, Lobbyists, and the Cosponsorship of Punitive Immigration Legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives" (coauthored with Jason L. Morin and Loren Collingwood) jointly presented at the Western Political Science Association.
2018-2019 "Policing Participation: Policy Feedback in Context" (coauthored with Elizabeth Maltby and Jielu Yao) jointly presented at the American Political Science Association and the Western Political Science Association.
2018-2019 "When Policy Clashes: Understanding Policy Feedback of Social Program in Varying Policy Environments" (coauthored with Rene Rocha, Jielu Yao, and Adriano Udani) presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, the Western Political Science Association, and the UC Davis PRIEC meeting.
2016 "¿Qué lejos estoy del suelo donde he nacido!: Location, Immigration and Acculturation," (coauthored with Regina Branton), jointly presented at Midwest Political Science Association.

Professional Development

Positions Held

2019–2021 Member of American Political Science Association’s Presidential Task Force to Develop the Association’s Response to the Coronavirus.

2019–2021 Co-Chair of American Political Science Association’s Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession.

2019–2021 Executive Council of the American Political Science Association’s Migration and Citizenship Section.

2018–2020 Social Media Chair of American Political Science Association’s Migration and Citizenship Section.

2017–**current** UIowa’s Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) Officer

Certifications

2016 Latina/o and Mexican American Studies (LMAS) Certificate from the University of North Texas

2015 French Technical Certificate from College International de Cannes

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