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EDUCATION

Michigan State University

Doctoral Candidate, Political Science

Expected July 2024

Area of Study: American Politics (major), Public Policy (minor)

Specializations: Chicano/Latino Studies & Women's and Gender Studies

- ❖ Dissertation Title: "Intersectional Approaches to Understanding Working-Class Candidates & Politicians"
- ❖ Dissertation Committee: Eric Gonzalez Juenke (Chair), Nazita Lajevardi, Sarah Reckhow, Ian Ostrander, Nick Carnes (Duke University)

Michigan State University

Master of Arts, Political Science

May 2021

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy

May 2016

Edinburg, TX. *Honors*: Cum Laude.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Erika Vallejo¹, Flores, Amanda, Angélica Ruvalcaba, and Dianey Leal. *Forthcoming*. "Midwest Tejanas: Navigating entre mundos juntas." In ¡Somos Tejanas!, edited by Jodi Marin and Norma Cantú. Austin, TX: *University of Texas Press*. Expected: Fall 2023.

Bartlett, Catalina, Everardo Cuevas, Wilfredo Flores, **Erika Vallejo**, and Néstor Espinoza. *Forthcoming*. "Pra(x)ical Lessons: Takeaways From Teaching A Chicana Rhetorics Graduate Seminar." *Latinx Writing and Rhetoric Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS

Dickison, Kesicia, Jamil Scott, **Vallejo, Erika**, and Kennia L. Coronado. 2023. "Urban Progress? Understanding the Impact of Black and Brown Leadership in Cities Today." *Book Project*.

Vallejo, Erika. 2023. "White Balloon Up High," "Gilberto y Orfelinda," & "Funerals & Umbrellas." Submitted to *Somos en escrito Literary Foundation Press*.

Vallejo, Erika 2022. "Working-Class State-Level Legislative Campaigns: Are They Successful?" *Dissertation Chapter*.

¹Shared authorship.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Vallejo, Erika. *Forthcoming.* “Book Review: Crimes of the Tongue Essays and Stories.” *NEXO: Official Newsletter of the Julian Samora Research Institute*. Expected: Fall 2023.

Vallejo, Erika. Fall 2021. “[A Conversation with Dr. Jamil Scott.](#)” MSU AGEP *Science Today* Bulletin.

Vallejo, Erika. 2021. “[The ‘Diploma Divide’: Does It Exist for Racial and Ethnic Minorities?’](#)” *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog*.

Juenke, Eric Gonzalez, Paru Shah, Bernard L. Fraga and **Erika Vallejo.** 2020. “[State legislatures likely to have more women and people of color next year.](#)” *Washington Post*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Professor Valentina Bali.	Present
• PLS 392 Special Topics in Applied Policy Research	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Anthony Jesuale.	Summer 2023
• PLS 100 Introduction to American Politics	

Teaching Assistant/Lab Instructor, Professor Mariana Medina.	Spring 2023
• PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Ryan Black.	Fall 2022
• PLS 392 Special Topics in Political Science	

Facilitator/Mentor for Undergraduates, Steven Thomas.	Summer 2022
• Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Rachel Schutte.	Summer 2022
• PLS 320 Judicial Politics	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Eric Gonzalez-Juenke.	Spring 2022
• PLS 100 Introduction to American Politics	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Ian Ostrander.	Fall 2021
• PLS 325 The Presidency	

Teaching Assistant, Professor Rachel Schutte.	Summer 2020
• PLS 100 Introduction to American Politics	

CERTIFICATIONS/ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Graduate Certificate, Women’s & Gender Studies (MSU)	May 2023
Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques at UM-	Summer 2022
Qualitative Methods: Overview & Semi-Structured Interviewing	
Graduate Certificate, Chicano/Latino Studies (MSU)	May 2022
Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	Summer 2021
Process Tracing in Qualitative & Mixed Methods Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2020
Introduction to Mixed Methods Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2020
EITM certification for Race, Ethnicity, & Quantitative Methodology II	2020
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2018, 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Contributor</i> , Cooperative Election Study (CES).	2022 & 2023
<i>Research Assistant/Contributor</i> , Working-Class Candidate Occupational Background Project w/Professors Eric Hansen & Nick Carnes	Fall 2022
<i>Contributor</i> , Candidate Characteristics Cooperative (C3) 2020 & 2022 Data.	2019-2022
<i>Research Assistant</i> , APSA Presidential Task Force on Systemic Inequalities in the Discipline.	Summer 2021
<i>Research Fellow</i> , Institute for Public Policy and Social Research.	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
<i>Contributor</i> , 2020 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS).	2020
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Professor Eric Gonzalez-Juenke.	Fall 2019-Spring 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Working-Class State-Level Legislative Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?”
Presented at Alumni Conference at Michigan State University. April 28, 2022.

