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EDUCATION

- Present **ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY, SEATTLE**
MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling
(expected 2026)
- 2018 **UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE**
PhD Political Science
Subfields: American Politics, Public Policy
Dissertation: "Queering Latinidad: Latinx Politics Beyond Nativity"
2017 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Topic in LGBTQ+ Politics
Doctoral Fellow Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy
- 2013 **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL**
MA Transatlantic Politics
Thesis: "Immigrant or Economic Refugee?"
Received Mark of Clear Excellence
- 2011 **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS**
BA Political Science, Minor in Anthropology
Ronald E. McNair Scholar

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2024-Present **Assistant Professor**, Chicax and Latinx Studies, Department of Ethnic Studies,
CSU-Sacramento
- 2019-2024 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and Women, Gender, &
Sexuality Studies Program, Western Washington University
- 2019 **Instructor**, Department of Political Science and Women, Gender, & Sexuality
Studies Program, Western Washington University
- 2018-2019 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of
Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2016-2018 **Instructor**, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico,
Albuquerque
- 2017 Spring **Instructor**, Community Based Participatory Research Institute, University of New
Mexico

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Jackson, Jenn M., and **Melina Juárez Pérez**. "Reclaiming Our Time and Labor: Contesting and Reframing Productivity Narratives in Political Science," *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(2): 380-384.
- 2021 Vargas, Edward, **Juárez, Melina**, Cacari-Stone, Lisa, and Nancy López. "Critical 'Street Race' Praxis: Advancing the Measurement of Racial Discrimination Among Diverse Latinx Communities in the U.S.," *Critical Public Health*, DOI: 10.1080/09581596.2019.1695040 (published online 2019)
- 2018 Ybarra, Vickie, **Juárez, Melina** and Gabriel R. Sanchez, "Do Perceptions Match Reality? Analysis of Latinos' Perceived Views of State Immigrant Policy Compared to Enacted Legislation," *Policy Studies Journal*, 42 (3): 459-483. *Reprinted for [PSJ Virtual Special Issue on Racial Justice](#), July 30 2020.
- 2018 Vargas, Edward, **Juárez, Melina**, and Gabriel R. Sanchez. "Latino's Connections to Immigrants: How Knowing a Deportee Impacts Latino Health," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 43(12): 2037-2054.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina**, Gomez-Aguñaga, Bárbara, and Sonia Bettez, "20 Years After IIRIRA: The Effects of Immigrant Detention on Latinx Communities Across the Nation," *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, 6(1): 74-96.
- 2017 López, Nancy, Vargas, Edward D., **Juárez, Melina**, Cacari-Stone, Lisa, and Sonia Bettez. "What's Your Street Race? Contextualizing Racialization for Measuring Health Inequities Among Latinas and Latinos in the U.S." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 4(1): 49-66.
- 2017 Sanchez, Gabriel R., Pedraza, Francisco I., Vargas, Edward D., **Juárez, Melina**, and Bárbara Gomez-Aguñaga. "How Nativity and Citizenship Status Shape Latinos' Health Coverage Under the ACA." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 43(12): 2037-2054.
- 2017 Vargas, Edward, Sanchez, Gabriel R., and **Melina Juárez**. "Fear by Association: Perceptions of Anti-Immigrant Policy and Health Outcomes." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 42(3).
- 2017 Vargas, Edward, Sanchez, Gabriel R., and **Melina Juárez**. "The Impact of Punitive Immigrant Laws on the Health of Latina/o Populations." *Politics and Policy*, 45:3.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming **Juárez Pérez, Melina**. *Chicana: An Autohistoria*. Lived Places Publishing: NY.
- 2023 **Juárez Pérez, Melina**. "[Body Awake](#)," *The Ana*, Issue #13.

