

# Thomas R. Vargas

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## Academic Appointments

### McMaster University

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Hamilton, ON

June 2020 - Present

## Education

### University of Minnesota

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Minneapolis, MN

2020

### The College of William & Mary

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Williamsburg, VA

2012

### Georgetown University

BS IN FOREIGN SERVICE

Washington, DC

2010

## Professional Experience

### American Political Science Review

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Hamilton, ON

June 2020 - Present

### Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

VISITING SCHOLAR

Durham, NC

2019-2020

### Comparative Political Studies

MANAGING EDITOR

Minneapolis, MN

2016-2018

### Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

POLICY AND TRAINING ANALYST

Santiago, Chile

2012-2014

## Publications

Vargas, Thomas R. 2020. "Flying Blind: Education Reform in Latin America in the 1990s." *International Journal of Education Reform*. Forthcoming.

## Working Papers

Samuels, David and Thomas R. Vargas. "Democracy, Land Inequality, and Human Capital Formation."

Vargas, Thomas R. "The Political Origins of Education Reform."

Vargas, Thomas R. "Slow Burn: The Incremental Effect of Unions on Social Spending in Latin America."

## Awards and Fellowships

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP 2019-2020

University of Minnesota

DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2018

University of Minnesota

DAVID AND JANIS LARSON GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN POLITICAL ECONOMY 2016-2017

University of Minnesota

ROBERT AND SHIRLEY HOLT DISCOVERY FELLOWSHIP 2014-2015

University of Minnesota

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE ASSISTANT AWARD 2011 & 2012

The College of William & Mary

## Skills and Languages

Spanish; R, Stata, Python, Git, LaTeX

## Teaching Experience

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### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

#### Political Economy of Development

2018

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

#### Puzzles in World Politics

University of Minnesota, 2015

#### Struggles and Issues in the Middle East

University of Minnesota, 2016

#### Evaluating Social Programs

J-PAL, 2012-2014

## References

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PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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