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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2019-Present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society	2020-Present
Faculty Affiliate, Latino Studies Program	2020-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2017-2019
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society	2017-2019

EDUCATION

University of Michigan PhD – Political Science American Politics	Ann Arbor, MI August 2017
University of Michigan MA – Political Science	Ann Arbor, MI April 2012
DePaul University, Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts – Political Science & Economics, Minor – Spanish	Chicago, IL June 2009

PUBLICATION EXPERIENCE

- Hutchings, Vincent L., **V. Cruz Nichols**, L. Gause, S. Piston. 2020. "White-Washing: How Obama Used Implicit Racial Cues as Defense Against Political Rumors." *Political Behavior*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-020-09642-1>
- Cruz Nichols, V. and Garibaldo Valdez, R. (2020) "How to Sound the Alarms: Untangling Racialized Threat in Latina/o Mobilization." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 1-7 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096520000530>
- Reny, T., B. Wilcox-Archuleta, and **V. Cruz Nichols**. (2018). "Threat, Mobilization, and Latino Voting in the 2018 Election." *The Forum* (16) 4: 573-599. <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2018-0041>
- Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Policing Us Sick: The Health of Latinos in an Era of Heightened Deportations and Racialized Policing." *PS: Political Science and Politics* (51) 2: 293-297. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096517002384>
- Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Spillover Effects: Immigrant Policing and Government Skepticism in Matters of Health for Latinos." *Public Administration Review* (78) 3: 432-443. <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.12916>
- Cruz Nichols, V.**, A. M.W. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. (2018). "Policy Feedback: Government Skepticism Trickling from Immigration to Matters of Health" in *Policing and Race in America: Economic, Political and Social Dynamics*. Edited by James Ward. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Pedraza, Francisco I., **V. Cruz Nichols** and A. M.W. LeBrón. (2017). "Cautious Citizenship: The Deterring Effect of Immigration Issue Salience on Health Care Use and Bureaucratic Interactions Among Latino U.S. Citizens." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* (42) 5: 925-960. <https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-3940486>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Cruz Nichols, V. (2021) Review of *Holding Fast: Resilience and Civic Engagement Among Latino Immigrants* by James McCann and Michael Jones-Correa. *Political Science Quarterly*, 136 (4): 773-776.

SELECT MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

Collective Action and Persuasive Communication Strategies

Cruz Nichols, V. "Catalyzing Political Action: Latinxs Rising to the Challenge with Messages of Peril and Promise." (book manuscript)

Cruz Nichols, V. "Mobilizing Beyond Threats: Adding Opportunity Messages to Calls for Action."

Cruz Nichols, V. "Motivating Political Action: Gender Differences Under Coupled Threat and Opportunity Messages."

Threat Appraisal and Civic Engagement

Cruz Nichols, V., A. LeBrón and F. I. Pedraza. "Producing Cautious Citizens: Navigating Life, Politics, and the Double-Edge Sword of Immigration Threats"

Religiosity and Anxious Politics

Cruz Nichols, V., D. Camacho-Thompson, A. Hatch. "The Church in Times of Uncertainty: Survival Skepticism, COVID-19 and the 2020 Latinx Vote."

Cruz Nichols, V. and D. Camacho-Thompson. "Trust, Anxiety & Hope Throughout COVID-19: Information Environments and Risk Appraisal among Latinx"

Political Socialization:

Cruz Nichols, V. and R. Lerma (graduate student). "Religiosity is a Helluva Drug: Latinx Immigrants, Religion and Party ID"

Cruz Nichols, V. and D. Watts (graduate student). "Surveillance, Policing and Vaccines: Cleavages Among Black Voters in a COVID-19 Era"

TEACHING

Indiana University

Bloomington, IN

Media and Politics (Undergraduate)

Intro to American Politics (Undergraduate)

Race and Ethnicity Politics (Graduate)(Undergraduate)

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Introduction to American Politics – Graduate Student Instructor (2 semesters)

AWARDS / HONORS

Indiana University – Institute for Advanced Study Writing Fellowship (Fall 2022) 2022

Indiana University Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (nominated by Julia Bourkland),
Center for Excellence for Women and Technology 2020

Western Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition 2018
"Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages"
(Nominated for the *Latinola* Caucus "Best Paper Award")