- 2023 **Juárez Pérez, Melina.** “Homenaje/Homage,” *New Mexico Poetry Anthology*, Issue #1. Museum of New Mexico Press.
- 2022 Jackson, Jenn M., **Juárez Pérez, Melina**, Scott, Jamil, and Diane Wong. “Introduction to A Dialogue on the Status of Junior Women of Color in the Discipline,” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(2): 361-363.
- 2020 Lemi, Danielle C., and **Melina Juárez Pérez.** 2020. “[Kamala Harris represents an opportunity for coalition building between Blacks and Asian Americans](#),” *The Conversation*, Sep 4 2020.
- 2020 **Juárez Pérez, Melina.** “Gloria Evangelina Anzaldúa,” in *The Routledge Companion to Race & Ethnicity*, 2nd ed., Stephen M. Caliendo and Charlton D. McIlwan, eds. Routledge.
- 2019 **Juárez Pérez, Melina.** “[Treating immigrants like criminals has a long history in the United States](#),” *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina.** “[Surge in LGBTQ+ and Women of Color Candidates, Yet Obstacles Remain for LGBTQ+ Voters](#),” *The Forum*, *Urban Affairs Review*.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina.** “[2 Years After Pulse: How can scholars aid in the fight against LGBTQ+ marginalization?](#)” *Politics of Color* blog, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina**, and Moises Santos. “Emma Tenayuca,” *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, Dr. Jessica Lavariega-Monforti, ed., ABC-CLIO.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina**, and Moises Santos. “La Raza Unida,” *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, Dr. Jessica Lavariega-Monforti, ed., ABC-CLIO.
- 2018 **Juárez, Melina**, and Moises Santos. “MEChA,” *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, Dr. Jessica Lavariega-Monforti, ed. ABC-CLIO.
- 2018 Sanchez, Gabriel, Garcia, Chris F., and **Melina Juárez.** “Latino Public Policy Opinion,” in *Oxford Handbook on Race and Ethnic Politics in America*, David Leal, ed., forthcoming 2018.
- 2017 Vasquez, C. Estela, **Juárez, Melina**, Piorkowski, Kristina, Griego, Eric, and Brooke Abrams. “New Landscapes of a Majority-Minority State: Politics, Economy, Health, and Well-Being in New Mexico,” research brief, the Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico.
- 2017 Sanchez, Gabriel, **Juárez, Melina**, and Brooke Abrams. “[New Survey Finds Strong Support for Ethics Reform to Combat Political Corruption](#)”

- [in New Mexico](#),” policy brief, the Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico.
- 2017 Sanchez, Gabriel R., **Juárez, Melina**, and Maria Livaudais. "Minority Voters," in *SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*, F.M. Moghaddam, ed.
- 2016 Rubalcaba, Joaquin and **Melina Juárez**. “[The Economic Costs Associated with the Removal of Drivers’ Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants in New Mexico](#),” research brief, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico.
- 2016 Sanchez, Gabriel R., Cacari-Stone, Lisa, Chavez, Mario, Abrams, Brooke, and **Melina Juárez**. “Inventory of Health Care Costs: Evidence for Decision Making in Colorado,” report for the Colorado Health Foundation.
- 2015 **Juárez, Melina**. “[Under Siege: Mexican Immigrant Women in the United States](#),” in Gerard Gomez and Donna Kesselman (eds.), *Dossier: Femmes au travail dans les Amériques*, Marseille, France: University of Provence Press.
- 2015 **Juárez, Melina**. “[Transgender Rights and Communities of Color](#),” in Politics of Color blog, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.
- 2014 **Juárez, Melina**. “[Immigrant Women’s Health in the United States](#),” *VOFAIR* Blog.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Undergraduate American National Government, Introduction to Public Policy, Introduction to State and Local Government, Minority Politics, Women and Politics, LGBTQ+ Politics, Criminalization of Immigrants, Immigration Politics (Senior Seminar and 300-level), Politics of Inequality, Queer Migrations, Feminist & Queer Research Methods, Spiritual Politics, Decolonizing Political Scientists, Education for Social Justice, Race Politics & Policy, Immigrant Health
- Graduate Community-Based Participatory Research

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Conversation Starter: Disability & Transformational Health,” UnConference, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
- 2023 “Social Science Survey Research and the Construction of Latinidad,” Association of Anthropology of Consciousness annual meeting, Bellingham, WA

- 2019 “Centering the Margins: The Utility of LatinX for Social Science Research,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2018 "The Case for Latinx: Differences in Political Behavior Among Latinxs in the US," 6th Annual LGBTQ Research Symposium, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (**Best Student Paper Award recipient**)
- 2018 “Black Lives Matter Beyond Police Brutality: How Knowing and Supporting BLM Increases Support for Other Black Marginalized Groups,” with Brooke Abrams, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 2017 “Legacies of Subversion: Chicax and Queer Identities within Latinidad,” 7th Blair Legacy Series Symposium: “Legacies of the Chicano Movement,” University of Arkansas
- 2017 “Linked Fate, Latinidad, and Sexuality: Testing Intragroup Connectedness Beyond Race,” Politics of Race, Immigration, & Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), University of California Riverside
- 2017 “Immigrant Detention and Deportation: A threat to democracy?” with Bárbara Gomez-Aguñaga, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2016 "The Demand for Health Insurance and Medical Care: Evidence from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,” with Joaquin Rubalcaba, Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington DC
- 2016 "Measuring Racialization Among Latinas and Latinos in the U.S. for Advancing Health Justice,” with Nancy Lopez, Edward Vargas, Lisa Cacari Stone, and Sonia Bettez, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- 2016 “Social Determinants of Migrant Farmworker Health: Evidence for Policy Action,” with Dr. Lisa Cacari-Stone, National Advisory Council on Migrant Health Bi-Annual Meeting, Las Cruces
- 2016 “Escaping ‘Hispanophobia’: Can Circular Migration Improve Latinx Health?” Association for Public Policy and Management, London School of Economics, London, UK
- 2016 “Street Race & Street Race-Gender Matters for Latinas & Latinos in the U.S.: Mapping and Interrupting Inequality in Health and Beyond” with Dr. Nancy Lopez, Dr. Edward Vargas, Dr. Lisa Cacari Stone, and Dr. Sonia Bettez, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C
- 2016 “Do Perceptions Match Reality? Analysis of Latinos’ Perceived Views of State Immigrant Policy Compared to Enacted Legislation,” with Dr. Vickie Ybarra and Dr. Gabriel R. Sanchez, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego

