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# Sonia A. Vargas

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EDUCATION

**University of Maryland, College Park, MD**

Ph.D. Government and Politics, 2027 (Expected)
M.A. Government and Politics, 2024

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

B.A. Poltical Science & Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude, May 2021

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

**Instructor of Record**
GVPT170: American Government                    Summer & Fall 2024

**Teaching Assistant**
GVPT331: Intro to Courts, Law and Justice, Michael Spivey     Spring 2025
GVPT170: American Government, Patrick Wohlfarth             Fall 2023
HNUH238B: Systemic Racism in Public Opinion and Policy     Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Attitudes, Janelle Wong

ACADEMIC
WORK

**University of Maryland**
Research Assistant, Center for Democracy & Civic Engage-     2024 - Present
ment
Polling Team Fellow, The Washington Post - Washington DC     Spring 2024

FELLOWSHIPS &
GRANTS

MPSA Latina/o Politics Caucus Grad Travel Award             2025
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant                            2025
GVPT Student Travel Grant                                  2025
Rapoport Family Foundation Summer Research Collabora-       2023
tive Award
Diversity Fellowship, American Political Science Association   2023 - 2024
Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College of Behav-  2022 - 2025
ioral and Social Sciences

PRESENTATIONS

DMV Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Politics Workshop          2025
Midwest Political Science Association                      2025
American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland         2025
Southern Political Science Association                     2025
*The Laws Today* - HNUH238B, University of Maryland        2023
University of Florida Undergraduate Research Symposium     2021

PUBLICATIONS

**Vargas, S**. 2021. How Incarceration Impacts Voter Participation Across Communities. [Undergraduate thesis, University of Florida]. Smathers Library Digital Collections.

**The Washington Post:**

**Vargas, Sonia**, and Emily Guskin. 2024. "Polls Suggest Border and Immigration Bill May Be Popular." *The Washington Post*, February 5, 2024.

Alcantara, Chris, Janice Kai Chen, Emily Guskin, Scott Clement, and **Sonia Vargas**. 2024. "How Different Groups Voted in the South Carolina Primary, According to Exit Polls." *The Washington Post*, February 25, 2024.

Guskin, Emily, **Sonia Vargas**, and Scott Clement. 2024. "Trump Projected to Win South Carolina Primary, Beating Haley." *The Washington Post*, February 24, 2024.

Alcantara, Chris, Janice Kai Chen, Emily Guskin, Scott Clement, Clara Ence Morse, and **Sonia Vargas**. 2024. "How Different Groups Voted on Super Tuesday Primary, According to Exit Polls." *The Washington Post*, March 5, 2024.

**Editorials:**

Guerra, Justin, **Sonia Vargas**, and Alyssa Bretan. 2021. Did Hispanic voters win Florida for Trump?, April 27, 2021.

Service

**American Political Science Association**
Graduate Student Representative, Migration and Citizenship    2024-2026
Section

**University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics**
Graduate Student Association Co-Chair                          2023 - 2024
Committee Chair, Dean's Grad Student Advisory Council          2023-2024
Graduate Student Recruitment                                  Spring 2023
Faculty Hiring                                                Fall 2023
Discussant, American Politics Workshop                        Spring 2023
Rising Scholars Conference                                    2022 - 2024

Software &
Programming

Proficient: R, RStudio, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Stata, LaTeX, Zotero
Familiar: Java, Python, ArcGIS