

CATALINA VEGA MÉNDEZ

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2024

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Major: Comparative Politics

Minor: International Relations

M.A. in Political Science, 2021

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

B.A. in Political Science, 2019

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá D.C., Colombia

PUBLICATIONS

Vega-Mendez, C., & Visconti, G. (2021). "Does Immigration Increase Concerns about the Provision of Public Services? Evidence from Colombia". *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*, 10(1), 79–103.

WORKING PAPERS

Chaves-González, Diego., Mora, María. Jesús., Vega-Méndez, Catalina. (2022). *Evolving Approaches to Managing Immigrant Integration in Colombia: An Institutional Mapping* [Working Paper]. Migration Policy Institute.

Visconti, Giancarlo., Vega-Méndez, Catalina. (2023). "Demographic Changes and the Roots of Nationalism"

Kunkel, Sky. & Vega-Méndez, Catalina. (2023). "Peacekeeping and Public Opinion - How UN Peacekeepers Affect Violence Perception".

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

External

Bilsland Dissertation Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 2023-2024.

Travel grant, American Political Science Association, 2021.

Maria Braun Award, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*, 2021.

Internal

PROMISE Travel Award, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 2021.

PROMISE Travel Award, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 2022.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication Award, Political Science Department, Purdue University, 2022.

Field Paper to Journal Submission Award, Political Science Department, Purdue University, 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Exposure to Political Violence and Preferences after Peace Agreement: Evidence from Colombia." A paper presented at American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, 2022.

"Politicized Spaces and the Media: Studying the Venezuelan Migratory Crisis in Colombia." A paper presented at American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, 2021.

"Migration Policy and Gender: Examining the Agency High Skilled Tied Movers." A paper presented at Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, Monterrey, 2019.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration Policy, Comparative Political Behavior, and Latin American Politics.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, Latin America, and the Caribbean Team, Migration Policy Institute. May 2022- December 2022.

Graduate Research Assistant, Purdue Honors College, Purdue University. Supervisor: Dr. Natasha T. Duncan. August 2021-Present.

Graduate Research Assistant, Purdue Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Purdue University. Supervisor: Dr. Stacey Connaughton. May 2020-August 2020.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University.

- Governments of the World. Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021.
- Comparative Environmental Policy and Politics. Spring 2020.
- International Organizations, Spring 2021.

SERVICE

Political Science Graduate Student Association. Recruitment and Mentorship Chair. 2020-2021.

Guest Presenter, International Relations Course, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Spring 2022.

Guest Presenter, Research Symposium, Migration Policy Institute, Fall 2022.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association.

International Studies Association.

Latin American Studies Association

SKILLS

- Programs: R (*advanced*), Stata (*intermediate*), L^AT_EX(*intermediate*), Qualtrics(*intermediate*).
- Languages: Spanish (*native*), English (*fluent*), French (*intermediate*).