- 2015 “Closing the Gap: DACA’s Effects on Latina’s Wages,” with Joaquin Rubalcaba, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Miami
- 2015 “Latino’s Connections to Immigrants: How Knowing a Deportee Impacts Latino Health” with Dr. Edward Vargas, Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, and Maria Livaudais, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Miami
- 2015 “A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Health: Analyzing Health Policy Regimes in Central American Sending Countries, 18th International Conference “New Political Science,” University of Havana, Cuba
- 2015 “From the Shadows and Into the Grey: DACAdmented Youth in the United States,” ZOGRIS Project Frejús Seminary, Frejús, France
- 2015 “Localities and the Immigrant Detention Complex: Profits Over Communities?” with Sonia Bettez, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas
- 2015 “Investigation on Latinos’ Perceptions of Immigrant Policy and Health Outcomes,” with Edward Vargas and Gabriel Sanchez, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas
- 2014 “The Impact of Sociopolitical Environment on the Health of Latino Immigrants,” with Gabriel Sanchez and Edward Vargas, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Albuquerque,
- 2014 “The Impact of Punitive Immigration Laws on the Health of Latinos,” with Gabriel Sanchez and Edward Vargas, Women’s Health and Health Equity Symposium, Madison
- 2014 “Health, Immigration, & Labor: Women Workers in the Borderlands,” Normes d’emploi et situations de travail face aux régulations marchandes et politiques: la globalization vue du Nord et vue du Sud, Université Paris Est Creteil, Paris, France
- 2013 “Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services in New Mexico: Increasing Access & Equality Among Low SES Women,” with Ellie McDonald, New Mexico Public Health Association, Annual Health Policy Legislative Forum, Albuquerque
- 2011 “Guest Worker Policy Impact on Immigrant Integration in the United States and Germany,” Transatlantic Perspectives on the European Union Research Symposium, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 “Transformational Health Practice: An Interdisciplinary Course Sequence and Certificate in Transformational LatinX Health at WWU,” 2022-2023 Efta Faculty Award Program for Infusing Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice into the Curriculum (\$10,000)

- 2023 WWU Faculty Summer Research Grant for project “LatinX Politics: Critical Inquiry & Critical Praxis” (\$6,000)
- 2020 “LatinX Survey” WWU Small Grants competition (\$5,000)
- 2020 APSA Special Projects Fund “Building an Academic Pipeline: Safe Spaces for the Development of Junior Women of Color in Political Science” with Diane Wong (New York University), Jenn Jackson (Syracuse University) (\$25,000)
- 2019 APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship, American Political Science Association (\$500)
- 2018 Outstanding Student Paper Award, "The Case for Latinx: Differences in Political Behavior Among Latinxs in the US," 6th Annual LGBTQ Research Symposium, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (\$500)
- 2018 *¡Si Se Puede!* Award, Recuerda César Chávez Committee, Albuquerque, New Mexico (\$250)
- 2018 Raza Excellence Outstanding Student Award, El Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico
- 2018 “Chicanx Youth Institute: Community School Para la Salud,” TREE Center for Advancing Behavioral Health Pilot Research Projects in Health Disparities, Co-PI Kate Cartwright, Irene Vasquez, Raza Graduate Student Association, University of New Mexico, and International District Healthy Communities Coalition (\$50,000 not funded)
- 2017-2018 Student Success Scholarship, LGBTQ Resource Center, University of New Mexico (\$6,000)
- 2017 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Prize for best dissertation proposal in LGBTQ politics in political science (\$200)
- 2017 Graduate Research Supplement, Office of Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico (\$1,000)
- 2017 New Scholars Research Grant, Labor Research Action Network (\$1,600)
- 2017 Dylan Balch-Lindsay Graduate Memorial Fellowship, University of New Mexico (\$943.09)
- 2017 Dorothy Cline Graduate Fellowship, University of New Mexico (\$300)
- 2017 Fellow of the Year, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico
- 2013-2018 Doctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$250,000 over 5 years)
- 2017 Student Pilot Research Grant, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$2,500)

