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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

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| Ford Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellow (visiting scholar at Purdue University) | 2023-2024 |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science | 2019-Present |
| Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society | 2019-Present |
| Faculty Affiliate, Latino Studies Program | 2019-Present |
| Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society | 2017-2019 |
| Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science | 2017-2019 |
| Faculty Affiliate, Latino Studies Program | 2017-2019 |

University of California – Riverside, Riverside, CA

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| Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science | 2017-2018 |
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EDUCATION

University of Michigan

PhD – Political Science Ann Arbor, MI August 2017

University of Michigan

MA – Political Science Ann Arbor, MI April 2012

DePaul University, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science & Economics, Minor – Spanish Chicago, IL June 2009

FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS

Ford Foundation Fellowship

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| Postdoctoral Fellow | 2023-2024 |
| Dissertation Fellow | 2016-2017 |
| Predocctoral Fellow | 2011-2014 |

Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

“Cascading Effects of Situational Trust Among Women of Color” – Limited Submission, Proposal Under Review
Principal Investigator \$1M

The Policy Academies - Alumni Innovation Grant

“Latinxs Rising to the Challenge: Catalyzing Action Beyond Fear, Using Messages of Peril and Promise” 2023-2024
Principal Investigator \$58,374

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2017–2018
“Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages” \$23,250

JOURNAL SYMPOSIA

Cruz Nichols, Vanessa. ed. (forthcoming 2024). “A Symposium on the 15th Anniversary of *Latino Lives in America: Making it Home*.” PS: Political Science & Politics.

PUBLICATIONS

“Efficacy and Political Participation.” Edited by Ethan Busby, Christopher Karpowitz and Cara Wong. (*V. Cruz Nichols and M. Michelson*)
in *Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology* (2023, forthcoming)

Review of *Holding Fast: Resilience and Civic Engagement Among Latino Immigrants* by James McCann and Michael Jones-Correa. (*V. Cruz Nichols*)
Political Science Quarterly (2021)

White-Washing: How Obama Used Implicit Racial Cues as Defense Against Political Rumors (V. Hutchings, V. Cruz Nichols, L. Gause and S. Piston)
Political Behavior (2020)

How to Sound the Alarms: Untangling Racialized Threat in Latina/o Mobilization (V. Cruz Nichols and R. Garibaldo Valdez (graduate student))
PS: Political Science and Politics (2020)

Threat, Mobilization, and Latino Voting in the 2018 Election (T. Reny, B. Wilcox-Archuleta and V. Cruz Nichols)
The Forum (2018)

Policing Us Sick: The Health of Latinos in an Era of Heightened Deportations and Racialized Policing (V. Cruz Nichols, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza)
PS: Political Science and Politics (2018)

Spillover Effects: Immigrant Policing and Government Skepticism in Matters of Health for Latinos (V. Cruz Nichols, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza)
Public Administration Review (2018)

“Policy Feedback: Government Skepticism Trickling from Immigration to Matters of Health” Edited by James Ward. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. (V. Cruz Nichols, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza)
in **Policing and Race in America: Economic, Political and Social Dynamics** (2018)

Cautious Citizenship: The Deterring Effect of Immigration Issue Salience on Health Care Use and Bureaucratic Interactions Among Latino U.S. Citizens (V. Cruz Nichols, F. Pedraza and A. M.W. LeBrón)
Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law (2017)

CURRENT MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Political Communication and Collective Action

“Catalyzing Political Action Beyond Threats: Latinxs, Immigration and Messages of Peril and Promise.”
(*book manuscript in preparation*)

“Mobilizing Beyond Threats: Adding Opportunity Messages to Calls for Action.” (*under review*)

“Motivating Political Action: Gender Differences Under Coupled Threat and Opportunity Messages”

Policy Feedback

“COVID-19 and Multiple Pandemics: Risk Appraisal Among Latinxs” (using the RSF-funded American Voices Project) (with McGuire, C., K. Hua (graduate student), L. Adams (undergraduate student) and P. Nanda (undergraduate student))(*under review*)

“Cascading Effects of Situational Trust: COVID-19 and Gendered Politics” (using the RSF-funded American Voices Project dataset)(with McGuire, C., K. Hua (graduate student), L. Adams (undergraduate student) and P. Nanda (undergraduate student))