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2017-2018

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*) 2017-2018

Princeton University, Department of Politics Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*) 2017-2018

Midwest Political Science Association 73rd Annual Meeting & Exhibition 2016
“Rising to the Challenge: Latino Political Responses To Two-Prong Threat and Opportunity Messages”
(Nominated for the Latino/a Caucus “Best Graduate Student Paper Award”)

University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford Fellow 2016–2017

NRC Ford Foundation Predoctoral & Dissertation Fellowship 2011–2015

American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship 2009–2011

The Urban Institute Summer Academy, Research Fellow 2008

Berkeley Summer Research Opportunity Program, Scholar (Mentor: Irene Bloemraad) 2007

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program 2006–2009

PROJECTS / GRANTS

The Policy Academies - Innovation Grant 2022
“Latinxs Rising to the Challenge: Catalyzing Action Beyond Fear, Using Messages of Peril and Promise” \$15,000

American Political Science Association MFP Travel Grant 2018
American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Boston, MA) \$400

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2017–2018
“Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses to Threat and Opportunity Messages” \$23,250

Latino National Health and Immigrant Survey Jan. – March 2015
Co-Student Investigator

INVITED PROFESSIONAL TALKS

University of Pittsburgh, guest speaker *March 2022*
“Public Health and Policing Concerns among Latinx Participants”

Morgan State University, guest panelist *Oct. 29, 2021*
“The Church in Times of Uncertainty: Hope and Fear in Navigating COVID-19 Protocols”

Menlo College, guest speaker *April 13, 2021*
“Latino Voters in 2008: Threat and Mobilization Combined”

WPSA Conference – Latino Politics Workshop *March 31, 2021*
“The 2020 Election and Unpacking the Latinx Vote”

Duke University, Race and Ethnicity Politics Workshop, guest speaker *April 7, 2021*
“Beyond Red and Blue Lines: Survival Skepticism, COVID-19 and the 2020 Election”

WPSA Conference, panelist *Mar. 31, 2021*
Latina/o Politics Workshop

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PRESS APPEARANCES

WTIU/WFYI (TV) *Oct, 8, 2021*
Gerrymandering and redistricting in Indiana

IDS – Indiana Daily Student newspaper *Jan. 20, 2021*
“Here’s what a Biden Administration could mean to IU students”

IDS – Indiana Daily Student newspaper *Jan. 12, 2021*
“Black Voices Race for the Senate”

Latinx Voters and 2020 election PBS Newshour (digital)	Jan. 2021 (forthcoming)
Latinx Voters and the 2020 Election With Dr. Claudia Sandoval (Loyola Marymount University)	Oct. 29, 2020
"Episode 49." Latino voters. IU Research Impact Indiana University Podcast	Oct. 26, 2020
"Hope, not fear, is key for mobilizing Latino voters" News at IU Bloomington – "Stories: Law and Policy section"	Oct. 14, 2020
"Protest and Change," Confronting Racism Series (virtual), moderator Co-sponsored by Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) and College Arts and Humanities Council (CAHI) Indiana University	July 14, 2020
Mini University "Latino Politics — Do Fear Tactics Immobilize an Electorate? Latinos Rising to the Challenge in Response to Threat and Opportunity Messages" Indiana University	June 10, 2019
"The U.S. And Mexico: A Partnership Tested." Indiana Council on World Affairs	April 16, 2019
"From Unicorn to University Professor" - featured story DePaul University Magazine	Nov. 18, 2018
"The Need to Couple Hope with Fear: Latino Political Civic Engagement, Political Participation, and Immigration Policy Discourse" Purdue University	Nov. 1, 2018
The Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights "Voting Rights in Indiana" Testimony - July 2018 Press Release and Memorandum	Mar. 2, 2018
UC-Irvine: Press Release for Public Administration Review publication.	May 18, 2017
"Expressing Latino/a Identities on College Campuses." La Casa Cultural Center Indiana University	Nov. 17, 2017
Department of American Culture Latina/o Studies University of Michigan "Latinos/as and the 2016 Election"	Nov. 3, 2016

