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Appointments

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

- Guest Associate Professor, Spring 2019
- Visiting Fellow, Fall 2019

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, May 2018 to present (on research leave)

- Director, Women in Political Science Initiative, Political Science Department, fall 2017-spring 2018.
- Director, Diversity and Inclusivity Initiative, Political Science Department, fall 2017-spring 2018.
-Winner of the College of Arts & Science 2018-2019 Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Board Member: Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research
- Affiliated Faculty: Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Program
- Affiliated Faculty: Center for Equality and Social Justice
- Affiliated Faculty: Gender and Women's Studies

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, August 2012 to May 2018

2016-2017 Central American Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), fall 2016

Principal Investigator of USAID-DevTech's study on the measurement of community resilience in contexts of criminal violence, fall 2013

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2008-August 2012

Lead Researcher of USAID's CARSI (Central America Regional Security Initiative) Field Experiment, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), 2009-August 2012

Consultant for the World Bank, Poverty and Gender section for the Latin American and Caribbean region, May-August 2008

Full-time faculty, Department of Economics, Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA), El Salvador, May-December 2000

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Vanderbilt University, December 2008

- Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Research Methods

M.A. in Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, 2005

- Fields: Economics and Political Science

M.A. in Economics, Vanderbilt University, Graduate Program in Economic Development (GPED), 2003

B.A. in Economics. Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador, 2000

New Projects/Work in Progress

Book Projects

Córdova, Abby. Violence against Women and Political Participation in Contexts of Criminal Violence.

- Project funded by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, with a Visiting Scholar Fellowship.

Abstract: Across the developing world, unprecedented levels of criminal violence led by non-state armed groups have coincided with alarming rates of violence against women (VAW). In this book project, I develop a theoretical framework that helps explain how non-state armed groups' territorial control make women more vulnerable to gendered violence and its consequences for women's political participation. I argue that criminal groups' territorial control increases women's vulnerability to gendered violence in and outside the home, which undermines women's likelihood of engaging in politics. I test my hypotheses in the context of gang's territorial control in El Salvador, relying on quantitative and qualitative data. The quantitative analyses use data from two large-scale original surveys at the neighborhood level and a nationally representative survey of VAW. These data allow me to employ survey experiments and advanced statistical techniques to systematically examine the links between gangs' territorial control, VAW, and women's political participation.

Córdova, Abby, and Annabella España. Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments.

- Project funded by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center at Iowa State University, the American Political Science Association (APSA), the Office of the Vice President for Research and the College of Arts and Science at the University of Kentucky and the College of Social Sciences at California State University, Fresno

Abstract: The third wave of democratization resulted in greater autonomy and more responsibilities for local governments in the developing world. One of the expectations was that decentralization reforms would bring opportunities to improve the political representation of historically marginalized populations, including women. In this book project, we seek to identify the challenges that Latin American women still face to be elected to office and influence public policy at the local level. We argue that the prevalence of gender stereotypes undermines women's representation in local governments, particularly when women are members of an opposition party. To test our theory, we rely on qualitative and quantitative data. More specifically, we will use data from an original multi-year elite survey carried out among 1000 elected council members across 101 municipalities in El Salvador, in-depth interviews with party leaders and council members, content analysis of council meetings, and electoral data from more than 5,000 municipalities across 22 Latin American countries.

Working Papers in Preparation for Submission to Peer Reviewed Journals

Córdova, Abby, and Helen Kras. State Action to Prevent Violence against Women: How Women's Police Stations Affect Men's Attitudes toward Gendered Violence.

Córdova, Abby, and Annabella España. When Do Multiparty Local Governments Perform Better? An Examination of Municipal Councilors' Political Behavior in the Latin American Context.

- Research based on original elite survey data collected among over 400 elected local officials across 101 municipalities in El Salvador.

Hiskey, J., Córdova, A., Malone, M., & Orcés, D. On the front Lines: A Profile of Female Crime Victims Seeking to Emigrate from Northern Central America.