“The Church in Times of Uncertainty: Survival Skepticism, COVID-19 and the 2020 Latinx Vote” (with R. Lerma (graduate student), D. Trujillo (undergraduate student), A. Hatch (graduate student)) (*under review*)

Public Opinion

“Norms Behind Ambivalence and Anti-Immigrant Hostility: Variation in Immigrant Attitudes among the Latinx Community” (*with R. Carlos*)

“Emotions and Stigma: Unpacking Immigrant Attitudes among Latinx Community Members” (*with R. Carlos*)

“Warm or Cold: Norms Surrounding Immigrants’ Deservingness Among Latinx and White Americans” (using CCES data) (*with R. Carlos*)

“Religiosity is a Helluva Drug: Latinx Immigrants, Religion and Party ID” (using CMPS 2020 Data) (*with R. Lerma (graduate student)*)

“Surveillance, Policing and Vaccines: Cleavages Among Black Voters in a COVID-19 Era” (CMPS 2020 Data)

AWARDS / HONORS / PROJECTS

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| Early Career Award (nomination) MPSA Latino/a Caucus | April 2024 |
| Distinguished Alumni Award, Political Science Department DePaul University | 2023 |
| Emerging Scholar Award (link) Latino Faculty and Staff Council (LFASC) Indiana University | 2023 |
| Institute for Advanced Study Writing Fellowship (Fall Semester 2022) Indiana University | 2022 |
| RSF-funded "American Voices Project" (AVP), Stanford University Collaborator | 2022 |
| 2020 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS) Collaborator | 2021 |
| Latinx Politics Lab Research Lab, Director and Founder | 2018-2023 |
| Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (nominated by Julia Bourkland) Center for Excellence for Women and Technology Indiana University | 2020 |
| Western Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition <i>"Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages"</i> <i>(Nominated for the Latino/a Caucus "Best Paper Award")</i> | 2018 |
| American Political Science Association (APSA) MFP Travel Grant <i>American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Boston, MA)</i> | 2018 \$400 |
| Midwest Political Science Association 73 rd Annual Meeting & Exhibition <i>"Rising to the Challenge: Latino Political Responses To Two-Prong Threat and Opportunity Messages"</i> <i>(Nominated for the Latino/a Caucus "Best Graduate Student Paper Award")</i> | 2016 |
| Latino National Health and Immigrant Survey Co-Student Investigator | Jan. – March 2015 |
| University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford Fellow | 2016–2017 |
| American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship | 2009–2011 |
| The Urban Institute Summer Academy, Research Fellow (Mentor: Randy Capps, Sociology PhD; Lynette Rawlings, Economics PhD) (mentorship program now known as The Policy Academies) | 2008 |
| UC-Berkeley Summer Research Opportunity Program, Scholar (Mentor: Irene Bloemraad, Sociology PhD) | 2007 |
| Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program, <i>Fellow</i> DePaul University | 2006–2009 |

INVITED PROFESSIONAL TALKS

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| Purdue University, Dept of Political Science, AMAP guest speaker <i>"Hope in a Time of Despair: Immigration Issue Activism Among Latinxs in the U.S."</i> | Feb. 9, 2024 |
| IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs <i>"Trust, Anxiety & Hope Throughout COVID-19: Information Environments and Risk Appraisal Among Latinxs in the U.S."</i> | April 25, 2024 |
| University of Missouri, guest speaker <i>"Immigrants and Minorities as Political Actors"</i> – MARGIE Identity Politics conference | March 14-16, 2024 |

