

# Francy D. Luna Diaz

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## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan

Expected May 2027

Ph.D., Political Science

Dissertation: *Rumors Across Borders: The Influence of Transnational Ties on the Information Environments and Political Attitudes of Latinos.*

Committee: Nicholas Valentino (Chair), Ted Brader, Mara Ostfeld, Yanna Krupnikov, Charles Shipan

### University of Arizona

May 2019

B.A., Political Science, B.A., Law

4.00 GPA, *summa cum laude*, Highest Honors

### Pima Community College

May 2016

A.A., Political Science

4.00 GPA, Highest Honors

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latino politics, race and ethnic politics, public opinion, political communication, misinformation, transnationalism, social media, mixed methods

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Women ‘doing’ the judiciary: Rethinking the justice argument for descriptive representation.” (With Suzzane Dovi), 2020. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 8(4), 790–802. Dialogues Paper, Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2020.1789882>

### Public Scholarship

“Some Findings about the Nature and Distribution of American Stereotypes About Americans: Evidence from a 2024 US Survey.” (with Mark Tessler and Amnon Cavari), 2025. *Center for Political Studies Blog*. Research Brief. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research. <https://cpsblog.isr.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/American-Stereotypes-1025-Remediated.pdf>

“Latinos for Trump in 2020.” (with Tevah Platt), 2022. *Center for Political Studies Blog*. Blog. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research. <https://cpsblog.isr.umich.edu/?p=3106>

## MANUSCRIPTS

### Dissertation

*Book-Style Dissertation*: “Rumors Across Borders: The Influence of Transnational Ties on Latinos’ Information and Misinformation Environment.”

### Under Review

“Rumors Across Borders: How Transnational Ties and Social Media Shape Latino Belief in Misinformation and Support for Trump.”

“Mobilizing Anger in Local School Board Politics” (with Hilary Izatt and Zoe C. Walker).

### Working Papers

“What Changed? Predictors of the Latino Vote Shift During the Trump Era” (with Mario Villegas, Franshelly Martinez-Ortiz, and Nicholas Valentino).

**Works in progress**

- “Lost in Translation: Language and Perception of Misinformation for Latinos in the U.S.” (with Franshelly Martinez-Ortiz).
- “Threats Against Democracy, Anger, and Mobilization for the 2024 Presidential Election” (with Nicholas Valentino and Hilary Izatt).
- “Effect of Racial Labels on Survey Responses” (with Sunshine Hillygus and Nicholas Valentino)
- “The rACE Coding Scheme: Measuring Racial Attribution, Color-Blindness, and Explicitness in Open-Ended Survey Responses”
- “Conspiratorial Thinking and Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Black Sentiment in the U.S.” (with Mark Tessler and Amnon Cavari).

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “Mobilizing Anger in Local School Board Politics.” 2026. Invited to present at Midwest Political Science Association.
- “Rumors Across Borders: The Impact of Transnational Ties on Latino Information Environments and Political Attitudes.” 2024. Presented at PRIEC UT Austin, PRIEC MSU, Western Political Science Association Latina/o/x Politics Workshop, Midwest Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, and American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- “Lost in Translation: Language and Perception of Misinformation for Latinos in the U.S.” 2024. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology and American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- “Latinos for Trump in 2020: A Story of Heterogeneous Information Environments and Social Media.” 2023. Presented at Western Political Science Association Latina/o/x Politics Workshop, Midwest Political Science Association, and International Society of Political Psychology.
- “In Their Own Words: Latino Vote and Preference for the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections.” 2022. Presented at International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting and American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

**TEACHING**

- Congress and the Presidency, Graduate Student Instructor (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)  
Instructor: Lynn Rivers.
- Congress and the Presidency, Grader (Spring 2023 to Spring 2025)  
Instructor: Lynn Rivers.
- The Legislative Process, Graduate Student Instructor (Spring 2021)  
Instructor: Christian Fong.
- Introduction to American Politics, Graduate Student Instructor (Fall 2020)  
Instructor: Charles Shipan.

**INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

- Stonehill College, Intro to American Politics, Professor Guillermo Caballero (October 2024)
- Binghamton University (SUNY), Research Laboratory, Professor Hilary Izatt (September 2024)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Survey Methods Graduate Seminar, Professor Alexander Theodoridis (April 2023)

**GRANTS****Individual**

CEW+ Center for the Education of Women, *Career Development Grant*, \$2,000 (2026)  
 NSF APSA DDRIG *Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant*, \$15,000 (2025)  
 American Political Science Association, *Fund for Latino Scholarship Grant*, \$1,500 (2024)  
 University of Michigan, *Rackham Graduate Research Grant* (2024)  
 American Political Science Association, *First Generation Scholar Grant* (2022)

**Co-Authored**

American Political Science Association, *Spring Centennial Grant*, \$2,500 (2024)  
 National Center for Institutional Diversity, Rackham Graduate School, and the Center for Racial Justice at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, *Anti-Racism Graduate Research Grant*, \$15,000 (2023)  
 American Political Science Association, *Spring Centennial Grant*, \$2,500 (2023)

**FELLOWSHIPS  
& AWARDS****NSF**

NSF GRFP National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2021-2026)

**University of Michigan**

Rackham Merit Fellowship (2019-2026)  
 CEW+ Center for the Education of Women+, Gutsy Broad Fund Fellowship (2025)  
 Garth Taylor Fellowship in Public Opinion (2025)  
 Hanes Walton Jr. Fellowship for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics (2024)  
 Philip Converse and Warren Miller Fellowship in American Political Behavior (2023)

**American Political Science Association**

APSA Diversity Fellowship (2020)

**Other**

AAPOR American Association for Public Opinion Research, *Student-Faculty Diversity Pipeline Award* (2024)  
 University of Arizona *Robie Gold Medal Award* (2019)  
 University of Arizona *Honors College Outstanding Senior* (2019)  
 University of Arizona UROP Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Scholar (2018)  
 Pima Community College Commencement Speaker (2016)

**SERVICE**

Article Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science* (2026)  
 Dissertation Writing Workshop Leader (2026)  
 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Political Science Department (2021, 2024, 2026)  
 Research Workshop Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop (2022 to 2024)  
 Graduate Student Member of the Hiring Committee, Faculty Search for the Political Science Methodology Subfield, University of Michigan (2023)  
 Application Reviewer, Master of Data Science Program, University of Michigan (2023, 2024)  
 Admissions Assistant, Emerging Scholars Conference (October 2022 and October 2024)  
 Research Workshop Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics (2021, 2022)

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Research Assistant, ANES American National Election Studies. Current.  
 Graduate Research Assistant, Professors Mark Tessler and Amnon Cavari (2024)  
 Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Ted Brader (2020)  
 Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Charles Shipan (2020)  
 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Professors Javier Osorio and Susan Brewer-Osorio (2018 to 2019)  
 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Professor Suzanne Dovi (2017)  
 Research Fellow, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Consortium, Professor Samara Klar (2017)

**MENTORSHIP  
& RESEARCH  
SUPERVISION**

Undergraduate Research Supervisor (2023-2026)  
 Graduate Student Mentor (2020-2023)  
 Fellowship Application Mentor (2021, 2022, 2026)

**METHODS  
TRAINING**

Advanced Quantitative Methods. Instructor: Walter Mebane (Fall 2021)  
 Behavioral Research Methods. Instructor: Nicholas Valentino (Fall 2021)  
 Statistics Methods Research II. Instructor: Kevin Quinn (Winter 2020)  
 Statistics Methods Research I. Instructor: Yuki Shiraito (Fall 2020).

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 International Society of Political Psychology  
 International Political Science Association  
 American Association for Public Opinion Research

**SKILLS**

**Research Methods:** Survey research design, survey experiments, causal mediation analysis, mixed-methods research, qualitative interviews, and content analysis.  
**Computational Methods:** Structural topic modeling, computational text analysis, and LLM-assisted text classification.  
**Software:** R, Stata, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Dedoose, Git/GitHub.  
**Languages:** English (Native), Spanish (Native).