Córdova, Abby. Vote Buying and Voter Turnout in Compulsory Voting Systems: Implications for the Political Behavior of the Poor.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Invited to Revise and Resubmit

Córdova, Abby and Helen Kras. "Addressing Violence against Women: The Effect of Women's Police Stations on Police Legitimacy." *Comparative Political Studies*

Córdova, Abby and Jonathan Hiskey. "Development Context and the Political Behavior of Remittance Recipients in Latin America and the Caribbean." *Political Behavior*

Forthcoming/Published

Córdova, Abby. 2019. "Living in Gang-Controlled Neighborhoods: Impacts on Electoral and Non-Electoral Participation in El Salvador." *Latin American Research Review* (scheduled for publication in March, 2019).

- Paper presented at the 2017 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) conference in a featured panel co-sponsored by the Latin American Research Review and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Hiskey, Jonathan, Abby Córdova, Mary Malone, and Diana Orcés. 2018. "Leaving the Devil You Know: Crime Victimization, U.S. Deterrence Policy, and the Emigration Decision in Central America." *Latin American Research Review* 53(3), 429–447.

- Featured in [Panoramas](#) and cited by the [Wall Street Journal](#), among other media outlets. Within the first two weeks this article was published, it has been viewed online over 380 times and downloaded more than 100 times.

Córdova, Abby. 2018. "The Effect of Gang Activity on Trust in Government: Evidence from El Salvador." *América Latina Hoy* published by the University of Salamanca, Spain.

Córdova, Abby and Gabriela Rangel. 2017. "Addressing the Gender Gap: The Effect of Compulsory Voting on Women's Electoral Engagement." *Comparative Political Studies* 50 (2): 171–199. (co-authored with a graduate student)

Barnes, Tiffany and Abby Córdova. 2016. Making Space for Women: Explaining Citizen Support for Legislative Gender Quotas in Latin America. *Journal of Politics* 78(3): 670–686.

- Winner of the Midwest Political Science Association's 2017 Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for best paper on women and politics.

Córdova, Abby and Matthew Layton. 2016. “When Is Delivering the Goods Not Good Enough? How Economic Disparities in Latin American Neighborhoods Shape Citizen Trust in Local Government.” *World Politics* 68(1): 74-110.

Córdova, Abby and Jonathan Hiskey. 2015. “Shaping Politics at Home: Cross-Border Social Ties and Local-Level Political Engagement.” *Comparative Political Studies* 48(11): 1454-1487.

Córdova, Abby. 2011. “The Role of Social Capital in Citizen Support for Government Action to Reduce Economic Inequality.” *Journal of International Sociology* 41 (2): 28-50. (Special Issue on Political Inequality in Latin America)

Córdova, Abby and Mitchell A. Seligson. 2010. “Economic Shocks and Democratic Vulnerabilities in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 52 (2): 1-35.

Córdova, Abby and Mitchell A. Seligson. 2010. “Governance and Support for Stable Democracy in Latin America.” *Journal of Democracy* 2: 28-46. (In Spanish)

Córdova, Abby and Mitchell A. Seligson. 2009. “Economic Crisis and Democracy in Latin America.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42 (4): 673-678.

Methodological Studies

Córdova, Abby. 2014. Measuring Community Resilience and Citizen Security. Study Prepared for USAID-Guatemala. The methodology developed is currently being employed to evaluate USAID’s programs to prevent crime and violence in Guatemala.

Córdova, Abby. 2009. Measuring Relative Wealth using Household Asset Indicators and Principal Component Analysis (PCA). *Insights Series* 6. Nashville: Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University. http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/I0806en_v2.pdf

Book and Book Chapter

“Measuring Migration Connections across Latin America.” In *Migration and Remittances: Trends, Impacts and New Challenges*, ed. Alfredo Cuecuecha. 2012. Maryland: Lexington Books. (co-authored with Jonathan Hiskey)

Haiti in Distress: The Impact of the 2010 Earthquake on Citizen Lives and Perceptions. 2011. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project. (co-authored with Dominique Zéphyr; 240 pp.) <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/haiti/2010-Haiti-in-Distress-English.pdf>

Invited Review Essay

Córdova, Abby. 2015. “Old and New Forms of Civic Engagement.” *Latin American Politics and Society*. (Critical Debates series) 57 (2): 154-161.

