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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### University of Michigan

2025 - Present    Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2025 - Present    Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research

### University of Texas at Austin

2022 - 2025    Assistant Professor, Department of Government

Faculty Fellow, Politics of Race and Ethnicity Lab, 2022 - 2025

Faculty Associate, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, 2023 - 2025

### University of Georgia

2019 - 2022    Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

### University of Pennsylvania

2018 - 2019    Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Immigration

## EDUCATION

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### University of Chicago

2018    Ph.D., Political Science

2014    M.A., Social Science

### University of Texas-San Antonio

2012    M.A., Political Science

### Texas State University

2006    B.A., History, Summa Cum Laude

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Race, Ethnicity & Politics, Latinx Politics, Political Socialization, Immigration, Immigration Enforcement, Political Behavior, and Public Opinion

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOK

Carlos, Roberto F. (Forthcoming May 2026). *“Information Brokers: Political Socialization in Latino Immigrant Families”* University of Chicago Press

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Carlos, Roberto F., Hajer Al-Faham, and Michael Jones-Correa. (2025). “When Co-Ethnic Attachments Get Trumped: Unpacking Latinx Voter Preferences in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election” *Political Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-025-10060-4>

Blasingame, Elise N.,\* Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Joseph T. Ornstein. (2024). “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging” *American Political Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055423001028>

*APSA Law and Courts Section Award Best Conference Paper, APSA 2023*

*Evan Ringquist Award for Best Paper on Political Institutions, MPSA 2023*

Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, Margaret H. Taylor, Matthew Baker,\* and Elise N. Blasingame.\* (2023). “Congressional Constraint? Reviewing In Absentia Immigration Removal Orders in the Federal Circuit Courts” *Political Research Quarterly*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129231164947>

Carlos, Roberto F., Geoffrey Sheagley, and Karlee Taylor.\* (2022). “Tolerance for the Free Speech of Outgroup Partisans” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522001202>

Carlos, Roberto F. (2021). “Politics of the Mundane” *American Political Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055421000204>

Boldt, Ethan, Christina Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Matthew Baker.\* (2021). “The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions” *Justice System Journal*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2021.1881665>

Carlos, Roberto F. (2018). “Late to the Party: On the Prolonged Partisan Socialization Process of 2nd Generation Americans.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2018.21>

Wilson, Walter, and Roberto F. Carlos. (2014). “Do Women Representatives Regender Legislative Bureaucracy? Assessing the Effect of Representative Sex on Women’s Presence among Congressional Staff.” *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 20 (2): 216-235, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2013.833392>

\*Denotes student co-author at the time of writing.

### BOOK REVIEWS

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Carlos, Roberto F. 2023. “Efrén Pérez and Margit Tavits. Voicing Politics: How Language Shapes Public Opinion.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 97 (4): 1056–1058,1056-1058.

## MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED

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Blajer de la Garza, Yuna., Carlos, Roberto F., and Geoffrey Sheagley. “How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants”

*APSA Racial and Ethnic Politics Section Best Paper Award, APSA 2024*

Carlos, Roberto F., Chris Cassella,\* Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Vianney Gomez,\* Miranda Sullivan,\* Allison Verrilli,\* Clinton Willbanks,\* and Ethan Yoo. \* “Latinx Attitudes on Immigration”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Blajer de la Garza, Yuna., Roberto F. Carlos, and Geoffrey Sheagley. “How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants” Book project.

Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, and Michael J. Nelson. “Immigration Courts and Public Opinion” Book project in preparation.

Boyd, Christina L., Roberto F. Carlos, and Miranda Sullivan\* “Campus Tragedies and Immigration Politics” manuscript is in preparation.

Carlos, Roberto F., Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez\* “Reciprocal Socialization: A Field Experiment” manuscript in preparation.

Carlos, Roberto F., Vladimir E. Medenica, and Francisco, I. Pedraza. “The Contours of Parenthood: Experimental Evidence of Support for Child Separation Policies Among Parents”

Carlos, Roberto F., Mashail Malik, and Marcel Roman. “The Role of Migration Motive in Immigrant Political Incorporation” manuscript in preparation.