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| Penn State University, Dept of Political Science, invited speaker "A Cup Half-Full: Immigration Policy and Mobilizing Activism in Times of Despair" | Dec. 4-6, 2023 |
| Iowa University, Dept of Political Science, guest speaker "A Cup Half-Full: Immigration Policy and Mobilizing Activism in Times of Despair" | Nov. 30-Dec 2, 2023 |
| Purdue University, Dept of Political Science, guest speaker "Political Behavior and Issue Activism: Using Mixed Methods Research Designs for Immigration Policy Activism" | Nov, 10 2023 |
| DePaul University, Political Science Dept. "Is Graduate School for Me?" | May 11, 2023 |
| Rice University, Representation and Identity Politics Workshop "Sounding the Alarms: Catalyzing Political Action Using Messages of Peril and Promise" | Feb. 9-10, 2023 |
| Arizona State University, CLAPR guest speaker "Avoiding the Downward Spiral: Catalyzing Political Action Beyond Messages of Threat" | Nov. 17, 2022 |
| First-Gen Panel Purdue University, Political Science Dept. | Oct. 21, 2022 |
| University of Pittsburgh, CAPS guest speaker "Sounding the Alarms: Using Peril and Promise to Stir Political Activism Among Latinxs" | Oct. 28, 2022 |
| Morgan State University, conference panelist "The Church in Times of Uncertainty: Hope and Fear in Navigating COVID-19 Protocols" | Oct. 29, 2021 |
| Menlo College, guest speaker "Latino Voters in 2008: Threat and Mobilization Combined" | April 13, 2021 |
| WPSA Conference – Latino Politics Workshop "The 2020 Election and Unpacking the Latinx Vote" | March 31, 2021 |
| Duke University, Race and Ethnicity Politics Workshop, guest speaker "Beyond Red and Blue Lines: Survival Skepticism, COVID-19 and the 2020 Election" | April 7, 2021 |
| "The Need to Couple Hope with Fear: Latino Political Civic Engagement, Political Participation, and Immigration Policy Discourse" Purdue University | Nov. 1, 2018 |
| Department of American Culture Latina/o Studies University of Michigan "Latinos/as and the 2016 Election" | Nov. 3, 2016 |
| Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship Center for Health Policy, Department of Political Science University of New Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Cautious Citizens: Immigration and Health Policy Impacts on Civic Behaviors and Political Participation" • "Navigating Immigration Enforcement: Implications of Latinos Living in the Shadows and Trusting Healthcare Providers" | April 21-23, 2016 |
| University of Arizona, Political Science, Guest Lecturer "Coupling Urgency with Hope: Latino Political Participation in Response to Threat and Opportunity" | April 15, 2016 |
| Wake Forest University, Latino Politics Class, Guest Lecturer "Spillover Effects and Mixed Messages: Government Skepticism Among Latinos Surrounding Immigration and Health" | Oct. 23, 2015 |
| Wake Forest University, University-wide presentation, Guest Lecturer "Cautious Citizens Amidst Mixed Messages: Immigration and Health Policy Signals Impacts on Government Trust and Political Participation" | Oct. 21, 2015 |

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| Indiana University "CRRES Faculty Affiliate Spotlight Series" – IU Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (forthcoming) | Dec. 11, 2023 |
| Indiana University "Demystifying Graduate School" - Latinx Community Floor, guest speaker | Oct. 11, 2023 |

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| Indiana University "Careers in Research" - Cox Scholars, guest speaker | Oct. 11, 2023 |
| Indiana University 10 th Anniversary for Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES), alumni panelist | Sept. 21, 2023 |
| IU Newsroom Faculty Spotlight for Ford Foundation Fellowship and IU's Emerging Scholar Award (link) | May 18, 2023 |
| Indy Star - newspaper "Mayoral Race in Indianapolis and Primary Results" | May 16, 2023 |
| Indiana Citizen - newspaper "Primary highlights constraints and demands placed on Indiana mayors." | April 28, 2023 |
| IndyStar - newspaper "Reckoning: Racial justice, equity issues take center stage in Indy mayor's race." (Interviewed) | April 25, 2023 |
| Indiana University "Civic Engagement and Lesson from the 2022 Elections" – O'Neill Civic Leaders Center, guest speaker | Jan. 25, 2023 |
| Indiana University "Social Movements and the Latinx Vote Today" Annual Indiana Latinx Leadership Conference, guest speaker | Mar. 26, 2022 |
| Indianapolis Business Journal - newspaper "Black clergy says a candidate's position, not race, will determine faith community's support" | Dec. 2, 2022 |
| Indianapolis Business Journal - newspaper "Secretary of State Race, Morales and GOP chances" | Oct. 4, 2022 |
| Indianapolis Business Journal - newspaper "Morales puts Indiana GOP in new territory" | Sept. 23, 2022 |
| Politics in Question Podcast – "How Do Americans Feel About Politics" (link) | June 14, 2022 |
| WTIU/WFYI (TV) Gerrymandering and redistricting in Indiana | Oct. 8, 2021 |
| IDS – Indiana Daily Student - newspaper "Here's what a Biden Administration could mean to IU students" | Jan. 20, 2021 |
| IDS – Indiana Daily Student - newspaper "Black Voices Race for the Senate" | Jan. 12, 2021 |
| Latinx Voters and 2020 election PBS Newshour (digital) | Jan. 2021 |
| Latinx Voters and the 2020 Election With Dr. Claudia Sandoval (Loyola Marymount University) | Oct. 29, 2020 |
| "Episode 49." Latino voters. IU Research Impact Indiana University Podcast | Oct. 26, 2020 |
| "Hope, not fear, is key for mobilizing Latino voters" News at IU Bloomington – "Stories: Law and Policy section" | Oct. 14, 2020 |
| "Undocumented and Uninsured: The Cultural Implications Among Latinos at Hospitals During COVID-19." Immigration Politics and Public Health" NPR (link) | Sept. 3, 2020 |
| "Protest and Change," Confronting Racism Series (virtual), moderator Co-sponsored by Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) and College Arts and Humanities Council (CAHI) Indiana University | July 14, 2020 |
| Mini University (course for community) "Latino Politics — Do Fear Tactics Immobilize an Electorate? Latinos Rising to the Challenge in Response to Threat and Opportunity Messages" Indiana University | June 10, 2019 |