Policy Reports

Understanding the Central America Refugee Crisis: Why They are Fleeing. 2016. Published by the American Immigration Council (with Jonathan Hiskey, Mary Malone, and Diana Orcés). https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/understanding_the_central_american_refugee_crisis.pdf

Contributor to the study, *Crime and Violence in Central America: A Development Challenge*. 2011. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank.

Other Publications

Córdova, Abby, Diana Orcés and Mitchell A. Seligson. 2010. “Democratic Values in Hard Times.” In *Democratic Consolidation in the Americas in Hard Times: Report on the Americas*, eds. Mitchell A. Seligson and Amy Erica Smith. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Córdova, Abby. 2008. “Social trust, Economic Inequality and Democracy in the Americas.” In *Challenges to Democracy in the Americas, evidence from the AmericasBarometer*, ed. Mitchell A. Seligson. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Córdova, Abby. 2008. “Corruption and its Impact on Support for Stable Democracy.” In *Political Culture of Democracy in Ecuador: The Impact of Governance*, ed. Mitchell A. Seligson. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Zéphyr, Dominique, Yves Pierre, and Abby Córdova. 2006. *The Political Culture of Democracy: Haiti 2006*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Córdova, Abby. 2006. “Capital social y su impacto en la democracia.” In *Auditoría de la democracia: Informe Bolivia 2006*, ed. Mitchell A. Seligson. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Córdova, Abby. 2000. *Crecimiento Económico y Convergencia en Centro América*. *Realidad, Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades* 77. Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas.

Córdova, Abby, and Dominique Zéphyr. *Pobreza, Crecimiento Económico, y Distribución del Ingreso en El Salvador en la década de los 90's*. *Realidad, Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades* 73. Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas.

Grants/Funding

\$32,500—Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Visiting Fellowship, fall 2019. Awarded: fall 2018.

\$1,800—American Political Science Association (APSA) Centennial Grant for Supplemental Research Support/Women in Politics Fund. Awarded: spring 2018.

- Project: *Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments* (with Annabella España, California State University, Fresno)

\$1,000—Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University. Awarded: spring 2018.

- Project: *Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments* (with Annabella España, California State University, Fresno)

\$24,594—Office for Policy Studies on Violence against Women at the University of Kentucky, Research Assistantship. Awarded: fall 2017.

- Project: *Addressing Violence Against Women: The Effects of Women's Police Stations on Police Legitimacy* (with Helen Kras, graduate student in the Department of Political Science)

\$5,000—Office of the Vice President for Research at the University of Kentucky and the College of Social Sciences at California State University, Fresno, Co-Principal Investigator with Annabella España. Awarded: spring 2017.

- Project: *Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments*

\$28,000—Harvard University, Research Fellowship at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS). Awarded: fall 2016. (Principal Investigator)

- Project: *The Impact of Gang Activity in Central American Neighborhoods on Political Participation.*

\$18,500—Office for Policy Studies on Violence against Women at the University of Kentucky (partially funded by the Department of Political Science), Co-Principal Investigator with Tiffany Barnes. Awarded: spring 2014.

- Project: *Dangerous Places and State Action: Does Violence against Women Legislation Motivate Women to Participate in Politics?*

\$26,300—DevTech/United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Principal Investigator. Awarded: fall 2013.

- Project: *Community Resilience, Citizen Security, and Democratic Governance*

\$2,000—College of Arts and Science Diversity Faculty Funds, with Ana Liberato. Awarded: fall 2013.

- Project: *When Color Matters: Skin Tone Preferences and Support for Welfare Policies toward Immigrants*

\$22,000—Mellon-Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Seminars Grant, with Fernanda Boidi, Ryan E. Carlin, Gregory J. Love, and María del Rosario Queirolo. Awarded: summer 2011.

