

# V. CRUZ NICHOLS

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2019-Present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society	2020-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2017-2019
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society	2017-2019

## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

PhD – Political Science

August 2017

American Politics – *Race and ethnicity politics, Latino politics, political behavior, identity politics, gender & policy.*

**Co-Chairs:** Vincent L. Hutchings and John A. Garcia    **Dissertation Committee:** Nancy Burns and Don Kinder

### University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

MA – Political Science

April 2012

### DePaul University, *Magna Cum Laude*

Chicago, IL

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

June

## PUBLICATION EXPERIENCE

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Hutchings, Vincent L., **V. Cruz Nichols**, L. Gause, S. Piston. 2020. "White-Washing: How Obama Used Implicit Racial Cues as Defense Against Political Rumors." *Political Behavior*, 1-24.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-020-09642-1>

Cruz Nichols, V. and Garibaldo Valdez, R. (2020) "How to Sound the Alarms: Untangling Racialized Threat in Latina/o Mobilization." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 1-7.

Reny, T., B. Wilcox-Archuleta, and **V. Cruz Nichols**. (2018). "Threat, Mobilization, and Latino Voting in the 2018 Election." *The Forum* (16) 4: 573-599. doi: 10.1515/for-2018-0041

**Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Policing Us Sick: The Health of Latinos in an Era of Heightened Deportations and Racialized Policing." *PS: Political Science and Politics* (51) 2: 293-297. doi: 10.1017/S1049096517002384

**Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Spillover Effects: Immigrant Policing and Government Skepticism in Matters of Health for Latinos." *Public Administration Review* (78) 3: 432-443. doi: 10.1111/puar.12916

**Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Policy Feedback: Government Skepticism Trickling from Immigration to Matters of Health" in *Policing and Race in America: Economic, Political and Social*

*Dynamics*. Edited by James Ward. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Pedraza, Francisco I., **V. Cruz Nichols** and A. M.W. LeBrón. (2017). "Cautious Citizenship: The Detering Effect of Immigration Issue Salience on Health Care Use and Bureaucratic Interactions Among Latino U.S. Citizens." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* (42) 5: 925-960. doi: 10.1215/03616878-3940486

Cruz, V. 2009. "Educational Attainment of First and Second Generation Immigrant Youth: New Findings from National Longitudinal Data." The Urban Institute's Public Policy Analysis and Research Academy, Brief No. 1. The Urban Institute.

Cruz, V. 2008. "Immigration Status: Its Impacts on Family Dynamics and Future Political Voices." *DePaul University: The Liberal Arts & Sciences Student Research Journal*, Vol. 1. DePaul University.

**\*Winner of Best Student Paper at 58th Annual Midwest Association for Latin American Studies**

## BOOK REVIEWS

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**Cruz Nichols, V.** "Book Review of  *Holding Fast: Resilience and Civic Engagement Among Latino Immigrants* (By James A. McCann and Michael Jones-Correa)." in *Political Science Quarterly* (forthcoming Summer 2021 issue)

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

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**Cruz Nichols, V.** "Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Coupled Threat-and-Opportunity Messages." (book manuscript)

Cruz Nichols, V. "Motivating Political Action: Gender Differences Under Coupled Threat and Opportunity Messages."

LeBrón, A. M., **V. Cruz Nichols** and F. I. Pedraza. "Cautious Citizenship: Examining Mechanisms by Which Immigration Issue Salience Shapes Latinas/os Engagement with Public Service and Health Care."

**Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. "Producing Cautious Citizens: Immigration Policy and Surrounding Threat."

**Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. "Fear of Deportation and Its Trickle Effects into Politics and Daily Life Behaviors."

LeBrón, Alana M., **V. Cruz Nichols** and F. I. Pedraza. "Immigration Surveillance and Mental Health: Findings from a National Multi-Ethnic Sample."

LeBrón, Alana M., **V. Cruz Nichols** and F. I. Pedraza. "Street-Level Race and Self-Rated Health in an Era of Heightened Immigrant Policing: Findings from a National Sample of Latinas/os."

## TEACHING

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### **Indiana University**

Bloomington, IN

Media and Politics (Undergraduate)

Intro to American Politics (Undergraduate)

Race and Ethnicity Politics (Graduate)

### **University of Michigan**

Ann Arbor, MI

Introduction to American Politics – Graduate Student Instructor (2 semesters)

### **DePaul University, Chicago Quarter in First Year Honors Program**

Chicago, IL

"Through the Lens: Exploring the City of Chicago"-- Honors Program Peer Mentor/Instructor

## A W A R D S / H O N O R S

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Indiana University Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (nominated by Julia Bourkland),  
Center for Excellence for Women and Technology 2020

Western Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition 2018  
*"Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages"*  
*(Nominated for the Latino/a Caucus "Best Paper Award")*

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2017-  
2018

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*) 2017-  
2018

Princeton University, Department of Politics Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*) 2017-  
2018

Midwest Political Science Association 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition  
2016  
*"Rising to the Challenge: Latino Political Responses To Two-Prong Threat and Opportunity Messages"*  
*(Nominated for the Latino/a Caucus "Best Graduate Student Paper Award")*

University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford Fellow 2016-  
2017

NRC Ford Foundation Predoctoral & Dissertation Fellowship 2011-2015

American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship 2009-2011

The Urban Institute Summer Academy, Research Fellow 2008

Berkeley Summer Research Opportunity Program, Scholar (Mentor: Irene Bloemraad) 2007

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program 2006-2009

## P R O J E C T S / G R A N T S

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**American Political Science Association MFP Travel Grant** 2018  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Boston, MA)* \$400

**National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant** 2017-2018  
*"Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages"* \$23,250

