

Sonia A. Vargas

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Maryland - Expected 2026 | GPA: 3.62

Ph.D., Government and Politics

Fields: American Politics, Methodology

University of Florida - 2021 | GPA: 3.86

B.A., Political Science (*magna cum laude*) &

Anthropology (*cum laude*), 2021

Academic Work

University of Maryland

Polling Team Fellow, The Washington Post - Washington DC, Spring 2024

Research Assistant, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement - Michael Hanmer, Spring 2024

Researcher, Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Project - Janelle Wong, Summer 2023

Research Assistant - Stella Rouse Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant - GVPT 170 American Government, Patrick Wohlfarth, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant - HNUH 238B Systemic Racism in Public Opinion and Policy Attitudes,
Janelle Wong, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant - HNUH 238B Systemic Racism in Public Opinion and Policy Attitudes,
Janelle Wong, Fall 2022

University of Florida

Junior Research Fellow - Daniel Smith, Spring 2020

Service

Faculty Recruitment, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Fall 2023

Graduate Student Association Co-Chair, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,
2023 - 2024

DISC Committee Chair, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, 2023-2024

Graduate Student Recruitment, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,
Spring 2023

Updated January 2024

Discussant, American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland, 2023

Diversity and International Student Committee, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, 2022 - 2023

Department Representative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, 2022 - 2023

Rising Scholars Conference, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,
2022, 2023

Awards and Grants

Rapoport Family Foundation Summer Research Collaborative Award – \$5000
Summer 2023

APSA Diversity Fellow, American Political Science Association — \$2000
2023-2024

Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, Behavioral and Social Sciences — \$5000
Summer 2022 - Summer 2025

Lambda Alpha, Delta of Florida Anthropology Honor Society, University of Florida
Spring 2020

Presentations

“The Laws Today - The Criminal Justice System,” HNUH 238B, University of Maryland, 2023

“The Decision of the Decade: How Hispanic Voters Helped Secure Florida for Donald Trump in the 2020
Presidential Election,” University of Florida Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2021

Papers and Publications

Vargas, Sonia. “How Incarceration Impacts Voter Participation Across Communities.” Undergraduate
Honors Thesis.

Justin Guerra, Sonia Vargas, & Alyssa Bretan. “Did Hispanic voters win Florida for Trump?” Gainesville
Sun. April 27, 2021.

Skills

Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Mandarin (Elementary)

Software: R / RStudio, Microsoft Office, Zotero, Google Workspace, Python, LaTeX, Stata, Java, ArcGIS

References

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