- Project: *Experiments for Export? Assessing the Suitability of Behavioral Experiments in Latin America*

\$3.2 million—Experimental Impact Evaluation of Neighborhood-Based Crime Prevention Strategies, Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI). In charge of the research design of the study, writing of grant proposal, preparation of survey questionnaires, design of neighborhood selection strategy, and supervision of research assistants and project execution (award granted by USAID to the Latin American Public Opinion Project for the implementation of a multi-year randomized field experiment). Awarded: fall 2009.

\$2,500—Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University. Awarded: summer 2008.

\$2,500—Summer Field Research Award, Center for the Americas, Vanderbilt University. Awarded: summer 2008.

Honors and Awards

College of Arts and Science Diversity and Inclusivity Award, University of Kentucky, April 2018.

Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University, March 2018.

Midwest Political Science Association's Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for best paper on women and politics, April 2017.

Research Fellowship at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), Harvard University, May 2016.

Ph.D. Dissertation nominated by the Political Science Department at Vanderbilt University for the 2010 Gabriel A. Almond APSA Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, January 2010.

Fulbright-LASPAU Fellowship, Master's degree in Economics (2001-2003).

"Most Outstanding Student" award, class 2001-2003. Graduate Program in Economic Development (GPED), Vanderbilt University (highest GPA of the class)

"Most Outstanding Thesis" award, class 2001-2003. GPED, Vanderbilt University

Training in Survey Research and Methodology

Experimental Methods and Causal Inference. Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan. Summer 2009.

Questionnaire Design, Semi-structured Interviewing, and Focus Groups. Institute for Survey Research (ISR), University of Michigan. Summer 2007.

Multilevel Modeling, Survey Methodology, Analysis of Complex Samples, and Structural Equations Analysis. Institute for Survey Research (ISR), University of Michigan. Summer 2006.

Fieldwork and Data Collection

Fieldwork in El Salvador, summer and fall of 2018.

Fieldwork in Guatemala in indigenous communities (with Katie Angell), summer 2017

Third wave of face-to-face elite surveys among elected local officials in El Salvador in 100 municipalities (with Annabella España), fall 2017-spring 2018.

Fieldwork in the Dominican Republic, July 2013

Fieldwork for USAID study in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama, January 2010-July 2011.

Pre-test of LAPOP survey questionnaires and training of interviewers and supervisors in:

- Dominican Republic, January 2012
- Guatemala, April 2011, June 2011
- El Salvador, November 2008, November 2009, April, 2010, August 2011
- Nicaragua, June 2006, December 2008
- Panama, August 2010, October 2010
- Guyana, February 2007, March 2009

Teaching at the University of Kentucky

Comparative Politics (PS620), graduate seminar (fall 2013; spring 2016, 2017)
Comparative Political Behavior (PS711), graduate seminar (spring, 2013, 2015, 2018)
Comparative Politics (PS210), undergraduate course (spring 2017, 2018; fall 2017)
Global Inequality (PS492), upper division undergraduate course (fall 2014)
Latin American Politics and Government (PS428G), upper division undergraduate course (fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017; spring 2014, 2015, 2016)

Member of Dissertation/Graduate Student Advisory Committee:

Helen Kras (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), dissertation chair, spring 2017-
Tasnia Symoon (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), advisor, fall 2018-
Gregory Saxton (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), fall 2015-
Katie Angell (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2017-spring 2018.
Dina Klimkina (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2017-
Gabriela Rangel (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), fall 2015-spring 2017
Ryan Voris (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), fall 2014-spring 2016
John Poe (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2014-summer 2017
Jonathan Kratzer (Martin School, U of Kentucky), spring 2015-spring 2018.
Steve Kaiser (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2014-
Glenn Harden (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2017-
Damian Jones (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2017-
Erik Fay (Department of Political Science, U of Kentucky), spring 2017-

Invited Presentations & Workshops

Columbia University. New York, November 27th, 2018. Invited to present my research at the Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar series.

