

**Sonia A. Vargas**

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## **Education**

*University of Maryland - Expected 2026* | GPA: 3.62  
Ph.D, Government and Politics  
Fields: American Politics, Methodology

*University of Florida - 2021* | GPA: 3.86  
B.A., Political Science (*magna cum laude*) &  
Anthropology (*cum laude*), 2021

## **Research Experience**

Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Project - University of Maryland, Janelle Wong  
Summer 2023

Research Assistant - Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Stella Rouse  
Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

Junior Research Fellow - University of Florida, Daniel Smith  
Spring 2020

## **Teaching**

Teaching Assistant - GVPT 170 American Government, Patrick Wohlfarth, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant - HNUH 238B Systemic Racism in Public Opinion and Policy Attitudes,  
Janelle Wong, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant - HNUH 238B Systemic Racism in Public Opinion and Policy Attitudes,  
Janelle Wong, Fall 2022

## **Service**

Faculty Recruitment, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Fall 2023

Graduate Student Association Co-Chair, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,  
2023 - 2024

DISC Committee Chair, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, 2023-2024

Graduate Student Recruitment, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,  
Spring 2023

Discussant, American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland, 2023

Updated October 2023

Diversity and International Student Committee, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Department Representative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Rising Scholars Conference, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland,  
October 2022

### **Awards and Grants**

Rapoport Family Foundation Summer Research Collaborative Award – \$5000  
Summer 2023

APSA Diversity Fellow, American Political Science Association — \$2000  
2023-2024

Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, Behavioral and Social Sciences — \$5000  
Summer 2022 - Summer 2025

*Lambda Alpha, Delta of Florida* Anthropology Honor Society, University of Florida  
Spring 2020

### **Presentations**

“The Laws Today - The Criminal Justice System,” HNUH 238B, University of Maryland, 2023

“The Decision of the Decade: How Hispanic Voters Helped Secure Florida for Donald Trump in the 2020 Presidential Election,” University of Florida Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2021

### **Papers and Publications**

Vargas, Sonia. “How Incarceration Impacts Voter Participation Across Communities.” Undergraduate Honors Thesis.

Justin Guerra, Sonia Vargas, & Alyssa Bretan. “Did Hispanic voters win Florida for Trump?” Gainesville Sun. April 27, 2021.

### **Skills**

Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Mandarin (Elementary)

Software: R / RStudio, Microsoft Office, Zotero, Python, Google Workspace, LaTeX, Stata, ArcGIS

### **References**

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