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| “The U.S. And Mexico: A Partnership Tested.” Indiana Council on World Affairs | April 16, 2019 |
| “From Unicorn to University Professor” - featured story DePaul University Magazine | Nov. 18, 2018 |
| “Advice on the job market and applying for postdocs” Indiana University Graduate Student Conference | April 2018 |
| The Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Testimony - July 2018 Press Release and Memorandum “Voting Rights in Indiana” | Mar. 2, 2018 |
| UC-Irvine: Press Release for Public Administration Review publication | May 18, 2017 |
| “Expressing Latino/a Identities on College Campuses.” La Casa Cultural Center Indiana University | Nov. 17, 2017 |
| Department of American Culture Latina/o Studies University of Michigan “Latinos/as and the 2016 Election” | Nov. 3, 2016 |

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| American Political Science Association (APSA) Paper presentations in 2024 (under review), 2021, 2020 (virtual), 2018, 2017, 2014, 2013, 2010 and 2009 | |
| Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Paper presentations in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19), 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014 and 2013 | |
| Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Paper presentations in 2022, 2018, 2017, 2015 and 2014 | |
| Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (SPSA) (virtual) “Cautious Citizen: Policy Feedback Lessons and Consequences for Democratic Citizenship” | Jan. 2021 |
| Chicago Area Political Behavior (CAB) Workshop, Northwestern University (poster) “Spurring Issue Activism: Resolving the Mobilizer’s Dilemma with Coupled Threat-and-Opportunity Strategies” | April 2019 |
| Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Consortium (PRIEC) (Winston-Salem) “Spurring Latina/o Issue Activism: Mobilization Efforts Combining Fear and Hope” | Nov. 2018 |
| American Public Health Association (APHA)(co-author presented) (Atlanta) “Cautious Citizens and the Use of Health Care and Public Services” | Nov. 2018 |
| American Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference “Cautious Citizens and the Use of Health Care and Public Services” | Nov. 2018 |
| American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference “Policy Feedback: Government Skepticism Trickling from Immigration to Matters of Health” | March 2018 |
| Mini-Conference on Policing and Race (The University of Cincinnati) “Policy Feedback and Unexpected Ripples: Government Skepticism Stemming From Immigration Policing” | Jan. 2016 |
| Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Consortium (PRIEC), 40 th Meeting, (South Bend) “Is Threat Sufficient? Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages” | May 2015 |
| Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity – (SPIRE) (Bloomington) “Mirrored Threat: Political Responses to Denigrating Group Messages in the Media” | March 2014 |

ADVISING AND SERVICE

Indiana University

Latinx Politics Lab, Founder and Director (2018-Present)

Current:

Lukas Adams

Poorabi Nanda

Khoi Hua

Kishore Harihan

Daisy Trujillo

Former:

