

APPOINTMENTS	Current	Research Lead, <b>New Power Labs</b>
	2022-2023	Behavioural Science Fellow, Impact and Innovation Unit, <b>Privy Council Office</b>
	2020-2022	Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Methodology, <b>McMaster University</b> Department of Political Science
DEGREES	2020	Ph.D. in Political Science, <b>University of Minnesota</b> Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology Dissertation: The Political Origins of Education Decentralization in Latin America
	2012	Master of Public Policy, <b>The College of William &amp; Mary</b> Fields: Public Policy, International Development
	2010	B.S. in Foreign Service, <b>Georgetown University</b> Fields: International Politics, Latin American Studies
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	2021	Instructor of Record, Comparative Democratization, McMaster University.
	2021	Instructor of Record, Development and Public Policy, McMaster University.
	2018	Instructor of Record, Political Economy of Development, University of Minnesota
	2016	Teaching Assistant, Politics of the Middle East, University of Minnesota.
	2015	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Minnesota.
RESEARCH	David Samuels and Thomas R. Vargas. Forthcoming. "Democracy, Rural Inequality, and Education Spending." <i>World Development</i> . <a href="https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106136">https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106136</a>	
	Michelle L. Dion, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Thomas R. Vargas. 2022. "Closing the Gender Gap? How Altmetrics Influence Citation Counts for Political Science Journal Articles." <i>International Studies Perspectives</i> . <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekac009">https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekac009</a> .	
	Thomas R. Vargas. 2022. "Decentralization as a Political Weapon: Education Politics in El Salvador and Paraguay." <i>Comparative Politics</i> 55, 1: 23-45. <a href="https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16382201562711">https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16382201562711</a> . · Honorable Mention, Latin American Studies Association Subnational Politics Section Best Paper Award.	
	Thomas R. Vargas. 2020. "Flying Blind: Education Reform in Latin America in the 1990s." <i>International Journal of Education Reform</i> , 30, 1: 39-55. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1056787920931487">https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1056787920931487</a> .	
	<b>MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION TO PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS</b>	
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	Michelle L. Dion and Thomas R. Vargas. "The Political Preferences of Prospective Homeowners: Evidence from Canada." Targeting <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> , submission expected Winter 2022-23.	
	SSHRC Explore - Standard Research and Creation Grant, McMaster University - CAN\$7,000.	
	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2019 (Top, University-Wide Prize), U of M - US\$25,000.	
	Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Fellowship 2018, U of M - US\$6,000.	
	Five-Year Department of Political Science Summer Fellowship, U of M - US\$40,000.	

Five-Year Department of Political Science Graduate Studies Fellowship, U of M - US\$113,000.

OTHER  
EXPERIENCES

2020            Electronic Conference On Teaching Statistics, Preparing to Teach Participant.  
2020 - 2021   Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review*.  
2019 - 2020   Visiting Scholar, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University.  
2016 - 2018   Editorial Assistant, *Comparative Political Studies*.  
2012 - 2014   Policy and Training Analyst, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Chile.

SKILLS AND  
LANGUAGE

Software: STATA, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , JAGS, SQL, Git, Beginner Python  
Languages: Spanish and English (Native Proficiency), French B2 Level