“Working-Class State-Level Legislative Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?”
Presented at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
April 7-10, 2022. Chicago, IL.

“Examining Working-Class State-Level Candidates & Elections.”
Presented at Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP),
Chalk Talk. Both in-person and virtual. March 17, 2022.

“Working-Class Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?”
Presented at the CREW/PSOC Joint Workshop hosted online by
Michigan State University. December 3, 2021

“Examining Working-Class State-Level Campaigns.”
Presented at the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
hosted by University of North Texas. Virtual Panel. November 19, 2021.

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS

<i>Invited Speaker</i> for MSU <i>Womxn of Color Initiatives (WOCI)</i> . “Surviving Comps: Reading and Writing, Session, I”	Fall 2023
<i>Invited Speaker</i> for UTRGV “Humanities Doctoral Application Workshop.”	Fall 2020
<i>Invited Speaker</i> for UTRGV Undergraduate Orientation, <i>Vaquero Roundup</i> .	Fall 2020
<i>Invited Speaker</i> for UTRGV <i>The Political Science Association of Students (PSA)</i> .	Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

President, Graduate Student Association, MSU	Fall 2022-Present
Professionalization Representative, Graduate Student Association, MSU	Fall 2020-Spring 2022
Graduate Student Union, Union Steward	Fall 2019-Spring 2021
First-Year Representative, Graduate Student Association, MSU	Fall 2019-Spring 2020

University Service

College of Social Science Dean's Graduate <i>Student Advisory Council</i>	Fall 2022-Present
Editor, Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) <i>Science Today</i> Bulletin	Fall 2021
<i>Volunteer Judge & Facilitator</i> for the AGEP Fall Conference	Fall 2021
AGEP <i>Panel Volunteer</i> for Eastern Michigan University Trio Programs	Fall 2019

Discipline Service

MPSA Conference Undergraduate Research standing E-panel <i>Discussant</i> .	April 2022
<i>Graduate Training and Graduate Student Experiences Working Group Member</i> , American Political Science Association (APSA) Presidential Task Force, "Examining Issues and Mechanisms of Systemic Inequality in the Discipline."	2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
Minority Politics Lab, Michigan State University
Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Michigan State University
Womxn of Color Initiatives (WOCI), Michigan State University
Rueda Latina, Michigan State University
Research on the Economic Characteristics of Officeholders News (RECON)
Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

APSA Minority Fellows Program \$2,000.	Spring 2020
ICPSR Diversity Scholarship. \$8,000.	Summer 2018

Internal

Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship (AAGA)	Fall 2019-Present
Julian Samora Endowment Graduate Scholarship . \$2,000	Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Department Summer Fellowship Award. \$5,000	Summer 2023
The Graduate School Office Fellowship. \$1,920.00	Summer 2023
Department Support Fellowship. \$1,000	Spring 2023
College of Social Science Early Start Research Grant. \$3,000.	Summer 2022
Department Summer Fellowship Award. \$5,000	Summer 2022
The Graduate School Office Fellowship. \$1,036.	Spring 2022
AGEP Scholar Award. \$2,000.	Fall 2021
The Graduate School Office Fellowship. \$1,050.	Fall 2021
Department Summer Fellowship Award. \$5,000	Summer 2021
College of Social Science Early Start Research Grant. \$2,500.	Summer 2021

Department Summer Fellowship Award. \$5,000	Summer 2021
MSU Minority Politics Lab Award. \$1,590	Fall 2020
College of Social Science Early Start Research Grant. \$2,500.	Summer 2020
Department Summer Fellowship Award. \$5,000	Summer 2020
MSU Minority Politics Conference Travel Award. \$500	Fall 2019
College of Social Science Early Start Research Grant. \$5,000.	Summer 2019
Chicano/Latino Studies Recruitment Award. \$2,500	Fall 2018

INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity Politics, Gender Politics, Latinx/o/a Politics,
Intersectionality, Campaigns, Political Elites.

SKILLS

Statistical/Computer: R, Stata, LaTeX