**American Political Science Association, APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship** June 2016 – Oct. 2016  
*"Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages"*  
\$500

**Gerald R. Ford Research Grant**  
2017

May 2016 – May

*"Rising to the Challenge: How Mobilizers Catalyze Threat and Opportunity Messages Into Action"* \$1,275

**Candidate Research Grant, Rackham Graduate School**

May 2016 – May

2017 *"Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages, a Bottom-Up Approach"* \$3000

**Latino National Health and Immigrant Survey**  
2015

Jan. – March

**Co-Student Investigator**

#### INVITED PROFESSIONAL TALKS AND PRESS

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Indiana University **July 14, 2020**

Moderator, "Protest and Change"

Confronting Racism Series (virtual), co-sponsored by IU's Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) and College Arts and Humanities Council (CAHI)

Indiana University **June 10, 2019**

Mini University

**June 13, 2021**

*"Latino Politics — Do Fear Tactics Immobilize an Electorate? Latinos Rising to the Challenge in Response to Threat and Opportunity Messages"*

Indiana Council on World Affairs

**April 16, 2019**

Carmel High School

*"The U.S. And Mexico: A Partnership Tested."*

DePaul Magazine

**Nov. 18, 2018**

DePaul University

*"From Unicorn to University Professor" - [featured story](#)*

Department of Political Science

**Nov. 1, 2018**

Purdue University

*"The Need to Couple Hope with Fear: Latino Political Civic Engagement, Political Participation, and Immigration Policy Discourse"*

The Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**March 2, 2018**

"Voting Rights in Indiana"

Testimony - July 2018 [Press Release](#) and [Memorandum](#)

Department of American Culture Latina/o Studies

**Nov. 3, 2016**

University of Michigan

*"Latinos/as and the 2016 Election"*

Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship Center for Health Policy, Department of Political Science

**April 21-23, 2016**

University of New Mexico

*"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"*

University of Arizona, Political Science, Guest Lecturer

**April 15, 2016**

*"Coupling Urgency with Hope: Latino Political Participation in Response to Threat and Opportunity"*

Wake Forest University, Latino Politics Class, Guest Lecturer **Oct. 21-23 2015**  
*"Spillover Effects and Mixed Messages: Government Skepticism Among Latinos Surrounding Immigration and Health"*

Wake Forest University, University-wide presentation, Guest Lecturer **Oct. 21-23 2015**  
*"Cautious Citizens Amidst Mixed Messages: Immigration and Health Policy Signals Impacts on Government Trust and Political Participation"*

#### SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (virtual) **Jan 2021**  
*"Cautious Citizen: Policy Feedback Lessons and Consequences for Democratic Citizenship"*

Chicago Area Political Behavior Workshop, Annual Meeting, Northwestern University (poster) **April 2019**  
*"Spurring Issue Activism: Resolving the Mobilizer's Dilemma with Coupled Threat-and-Opportunity Strategies"*

Midwest Political Science Association 2019 77th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) **April 2019**  
*"Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages"*

Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Consortium (PRIEC) (Winston-Salem) **Nov. 2018**  
*"Spurring Latina/o Issue Activism: Mobilization Efforts Combining Fear and Hope"*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Boston) **Aug. 2018**  
*"Spurring Latina/o Issue Activism: Mobilization Efforts Combining Fear and Hope"*

Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science Conference (Irvine) (co-author presented) **Oct. 2018**  
*"Examining Mechanisms By Which Latinas/os Navigate Increasingly Restrictive Immigration Policy"*

Midwest Political Science Association 2018 76th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) **April 2018**  
*"Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages"*

Western Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (San Francisco) **March 2018**  
*"Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages Among Latinas/os"*  
*(WPSA Latino/a Caucus nomination for "Best Paper Award")*

American Public Health Association (co-author presented) (Atlanta) **Nov. 2018**  
*"Cautious Citizens and the Use of Health Care and Public Services"*

Western Political Science Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Vancouver) **April 2017**  
*"Peril or Promise: Coupling Threat and Opportunity Messages to Spur Latino Political Participation"*

Western Political Science Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Vancouver) **April 2017**  
*"Cautious Citizen: Threat and Political Participation Among Latinos"*

Midwest Political Science Association 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) **April 2017**  
*"Peril or Promise: Latino Political Activism Surrounding Threat and Opportunity Messages"*

Midwest Political Science Association 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) **April 2016**  
*"Rising to the Challenge: Latino Political Responses To Two-Prong Threat and Opportunity Messages"*  
*(MPSA Latino/a Caucus nomination for "Best Graduate Student Paper Award")*

#### ADVISING AND SERVICE

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Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Indiana University  
Donovan Watts  
Meaghan Rysdale

Faculty Sponsor, Pi Sigma Alpha Society, Indiana University (2019-)  
Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Political Science Club, Indiana University (2019-)

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Advanced Summer Research Scholarship (Julia Bourkland), Indiana University (2019)

Faculty Mentor, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Undergraduate Research Program (Dalia Raya), Indiana University (2018-2019)

Department of Political Science Committee Member, Indiana University  
Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2020-

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Administration Review*, *PS: Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*

### **Western Political Science Association**

Section Co-Chair, *Media and Political Communications*, 2020

### **American Political Science Association**

NSF-Funded Women of Color of Political Scientists, *Member*, 2013–

Latino Caucus, 2009–

Women's Caucus, 2009–

Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics, 2009–

Minority Fellows Program, *Fellow, Mentee and Mentor*, 2009–

American Political Science Association Mentorship Program, *Mentee and Mentor*, 2008–

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

Women's Caucus, 2009–

Latina/o Caucus, 2009– (Newsletter Editor, 2018-Present; Vice President, 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2012-2014; Secretary, 2011–2012)