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND RECOGNITION

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| 2025 | MPSA Latino/a Caucus Early Career Award   |
| 2024 | APSA Latin@/x Caucus Emerging Scholar Award   |
| 2024 | APSA Racial and Ethnic Politics Section Best Paper Award for “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face.”  |
| 2023 | APSA Law and Courts Section Best Conference Paper Award for “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging.”  |
| 2023 | Evan Ringquist Award for Best Paper on Political Institutions “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging.”  |
| 2023 | Government Department Research Grant Winner with University of Texas Graduate Students: Chris Cassella,* Megan Dias,* Vianney Gomez,* Miranda Sullivan,* Allison Verrilli,* Clinton Willbanks,* and Ethan Yoo.* |

2021	Knight Foundation Freedom of Expression Survey Access
2021	Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Junior Faculty Member in Political Science, University of Georgia
2020 - 2022	University of Georgia Lilly Teaching Fellow
2018	Latino Caucus APSA Travel Grant
2017	Latino/a Caucus Best Graduate Student Paper, MPSA
2017 - 2018	Ford Fellowship Dissertation Grant Alternate, Honorable Mention
2017	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant
2017	Graduate Council Travel Fund Award, University of Chicago
2015 - 2016	Division of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago Long Term Research Grant Recipient
2015	Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago Research Grant Recipient
2015	John A. Garcia Scholarship for ICPSR
2012 - 2017	University of Chicago Fellowship
2010	Yale University Educator Recognition Award for Outstanding Teaching
2009 - 2012	Honoree at the Superintendent's Summa Cum Laude Reception

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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2025	The Midwest Political Science Association, " <i>How Embarrassment within the Latinx Community Impacts Attitudes Toward Immigration</i> " with Chris Cassella,* Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan,* Allision Verrilli,* Clinton Willbanks,* and Ethan Yoo*
2024	The American Political Science Association, " <i>Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face? How The Psychological Wage of Whiteness Drives Opposition to Public Policies When They Benefit Immigrants</i> " with Yuna Blajer de la Garza and Geoffrey Sheagley
2024	The American Political Science Association, " <i>Anti-Immigrant and Attitudes Pro-Immigrant in the Latinx Community</i> "? with Chris Cassella,* Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan,* Allision Verrilli,* Clinton Willbanks,* and Ethan Yoo*
2024	Latine Identity and Opinion Symposium at Brown University, " <i>Reciprocal Socialization Among Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Families</i> " with Melissa Baker, Álvaro Corral, Bryan Gervais, Matt Lamb, Tanika Raychaudhuri, and Linette Sanchez*
2024	The Midwest Political Science Association, " <i>Anti-Immigrant and Attitudes Pro-Immigrant in the Latinx Community</i> "? with Chris Cassella,* Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan,* Allision Verrilli,* Clinton Willbanks,* and Ethan Yoo*

- 2024 The Midwest Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them”? with Geoffrey Sheagley
- 2024 The Southern Political Science Association, “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them”? with Geoffrey Sheagley
- 2023 Politics of Gender, Diversity, and Representation at the University of Houston “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them”? with Geoffrey Sheagley
- 2023 The Midwest Political Science Association, “How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging” with Elise N. Blasingame\*, Christina L. Boyd, and Joseph T. Ornstein
- 2023 Representation and Identity Politics Workshop at Rice University, “Testing Co-ethnic Ties among Latinos” with Hajer Al-Fahm and Michael Jones-Correa
- 2022 The American Political Science Association “Reciprocal Socialization in the Latinx Households”
- 2022 The Western Political Science Association “Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face: Do Americans Forgo Democratic Protections to Ensure Others Cannot Enjoy Them”? with Geoffrey Sheagley
- 2022 The Midwest Political Science Association, “Looking for Evidence of Reciprocal Socialization in the Latinx Community”
- 2022 The Midwest Political Science Association, “The Trump Effect on Immigration Court Case” with Elise Blasingame\*, Christina L. Boyd, and Joseph Ornstein
- 2021 The American Political Science Association “Trump Support Among Latinxs in an Election Year: An Experimental Approach” with Hajer Al-Faham and Michael Jones-Correa
- 2021 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium at Arizona State University “The American Political Science Association “The Boundaries of Parenthood: Experimental Evidence of Support for Child Separation Policies Among Parents”
- 2020 The American Political Science Association “The Morality of Child Separation”
- 2019 The American Political Science Association  
“Children Lead: An Experimental Approach to Political Socialization”
- 2018 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium at Cornell University
- 2018 The American Political Science Association  
“The Kids Are Alright: The Heightened Efficacy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Americans”
- 2018 The Midwest Political Science Association “The Kids Are Alright: The Heightened Efficacy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Americans”
- 2017 The American Political Science Association  
“Kids Say the Darndest Things: The Political Work the Children of Immigrants Do in the Household.”

