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**EDUCATION**      **Stanford University.**      Sept. 2020—Sept. 2021  
M.A. Latin American Studies

- **Thesis:** “Aire, Tierra y Fuego: Environmental Trauma and Grassroots Mobilization in Puerto Rico”

**Sonoma State University**      Aug. 2014—May 2020  
B.A. Political Science and French, with distinction

- **Capstone** (Political Science): “Four Million and Forgotten: A Critical Race Theory Approach to Voting Rights in U.S. Territories”
- **Capstone** (French): “A Breath of French Air: L’altérité à travers la théorie Poststructuraliste et Auteurs Francophonies?”

**The George Washington University**      June—July 2018  
Semester in Washington Politics

- **Relevant Coursework:** The Electoral and Legislative Process, Practicum in Political Management

**Aix Marseille Université,**      Aug. 2017—May 2018  
Study Abroad

- **Evaluation:** Niveau B2 *Mention Bien* (High Honors)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**      **American Politics:** Federalism, Congressional Representation, Race & Ethnicity, Campaigns & Elections, Poverty & Inequality, Public Opinion

PUBLICATIONS	<p>Lopez, Raymundo “<i>Aire, Tierra y Fuego: Environmental Trauma and Grassroots Mobilization in Puerto Rico</i>” <i>Stanford Digital Repository</i>, Sept. 2021</p> <p>Fraga, Bernard L.; Juenke, Eric Gonzalez; Shah, Paru, 2021, "Candidate Characteristics Cooperative (C3) 2018 Data", <i>Harvard Dataverse</i>, Vol. 2</p> <p>Lopez, Raymundo “The Forgotten Four Million: A Critical Race Theory Approach to Voting Rights in U.S. Territories.” <i>Sonoma State McNair Scholars Journal</i> Vol. 11, June 2021</p> <p>Lopez, Raymundo “The Effects of Racial Biases on Latinx Candidates in State Legislative Elections.” <i>AGEP, Science Today</i>, Published on Jan. 15, 2020</p> <p>Lopez, Raymundo “Position Paper for the United Nations Development Program”, <i>National Model United Nations</i>, Published on March 5, 2017</p>																																																								
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>Midwest Political Science Association</b>, Chicago, IL 2020</p> <p><b>“Election Clues: How Ethnic Cues Shape our Elections”</b></p> <p>Poster Presentation (Covid-19)</p> <p><i>Campaigns and Elections: Candidate Characteristics</i></p>	2020
	<p><b>Western Political Science Association</b>, Los Angeles, CA 2020</p> <p><b>“Are Latinx Candidates Worth the Vote?”</b></p> <p>Poster Presentation (Covid-19)</p> <p><i>American Intersections: Media, Elections, Identity, and Theory</i></p>	2020
	<p><b>Mid-SURE Symposium</b>, East Lansing, MI 2019</p> <p><b>“Electability of Minority Candidates in Local Elections”</b></p> <p>Poster Presentation</p> <p>Advisors: Eric Juenke, PhD; Danielle Lemi, PhD</p> <p><i>Michigan State University—SROP</i></p>	2019
	<p><b>Research &amp; Creativity Symposium</b>, Rohnert Park, CA 2019</p> <p><b>“The Electoral Disenfranchisement of American Citizens in U.S. Territories.”</b></p> <p>Poster Presentation</p> <p>Advisor: David McCuan, PhD</p> <p><i>Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program</i></p>	2019
RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Stanford University</b>, Muwekma Ohlone Territory</p> <p>*Provided logic ratings for Covid-19 forecasting models</p> <p>*Ran text analyses, descriptive statistics &amp; regression lines</p> <p>*Built a geospatial map of turnout rates using QGIS</p>	Sept. 2020— Sept. 2021
	<p><b>African American Policy Forum</b>, New York, NY</p> <p>*Produced research reports using Critical Race Theory</p> <p>*Supervised a summer camp for legal scholars/professors</p> <p>*Raised over \$1,000 for the #SayHerName campaign</p>	June—Aug. 2020
	<p><b>Ronald E. McNair Program</b>, Rohnert Park, CA</p> <p>*Applied bivariate models and regression models in SPSS</p> <p>*Launched a survey on MTurk to 730 participants</p> <p>*Analyzed policy briefs and Supreme Court cases</p>	Jan. 2019—July 2020
	<p><b>Social Sciences Research Initiative</b>, Rohnert Park, CA</p> <p>*Identified margin-of-victory thresholds of swing states in 2012 and 2016 U.S. Presidential &amp; midterm elections</p> <p>*Aggregated census data to conduct district-to-district analyses of 60+ U.S. House members</p>	June 2019—Dec. 2019
	<p><b>Summer Research Opportunities Program</b>, Lansing, MI</p> <p>*Administered chi-square and t-test models in SPSS</p> <p>*Tabulated ols and probit regression models in STATA</p> <p>*Coded 700+ candidates to accelerate a NSF proposal project "Candidate Characteristics Cooperative"</p>	June—July 2019

**DSPolitical, LLC**, Washington, DC July—Nov. 2018  
 \*Published a 15-page internship handbook  
 \*Researched 500+ city, congressional & gubernatorial races  
 \*Employed Concatenate, formulas & IF functions on Excel

**The George Washington University**, Washington, DC June—July 2018  
 \*Examined unemployment & household income in CA  
 \*Engineered a 95-page campaign plan for a senatorial race  
 \*Authored a memo to Juan Vargas (CA 51) on H.R. 466

**Center for Civil and Political Rights**, Togo, Lomé Dec. 2017—Jan. 2018  
 \*Assessed follow-up recommendations from the UN  
 \*Undertook sexual assault & unlawful incarceration cases  
 \*Assembled a coalition of NGOs via grassroots efforts

**Model United Nations**, New York City, NY Jan.—May 2017  
 \*Formed position papers on data harnessing for sust. dev.  
 \*Investigated big data and monitoring & evaluating efforts  
 \*Conducted speeches for France's UNDP committee

**Cross and Crown Elementary**, Rohnert Park, CA Mar.—May 2015  
 \*Taught math curriculum to a group of 20 students.  
 \*Ran group activities and classroom workshops.  
 \*Held reading and literature writing sessions.

LEADERSHIP &  
 MENTORSHIP  
 EXPERIENCE

**Youth Ambassador, Seawolf Scholars (Sonoma State)**  
 Aug. 2015—May 2020

**President, The French Club at Sonoma State University**  
 June 2019—Jan. 2020

**Youth Mentor, International Rescue Committee**  
 June—July 2017

**Youth Mentor, Voices (Sonoma)**  
 Mar.—May 2015

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 Western Political Science Association  
 Global Studies Division (Stanford)

ADDITIONAL  
 SKILLS &  
 TRAINING

**Software & Programs:**  
 QGIS (intermediate), Qualtrics (advanced), MTurk (advanced), RStudio (beginner), SPSS (advanced), STATA (intermediate)

**Languages:**  
 English (native), Spanish (native), French (fluent), Portuguese (professional), Ewe (beginner)

REFERENCES

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