University of Louisville. Kentucky, October 3, 2018. Keynote Speaker, 17th Annual Latin American and Latino Studies Heritage Lecture, presentation titled, "*Crime, Violence, and Migration.*"

University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, April 10, 2018. Panelist in roundtable organized by Ph.D. candidate Lucía Tiscornia titled, *Conducting Fieldwork through Gender Lens.*

University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, April 10, 2018. Participant in workshop titled, *New Research by Women Studying Violence*, organized by Ph.D. candidate Lucía Tiscornia.

Florida State University. Tallahassee, March 30, 2018. Presentation at the Political Science Department, paper titled, *Living in Gang-Dominated Neighborhoods: Impacts on Electoral and Non-electoral Participation.*

Florida State University. Tallahassee, March 30, 2018. Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Graduate Student conference, presentation titled, *Crime, Violence, and International Migration: Consequences for Democracy in Latin America and the U.S.*

Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, September 21st 2017. Panelist in roundtable titled, *Criminal Violence and Challenges to Democracy and Development in Latin America.*

Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, September 21,st 2017. Workshop sponsored by the Kellogg Institute and the Latin American Research Review (authors' meeting in preparation for special issue on *Criminal Governance and Societal Resistance in Latin America* to be published in the Latin American Research Review)

Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, November 28th, 2016. Presentation titled: *How Gang Activity in Neighborhoods Undermines Democracy: Impacts on Electoral and Non-Electoral Participation in El Salvador*.

Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, November 28th, 2016. Presentation titled: *International Migration in Latin America: Impacts on Citizens' Political Behavior in Sending and Receiving Countries*.

University of Miami, Department of Political Science, November 2nd, 2016. Presentation titled: *How Gang Activity in Neighborhoods Undermines Democracy: Impacts on Electoral and Non-Electoral Participation in El Salvador*.

Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN, October 19th, 2015. Presentation titled: *Political Impacts of Migration in Sending Countries*.

USAID-International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL/State Department), Guatemala, July 13-16, 2015. Participation in internal workshop on Crime-Place based Strategies of CARSI (Central America Regional Security Initiative) programs. Presentation titled: *Monitoring and Evaluation Methods: An Overview*.

California State University, Fresno, March 18, 2015. Presentation titled: *Shaping Politics at Home: Cross-Border Social Ties and Local-Level Political Engagement*

USAID, Guatemala City, United States Embassy, February 7, 2014. Presentation titled: *Measuring Community Resilience and Citizen Insecurity*

Patterson School, Lexington, Kentucky, October 27, 2014. Participant in panel titled, *Gender and Development in Latin America* at the Patterson Annual Conference

Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky, November 17, 2014. Invited Paper Discussant.

International Samaritan (Board of Trustees Meeting), Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, October 15, 2013. Presentation titled: *Crime Prevention Strategies and Democratic Governance in Guatemala*.

Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky, spring 2013. Presentation titled: *Social Distrust in the Americas and its Political Consequences*.

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, November 14 2012. Presentation titled: *Neighborhood Politics: Explaining Subnational Variation in Local Government Legitimacy in the Latin American Context*.

Georgia State University, Conference: Experiments for Export? Behavioral Experiments in Latin America, April 19-21, 2012. Presentation titled: *Altruistic Behavioral Predispositions and Support for Public Policies to Reduce Income Inequality: Experimental Evidence from El Salvador*.

University of Colorado at Boulder, 36th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, Colorado (invited by Florida International University), July 9-12, 2011. Presentation titled: *Haiti in Distress: The Impact of the 2010 Earthquake on Citizen Lives and Perceptions*.

USAID, the U.S. Department of State, and the Organization of American States (OAS)'s conference on Successful Models and Approaches on Youth Development and Crime Prevention, OAS Headquarters, Hall of the Americas, Washington, D.C., June 28, 2011. Participated in panel on "Community Policing" (presented baseline results of CARSI neighborhood based field experiment for El Salvador).

