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EDUCATION

Michigan State University

Doctoral Candidate, Political Science

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

East Lansing, MI

Expected June 2024

- ❖ 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

Graduate Certificate, Chicano/Latino Studies

Graduate Certificate, Women’s and Gender Studies

East Lansing, MI

May 2021

May 2022

Spring 2023

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy

Honors: Cum Laude

Edinburg, TX

May 2016

AREAS OF INTERESTS

American Politics, Race and Ethnicity Politics, Gender Politics, Class Identity, Latinx/o/a Politics, Immigration, Intersectionality, Public Policy, Labor Policy, Survey Experiments, Campaigns, Political Elites, Economic Inequalities, State and Local Elections, Political Parties, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Mixed-Methods, Qualitative Interviewing, Ethnography

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Erika Vallejo**¹, 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*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 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*.

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*.

CERTIFICATIONS/ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques at UM- Qualitative Methods:	
Overview and Semi-Structured Interviewing	Summer 2022
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	Summer 2021
Process Tracing in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2020
Introduction to Mixed Methods Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2020
EITM certification for Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology II	2020
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2018, 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Professors Eric Hansen and Nick Carnes	Fall 2022
Research Assistant, APSA Presidential Task Force on Systemic Inequalities in the Discipline .	Summer 2021
Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research.	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Research Assistant, Professor Eric Gonzalez-Juenke.	Fall 2019-Spring 2020

¹Shared authorship.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Alumni Conference at MSU.

“Working-Class State-Level Legislative Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?” April 2022

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).

“Working-Class State-Level Legislative Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?” April 2022

University of Michigan/Michigan State Workshop on Race and Ethnicity.

“Working-Class Campaigns: Does Class-Based Rhetoric Work?” Dec. 2021

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (University of North Texas).

“Examining Working-Class State-Level Campaigns” Nov. 2021

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 Student Advisory Council Fall 2022-Present

Editor, Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fall 2021

Science Today Bulletin

Discipline Service

MPSA Conference Undergraduate Research standing E-panel Discussant April 2022

Graduate Training and Graduate Student Experiences Working Group Member, 2020-2021

American Political Science Association Presidential Task Force

Examining Issues and Mechanisms of Systemic Inequality in the Discipline

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

Rueda Latina, Michigan State University

Research on the Economic Characteristics of Officeholders News (RECON)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

APSA Minority Fellows Program \$2,000. 2020-2021

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

SKILLS

Statistical/Computer: R, Stata, L^AT_EX