- 2017 The Western Political Science Association “The Politics of Children: The Political Influence Children Are Having on their Immigrant Parents.”
- 2017 The Midwest Political Science Association “The Politics of Children: The Political Influence Children Are Having on their Immigrant Parents.”
- 2014 The Western Political Science Association  
“Partisan Pathways Beyond Parent Transmission: An Investigation into the Partisan Attainment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Latinos.”
- 2014 The Midwest Political Science Association  
“The Rising Conservative Latino? A Look into the Political Socialization of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Latino Military Members.”
- 2010 The Midwest Political Science Association  
“Prospects for Moving from Passive to Active Representation? An Analysis of Sex and Ethnic Characteristics of Congressional Staff.”

### INVITED TALKS & IN-RESIDENCE TALKS

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- 2024 The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC), Belonging and Integration: Diverse Perspectives on the Children of Immigrants, Concordia University, CA, “*From Familial Obligation to Political Action*”
- 2024 Identity and Inequality Conference at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, “*From Familial Obligation to Political Action*”
- 2024 University of Texas El Paso Polarizing Policy, Political Attitudes, and Political Behavior in Contentious Topics Series “Socialization Reimagined”
- 2024 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Political Science Colloquium “Socialization Reimagined”
- 2023 Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies University of Texas at Austin  
“How the Trump Administration’s Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging”
- 2023 Understanding Politics Seminar Series: University of California, Merced Department of Political Science “Testing Co-ethnic Ties among Latinos”
- 2021 Dialogues in Diversity from the Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Gregoria  
“The Politics of the Mundane”

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2025 - Instructor: Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Michigan
- 2025 - Instructor: Latinx Politics: Past, present, and future in the U.S. at the University of Michigan
- 2024 - 2025 Instructor: Political Behavior (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2023 - 2025 Instructor: Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2023 - 2025 Instructor: Latinx Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Texas at Austin

2022 - 2025 Instructor: Introduction to American Politics at the University of Texas at Austin

2022 - 2025 Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Texas at Austin

2021 - 2022 Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at the University of Georgia

2019 - 2022 Instructor: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Graduate Seminar) at the University of Georgia

2019 - 2022 Instructor: Introduction to American Politics Undergraduate Honors at the University of Georgia

2019 - 2022 Instructor: Introduction to American Politics at the University of Georgia

2016 - 2018 Instructor: Social Science Inquiry III at the University of Chicago

2007 - 2012 Advance Placement U.S. Government and U.S. History Teacher, North East ISD-San Antonio, TX. Winston Churchill High School

## SERVICE

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2025 Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant May

2025 APSA Law and Courts Best Graduate Student Paper committee member

2024 - APSA REP Section Website Administrator

2024 - 2025 College of Liberal Arts Thematic Graduate Fellowship selection committee member, University of Texas at Austin

2024 Dean's Distinguished Graduate Awards selection committee member, University of Texas at Austin

2024 Pi Sigma Alpha/Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, SPSA Committee

2024 Junior Americanist Workshop Series Discussant November

2023 Best Book Award Committee Member, APSA Latino Caucus, APSA

2023 Best Paper Award Committee Member, REP Section, APSA

2021- 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Latina/o Caucus Newsletter Editor

2020 Co-Coordinator of the Emerging Issues in Political Science Speakers Series, University of Georgia

2020 Roundtable Host at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Career Fair

2019- 2020 Faculty Executive Committee Member, University of Georgia

2019 Roundtable Host at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Career Fair

2017- Reviewer for American Politics Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; Journal of Elections, and Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of Politics; Journal of

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Public Opinion Quarterly

2014 – 2016 Co-Coordinator, American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago

## Student Mentorship

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### Graduate Students

Ph. D. Dissertation Co-Chair:  
Miranda Sullivan, UT-Austin 2024 -

Ph. D Dissertation Committee Member:  
Matt Baker, PH.D. – UGA 2023, Megan Dais, Ph.D. -UT-Austin 2024, and Mackenzie Vaughn, A.B.D. -UGA)

Master Thesis Advisor:  
Elyse Hatch-Rivera, UT-Austin  
Miranda Sullivan, UT-Austin  
Elizabeth Farnum, UGA

Graduate Advisor:  
Elyse Hatch-Rivera, Michigan 2025 -  
Stephanie Garza, UT-Austin 2023 - 2025  
Maria Mosquera, UT-Austin 2024 -2025  
Linette Sanchez, UT-Austin 2023 -2025

### Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Honors Thesis at the University of Texas.  
Advisor to Julian Montalvo

Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) at the University of Georgia.  
Advisor to Danielle St. Amand

Young Dawgs Faculty Mentor at the University of Georgia.  
Advisor to Vivian Sekandi

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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2010 United States Congressman Charles Gonzalez of San Antonio, TX  
Congressional Staff Internship

## RESEARCH SKILLS

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R Proficient / STATA Proficient

## LANGUAGES

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Bilingual, Fluent Spanish

## REFERENCES

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University of Chicago  
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