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EDUCATION

- PhD in Political Science**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2024
Major Field: American Politics Minor
Field: Comparative Politics
Dissertation: *The Caged Bird Sings: Group Empathy and the Politics of Cooperation*
Committee: Cara J. Wong (Chair), Brian J. Gaines, Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, Matthew S. Winters.
- BA in Urban Studies**, *Summa Cum Laude*, with honors, Hunter College, NYC, NY 2018
BA in Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*, with honors, Hunter College, NYC, NY 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-and norm- based approaches to intergroup relationships, particularly between vulnerable populations in the US. Improving political and social interactions, promoting cooperation, and overcoming prejudice in everyday settings. Polarization reduction in the mass public, and addressing support for political violence. Measurement development; experimental methodology and statistical analysis; Dissemination of findings to scientific and public community.

PUBLICATIONS

- Moreira, Jair A.**, Hyo-Won Shin, Matthew S. Winters, and Cara Wong. 2024. "Ballots Beyond Borders: Attitudes Towards External Voting in Colombia." *Democratization* (Jul 23):1–29.
- Khan, Aleena, **Jair A. Moreira**, Jessica S. Taghvaiee, and Andrea Benjamin. 2022. "Concerns for BIPOC Students and Scholars and a Model for Inclusive Excellence." In *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz, Daniel J. & Mallinson and Julia M. Hellwege. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association, 363–370.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Group Empathy in Minimal Groups Settings: How does Group Empathy Affect Intergroup Attitudes and Behaviors?"
- "Vicarious Elite Contact: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S." With Aleena Khan and James Steur *Under Review*
- "Shaping Politics: The Dynamic Interplay of Race and Body Perception in Evaluating Asian American Political Leaders" with Qiaoyi Nie

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

- Avital Livny Summer 2020
Carried out translations from various languages to English and coded questions based on a codebook for NSF-awarded project, "Improving and Integrating Global Diversity Estimates." (NSF #1824005)

Hourly Research Work

- Matthew S. Winters Summer-Fall 2020
Completed translations from English to Spanish and programmed a 24-treatment conditions vignette experiment on Qualtrics.
- Gisela Sin Winter 2023-2024; Summer 2021, 2024
Conducted literature reviews, archival work, and statistical analysis concerning a variety of legislative topics.
- Korinta Maldonado Spring -Summer 2024
Offered guidance and expertise to ensure compliance with ethical standards and regulatory requirements in research involving migrant populations.

Pre-Graduate Experiences

- Summer Predoctoral Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Summer 2018
- Summer Research Opportunity Program, Michigan State University Summer 2017
- Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, Hunter College, City University of New York, 2016-2018

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Shaping Politics: The Dynamic Interplay of Race and Body Perception in Evaluating Asian American Political Leaders” with Qiaoyi Nie Paper presented at the Politics of Identity Across Subfield (PIAS) conference-within-a-conference at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. April 2024. Chicago, Illinois.
- “Shaping Politics: The Dynamic Interplay of Race and Body Perception in Evaluating Asian American Political Leaders” with Qiaoyi Nie. Paper presented at University of North Texas Super Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC). November 2023. Denton, Texas.
- “Attitudes towards External Voting: Case Study of Colombia” Lighting talk presented at the annual LAPOP Conference. November 2023. Nashville, Tennessee.
- “Vicarious Elite Contact: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S.” with Aleena Khan and James Steur. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA) and at the Political Psychology Pre-Conference. August- September 2023. Los Angeles, California.
- “Attitudes towards External Voting: Case Study of Colombia” with Hyo-Won Shin, Matthew S. Winters, and Cara Wong. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA). August-September 2023. Los Angeles, California.
- “Vicarious Elite Contact: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S.” With Aleena Khan. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). July 2023. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- “Group Empathy and the Minimal Groups Paradigm: How Does Trait-Based Empathy Affect Intergroup Relationships?” Poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). July 2023. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- “Intergroup Contact and the Development of Group Empathy” Poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). July 2023. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- “Intergroup Contact: How does Quality and Quantity of Intergroup Contact Affect the Development of Group Empathy and Intergroup Political Behaviors?” Poster presented at the Politics of Identity Across Subfield (PIAS) conference-within-a-conference at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. April 2023. Chicago, Illinois.