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago) "Partisanship and Religiosity: Latinx Vote and Issue Priorities in 2020 Election"	April 2022
Western Political Science Association (Oregon) "COVID-19, Threat Appraisals and the Latinx Electorate: There is a Time and Place for Partisanship"	March 2022
American Political Science Association (Seattle) "COVID-19 Does Not Discriminate, But Governments Do: Race, Resilience and Resistance"	Sept. 2021
Midwest Political Science Association 78 th Annual Meeting (Chicago) (virtual) "The Church in Times of Uncertainty: Survival Skepticism, COVID-19 and the 2020 Latinx Vote" (virtual)	April 2021
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (virtual) "Cautious Citizen: Policy Feedback Lessons and Consequences for Democratic Citizenship"	Jan 2021
Chicago Area Political Behavior Workshop, Annual Meeting, Northwestern University (poster)	April 2019

“Spurring Issue Activism: Resolving the Mobilizer’s Dilemma with Coupled Threat-and-Opportunity Strategies”

Midwest Political Science Association 2019 77th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) <i>“Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages”</i>	April 2019
Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Consortium (PRIEC) (Winston-Salem) <i>“Spurring Latina/o Issue Activism: Mobilization Efforts Combining Fear and Hope”</i>	Nov. 2018
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Boston) <i>“Spurring Latina/o Issue Activism: Mobilization Efforts Combining Fear and Hope”</i>	Aug. 2018
Midwest Political Science Association 2018 76th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) <i>“Latinas/os Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages”</i>	April 2018
Western Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (San Francisco) <i>“Rising to the Challenge: Political Responses To Threat and Opportunity Messages Among Latinas/os”</i> (WPSA Latino/a Caucus nomination for “Best Paper Award”)	March 2018
American Public Health Association (co-author presented) (Atlanta) <i>“Cautious Citizens and the Use of Health Care and Public Services”</i>	Nov. 2018
Western Political Science Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Vancouver) <i>“Peril or Promise: Coupling Threat and Opportunity Messages to Spur Latino Political Participation”</i>	April 2017
Western Political Science Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Vancouver) <i>“Cautious Citizen: Threat and Political Participation Among Latinos”</i>	April 2017
Midwest Political Science Association 75 th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) <i>“Peril or Promise: Latino Political Activism Surrounding Threat and Opportunity Messages”</i>	April 2017
Midwest Political Science Association 74 th Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Chicago) <i>“Rising to the Challenge: Latino Political Responses To Two-Prong Threat and Opportunity Messages”</i> (MPSA Latino/a Caucus nomination for “Best Graduate Student Paper Award”)	April 2016

ADVISING AND SERVICE

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Indiana University
Donovan Watts
Abby Hatch

Faculty Mentor, Cox Research Scholarship (Lukas Adams), Indiana University (2021-)

Faculty Sponsor, Washington DC Internship Program (Chance Kapase), Indiana University (2022)

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, (Daisy Trujillo), Indiana University (2021)

Faculty Sponsor, Pi Sigma Alpha Society, Indiana University (2019-2021)

Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Political Science Club, Indiana University (2019-2021)

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Advanced Summer Research Scholarship (Julia Bourkland), Indiana University (2019)

Faculty Mentor, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Undergraduate Research Program (Dalia Raya), Indiana University (2018-2019)

Department of Political Science Committee Member, Indiana University
Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Spring 2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Public Administration Review, PS: Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Studies in American Political Development, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly*

Western Political Science Association

Section Co-Chair, *Media and Political Communications*, 2020
Panelist

American Political Science Association

NSF-Funded Women of Color of Political Scientists, *Member*, 2013–
Latino Caucus, 2009–
Women’s Caucus, 2009–
Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics, 2009–
Minority Fellows Program, *Fellow, Mentee and Mentor*, 2009–
American Political Science Association Mentorship Program, *Mentee and Mentor*, 2008–

Midwest Political Science Association

Section Co-Chair, *Health, Education and Social Policy Division*, 2021-2022
Paper Award Committee, Lucius Barker Award, *Member*, 2022
Women’s Caucus, 2009–
Latina/o Caucus, 2009– (Newsletter Editor, 2018-2021; Vice President, 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2012-2014;
Secretary, 2011–2012)
Discussant, 2021, 2022
Chair, 2021

Southern Political Science Association

Discussant