# Sonia A. Vargas

### EDUCATION University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Ph.D. Government and Politics, 2026 (Expected)

M.A. Government and Politics, 2024

#### University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

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

Teaching	Instructor	of	Record
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EXPERIENCE 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 University of Maryland

Work Research Assistant, Center for Democracy & Civic Engage- 2024 - Present

ment

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

## GRANTS Rapoport Family Foundation Summer Research Collabora- 2023

AWARDED tive Award

American Political Science Association Diversity Fellow 2023 - 2024 Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College of Behav-2022 - 2025

ioral and Social Sciences

# PRESENTATIONS 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			
Faculty Recruitment	Fall 2023		
Graduate Student Association Co-Chair	2023 - 2024		
DISC Committee Chair, College of Behavioral and Social Sci-	2023-2024		
ences Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council			
Graduate Student Recruitment	Spring 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