John Janicijevic
Julia Bourkland
Dalia Raya
Anita Martinez
Lydia Lopez

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Donovan Watts (2019-2024)(co-chair)
Rosemarie Lerma (2022-)(co-chair)
Jonathan Aker (2022-)
Jung Hyun Moon (IU Media School)(2022-)
Khoi Hua (IU, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2023-)
Abby Hatch (2020-2022)
Meaghan Rysdale (2019-2021)

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

Daisy Trujillo (2021)
Julia Bourkland (2020)

Faculty Mentor, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Research Program (Poorabi Nanda)
Faculty Sponsor, Washington DC Internship Program (undergraduate) (Chance Kapase)(2022)
Faculty Mentor, Cox Research Scholarship (undergraduate) (Lukas Adams)(2021-2024)
Faculty Sponsor, Pi Sigma Alpha Society (2019-2021)
Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Political Science Club (2019-2021)
Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Advanced Summer Research Scholarship (Julia Bourkland)(2019)
Faculty Mentor, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Research Program (Dalia Raya)(2018-2019)

Indiana University

Faculty-to-Faculty Mentoring Program, Vice Provost's Office, **participant**, 2023 – present
Graduate Task Force, Department of Political Science, Spring 2023
Undergraduate Political Science Club, faculty advisor, Fall 2021
Pi Sigma Alpha Society, faculty advisor, Fall 2021
Graduate Student Coffee Chats, Department of Political Science, *active faculty member* – 2021-2022
Washington DC Internship Program, *actively recruit mentees*, 2020 - present
Scholarly Writing Program, Vice Provost's Office, **participant**, 2017 - present
Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Political Science, Spring 2020
Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, Spring 2020

University of Michigan

Political Scientists of Color, Rackham Graduate Department, **Alumni Mentor**, 2023 – present
Francy Luna Diaz (2023-Present)
Political Scientists of Color, Political Science Department, **Co-President**, 2010-2012, **Member**, 2009–
Women's Caucus, Political Science Department, **Member**, 2009–
Coalition for Tuition Equality, **Graduate Student Liaison**, 2011-2013
Rackham Student Government, **Student Representative**, 2012-2013
Coalition for Interdisciplinary Research on Latino/a Interests, **Co-Founder and Co-Chair**, 2010-2015
Hustle&Grow Mentorship Program, **Co-Founder**, 2011-2013
Students of Color at Rackham, **Academic Chair and Political Action Chair**, 2010-2012

Western Political Science Association

Media and Political Communications, Section Co-Chair, 2020-2021
Discussant, 2018, 2019

American Political Science Association

Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, *Committee Member for Best Paper Award* 2022-2023
NSF-Funded Women of Color of Political Scientists, *Member*, 2013–
Latino Caucus, 2009–
Women's Caucus, 2009–
Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, 2009–
APSA Minority Fellows Program, *Fellow, Mentee and Mentor*, 2009–
American Political Science Association Mentorship Program, *Mentee* 2008–2016, *Mentor* 2019-Present

Midwest Political Science Association

Health, Education and Social Policy Division, Section Co-Chair, 2021-2022
Lucius Barker Paper Award Committee, *Member*, 2022
Women's Caucus, Member 2012–
Latina/o Caucus, Member 2009– (Newsletter Editor, 2018-2021; Vice President, 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2012-2014; Secretary, 2011–2012;
Panel Discussant, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
Panel Chair, 2021, 2022

Southern Political Science Association
Discussant, 2021

Equis Research, research firm
Latinx Policy Expert Working Group, *Member* (2018-Present)

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Political Behavior, Public Administration Review; PS: Political Science, Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; Studies in American Political Development; Social Problems; Social Forces; Social Science Quarterly; Politics, Groups and Identities; Journal of Public Policy; Politics and Gender; Social Sciences; Social Science and Medicine; Social Science and Medicine – Population Health; Journal of Race and Ethnicity Politics; Ethnic and Racial Studies;*

TEACHING

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| Indiana University Bloomington, IN POLSY-321 Media and Politics (Undergraduate) POLSY-103 Intro to American Politics (Undergraduate) POLSY-329 Race and Ethnicity Politics (Undergraduate) POLSY-661 Race and Ethnicity Politics (Graduate) POLSY-477 DC Internship (Independent Study) POLSY-477 Research (Independent Study) | 2017-Present |
| University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI POLSCI 103: Introduction to American Politics – Graduate Student Instructor (2 semesters) | 2010-2011 |