Florida International University (FIU), Latin American and Caribbean Center, Miami, January 28, 2011. Presentation titled: *Haiti in Distress: The Impact of the 2010 Earthquake on Citizen Lives and Perceptions*.

State Department's Third Annual Conference on Program Evaluation: New Paradigms for Evaluating Diplomacy in the 21st Century, Washington, DC, June 8-9, 2010. Presentation titled: *Improving Democracy and Governance Programs through Better Evaluation: The Impact Evaluation of USAID's Central America Regional Security Initiative*, with Eric Kite (USAID).

Woodrow Wilson Center's Conference on Municipal Strategies of Crime Prevention, Washington, D.C., december, 2009. Presentation titled: *Measuring the Impact of Community Based-Crime Prevention Programs: A Scientifically Rigorous Methodology*.

Presentations at the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, State Department, and American Organization of States, Washington, D.C., march, 2009. Presentation titled: *Economic Crisis and Democracy in Latin America*, with Mitchell A. Seligson and Liz Zechmeister.

The World Bank, Poverty and Gender section for the Latin American and Caribbean region, Washington, D.C., June 28, 2008. Presentation titled: *Crime Victimization and Insecurity as Threats to Democratic Stability in Central America*.

Presentations in Academic Conferences

Latin American Political Methodology (Pol Meth) Conference, Bogotá, Colombia. November 8-9, 2018. Paper titled, "Addressing Violence against Women: The Effect of Women's Police Stations on Police Legitimacy" with Helen Kras.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2018. Presentation of paper titled, "Addressing Violence against Women: The Effect of Women's Police Stations on Police Legitimacy" with Helen Kras.

Southeast Latin American Behavior (SeLAB) Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. October 13th 2017. Presentation of paper titled, *When Do Multiparty Local Governments Perform Better? An Examination of Municipal Councilors' Political Behavior in the Latin American Context*.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September, 2017.

Presentation of papers titled:

Vote Buying and Voter Turnout in Compulsory Voting Systems: Implications for the Political Behavior of the Poor.

The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments (with Annabella España)

On the Front Lines: A Profile of Female Crime Victims Seeking to Emigrate from Northern Central America (with Jonathan Hiskey, Mary Malone, and Diana Orcés)

Latin America Studies Association Annual Conference, Lima, Peru, May, 2017. Presentation of paper titled: *The Impact of Gang Activity in Central American Neighborhoods on Political Participation.*

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2017.

Presentation of paper titled: *When Do Multiparty Local Governments Perform Better? An Examination of Municipal Councilors' Political Behavior in the Latin American Context* (with Annabella España).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2017.

Presentation of paper titled: *The Impact of Gang Activity in Central American Neighborhoods on Political Participation.*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September, 2015.

Presentation of papers titled: *Are Citizens Color-Blind? The Role of Nationals' Skin Tone and Education on Support for Policies toward Black Immigrants* (with Diana Orcés).

Leaving the Devil You Know: Violence, Migration and the U.S. "We Will Send You Back" Campaign (with Jonathan Hiskey, Mary Malone, and Diana Orcés).

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August, 2014.

Presentation of paper titled: *Context Matters: National Economic Development and the Political Behavior of Remittance Recipients in Latin America and the Caribbean* (with Jonathan Hiskey).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2014.

Presentation of paper titled: *Addressing the Gender Gap: The Effect of Compulsory Voting on Political Engagement* (with Gabriela Rangel)

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member Peer-Reviewed Journals:

Political Behavior: <https://link.springer.com/journal/11109>

Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública: www.waporlatinoamerica.org/revista.html

Academia: Co-chair, Comparative Politics Section, 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Journal Referee: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Comparative Political Studies, International Political Science Review, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Political Research Quarterly, International Studies Quarterly, European Political Science Review.

Country coder expert for *Varieties of Democracy project*, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, fall 2013, 2017, 2018.

Languages

Spanish (native), country of origin: El Salvador

English (fluent)

Portuguese (intermediate level)