

Sonia A. Vargas

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Maryland - Expected 2026 | GPA: 3.49
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

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 - 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

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.

Presentations

"The Laws Today - The Criminal Justice System," HNUH 238B, University of Maryland, February 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, March 2021

Service

Discussant, American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland, February 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 of Government and Politics 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

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

Skills

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

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