“Attitudes Towards External Voting: Case Study of Peru” Paper presented at Arizona State University Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC). January 2023. Tempe, Arizona.

“Group Empathy in Minimal Group Settings” Poster presented at Chicago Area Behavioral (CAB) Workshop. May 2022. Evanston, Illinois.

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Group Empathy” Paper presented at the Politics of Identity Across Subfield (PIAS) conference-within-a-conference at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. April 2022. Chicago, Illinois.

“Group Empathy Theory and The Minimal Group Paradigm: How does Group Empathy influence Intergroup Attitudes and Behaviors?” Paper presented at University of North Texas Super Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC). November 2021. Denton, Texas.

“Exploring Paths: Understanding the Institutionalization of Welcoming Policies.” Paper presented at the Illinois Summer Research Symposium. July 2018. Champaign, Illinois.

“Theories of Immigrant Integration.” Roundtable presentation at the Illinois Summer Research Symposium. July 2018. Champaign, Illinois.

“The Effects of Construction Safety Training on Immigrants in the City of Detroit.” Paper presented at the 19th Annual University of Maryland National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research. March 2018. College Park, Maryland.

“The Impact of Construction Safety Training on Immigrant Integration in the City of Detroit.” Poster presented at Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (MIDSURE). July 2017. East Lansing, Michigan.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Section Chair. International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). July 2023. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Conference Organizer. Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. April 2022. Champaign, Illinois.

Roundtable discussant. Illinois Summer Research Symposium. July 2019. Champaign, Illinois.

Oral presentations moderator. Illinois Summer Research Symposium. July 2019. Champaign, Illinois.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor

PS 230: Introduction to Political Research, UIUC Spring 2023, 2022

PS 201: US Racial & Ethnic Politics(Online), UIUC Summer 2022, Fall 2020, 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant

PS 224: Politics of National Parks: Yellowstone Spring 2024

PS 302: The US Constitution II Spring 2023

PS 101: Introduction to US Government and Politics PS 220: Intro to Public Policy Fall 2022, 2021, Spring 2022, 2020

PS 201: US Racial & Ethnic Politics, UIUC Spring 2021

Teaching Awards

Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, UIUC Fall 2019
- Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Rita and Leonard Ogren Prize for Academic Achievement with Aleena Khan and James Steur, 2024 (\$300)

Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards for Survey Research (\$2500)

Arizona State University Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Travel Award, 2023 (\$200)

Polarization Research Lab Selected Proposal, sponsored by Shanto Iyengar, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean Westwood, with Aleena Khan and James Steur, 2022 (\$5000)

Kneller Fellowship from University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Political Science Department, 2022 (\$2500)

University of North Texas Super Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Travel Award, 2021 (\$500)

Aspire Fellowship for Underrepresented Minority Students, 2018-2019, 2020-2021 (\$22000 per academic year)

Rita and Leonard Ogren Prize for Academic Achievement, 2020 (\$200)

American Political Science Association Minority Fellows Program, Spring 2019 (\$2000)

Karl Leubsdorf Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Fall 2018, Spring 2019 (\$3000, semesterly)

Outstanding Roundtable Presentation, Illinois Summer Research Symposium, Fall 2018

The Eva Kastan Grove Award, Spring 2017 (\$1500)

Scholarship & Welfare Fund Undergraduate Award, 2016 –2018 (\$2000 per year)

Hunter College Dean's List, 2014 – 2018

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Midwestern Political Science Association American
Political Science Association

International Society of Political Psychology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Treasurer	AY 2021-2022
Social Chair	AY 2020-2021
Graduate Student Mentor	AY 2019-2020

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Member of the Graduate Training and Graduate Student Experiences Working Group of the APSA
Presidential Taskforce on Systematic Inequalities in the Discipline, 2021

OTHER EXPERINCE

Research fellow at the General Service Administration's (GSA) Federal Research Portal Open Opportunity
2023

School Out of New York City (SONYC) Program Intern: Grant Writer and Teacher Assistant, Center for the
Integration of New Americans (CIANA), Astoria, NY, 2016- 2017

Intern Community Liaison, Office of Participatory Budget of the Speaker, Melissa Mark- Viverito, New York,
NY, 2017

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Software and Programming: R, LaTeX, Markdown, SPSS, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite

Languages: Spanish (native); Italian (fair)

REFERENCES

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