2016-2017	Fellow, <i>Transformar</i> Fellowship, El Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico (\$500 + 2-week paid leadership institute in Mexico City)
2016-2017	Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation (not funded, honorable mention)
2016	Research Grant, Latino Center for Leadership Development (not funded)
2016	New Scholars Research Grant, Labor Action Research Network (not funded)
2015	Visiting Graduate Fellow, Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis (\$8,000)
2015	Professional Development Grant, El Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico (\$300)
2015-2016	Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation (not funded, honorable mention)
2015	Travel Grant, Western Social Science Association, Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon (\$250)
2015	Travel Grant, ZOGRIS Project, Frejús Seminary, Frejús (\$3,000)
2015	APSA Travel Grant, Fund for Latino Scholarship (\$375)
2009-2011	Scholar, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, California State University, Stanislaus (\$2,000)
2010-2011	Honors Scholarship, California State University, Stanislaus (\$1,000)
2009	Travel Scholarship, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, University of the Basque Country/EHU, Leioa, Spain (\$4,000)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-2023	Representative At-Large , United Faculty of Western Washington
2020-2022	Co-Facilitator , Decolonizing Political Science Network (co-facilitator with Diane Wong, Jenn Jackson, and Rachel Torres)
2018	Lead Organizer , "Legacies of the Chicax Movement: Past, Present, & Future," Albuquerque Peace & Justice Center
2017-2018	Co-Chair for Community Outreach , Raza Graduate Student Association (RGSA), University of New Mexico
2016-2018	Committee Member , Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, American Political Science Association
2017	Panel Chair , "Language, Culture, and Work in the Era of NAFTA" Conference, California State University, Dominguez Hills

- 2017 **Organizing Committee Member**, Farmworker Awareness Week (FAW), University of New Mexico
- 2015 **Panel Chair**, "Labor and Use of Health Care: Effects of Federal Mental Health Parity," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference, Miami, Florida
- 2014-2016 **Organizing Committee Member**, Annual Raza Graduate Student Research Conference, University of New Mexico
- 2014 **Roundtable Facilitator**, New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA) Health Policy Legislative Forum Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2013-2014 **Director of Research**, Raza Graduate Student Association (RGSA), University of New Mexico

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 "Radical Self-Love as Decolonial Praxis," FoodCorps, Albuquerque, New Mexico (zoom) (two sessions)
- 2021 "Radical Self-Love as Decolonial Praxis," Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia, University of Georgia (zoom)
- 2020 "Immigration Policy and the 2020 Election," Newest Americans Election Talks Series
- 2019 "The Supreme Court DACA Hearing," LGBTQ+ Western, Western Washington University
- 2019 "Criminalization of Immigration and Its Impact on Latinx Communities," Social Justice in the Central Valley Conference Keynote Series, California State University, Stanislaus
- 2019 "American Hegemony & the Externalization of Immigration Controls," Transatlantic Master's Program Fall Speaker Series, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2019 Sociology 354 Introduction to Qualitative Methods, Dr. Claudia López, CSU Long Beach (via Skype)
- 2017 "The Boycott Driscoll's Campaign," Farmworkers Awareness Week, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2016 "Research 101: Build Your Own Study," Partnership for Community Action, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2015 "Dia de la Mujer Campesina," Farmworker Awareness Week, University of New Mexico
- 2014 "U.S. and Latin America: Immigration and Health," Maracaibo, Venezuela
- 2014 May 1st Worker's Day March & Rally, Albuquerque, New Mexico

- 2013 “Obama’s Immigration Reform Proposal: More of the Same?”
University of California-Berkeley
- 2012 “S.B. 1070, Deferred Action, and Immigration in the U.S. Today,”
Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico
- 2012 “The State of Public Education in the United States,” Craiova, Romania
- 2011 “Immigrants and the Labor Movement,” South Carolina AFL-CIO State
Convention, Georgetown, South Carolina
- 2011 “Immigrant Youth and the Fight for Public Education and Ethnic
Studies,”
Richmond Heights Community Center & University of Missouri, Kansas
City, Missouri
- 2010 “The Immigration Crisis in the United States Today” Open World
Conference Against War and Exploitation, Algiers, Algeria