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## EMPLOYMENT

Columbia University, Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, July 2019 - Present

George Washington University, Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, August 2018 - Present

Wesleyan University, Department of Government  
Assistant Professor, July 2015 - July 2018

## EDUCATION

*Ph.D.*, 2015, Political Science  
Stony Brook University  
Concentrations: American Politics, Political Psychology, and Methodology  
Committee: Professors Stanley Feldman, Leonie Huddy, Jason Barabas, Oleg Smirnov, and Ryan Enos (Outside Reader)

*M.A.*, 2012, Political Science  
Stony Brook University

*B.A.*, 2010, Political Science and Psychology  
Florida State University

## INTERESTS

Immigration, Political Psychology, Political Geography, and Experimental Methods.

## PUBLICATIONS

11. Velez, Yamil R. and Benjamin Newman. "Tuning In, Not Turning Out: Evaluating the Impact of Ethnic Television on Political Participation," forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

10. Velez, Yamil R. "Residential Mobility Constraints and Immigration Restrictionism." forthcoming, *Political Behavior*.

9. Velez, Yamil R. (with students in my 2017 Political Science by the Numbers class at Wesleyan). 2018. "Nothing to Fear? Anxiety, Numeracy, and Demographic Perceptions." *Research & Politics* 5(3): 1-6.

8. Velez, Yamil R. and Grace Wong. 2017. "Assessing Contextual Measurement Strategies." *Journal of Politics* 79(3): 1084-1089.

7. Velez, Yamil R. and Howard Lavine. 2017. "Racial Diversity and the Dynamics of Authoritarianism." *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 519-533.

- Winner of the Bernd Award from the Southern Political Science Association for the best article published in the 2017 Journal of Politics

6. Newman, Benjamin, Yamil R. Velez and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. 2016. "Diversification of a Different Kind: Gentrification and Its Impact on Social Capital and Political Engagement in Black Communities." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 1(2): 1-32.

5. Johnston, Christopher, Newman, Benjamin, and Yamil R. Velez. 2015. "Ethnic Change,

Personality, and Polarization over Immigration in the American Public.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 79(3): 662-686.

4. Newman, Benjamin, Yamil R. Velez, Todd Hartman, and Alexa Bankert. 2015. “Are Citizens Receiving the Treatment? Assessing a Key Link in Contextual Theories of Public Opinion and Political Behavior.” *Political Psychology* 36(1): 123-131.

3. Newman, Benjamin and Yamil R. Velez. 2014. “Group Size vs. Change? Assessing Americans’ Perception of Local Immigration.” *Political Research Quarterly* 67(2): 293-303.

2. Velez, Yamil R. and David Martin. 2013. “Sandy the Rainmaker: The Electoral Impact of a Superstorm.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(2): 313-23.

1. Norpoth, Helmut, and Yamil R. Velez. 2012. “Independent Leaners: Ideals, Myths, and Reality.” *The Forum* 10(3): 1-20.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

Velez, Yamil R. “The Effects of Language Corrections.”

Velez, Yamil R. “Anger, Anxiety, and Immigration Opinion.”

Velez, Yamil R. “Partial Compliance in Political Science Experiments.”

#### **IN PROGRESS**

Komisarchik, Mayya, Maya Sen, and Yamil R. Velez. “The Political Consequences of Ethnically Targeted Incarceration: Evidence from Japanese-American Internment During WWII”

Velez, Yamil R. “Fight or Flight: Contested Communities in an Age of Immigration” (Book Project)

Velez, Yamil R. and Angel Saavedra Cisneros. “Cruzando El Puente: Using Bilingual Speakers to Improve Estimates of Latino/a Public Opinion.”

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Velez, Yamil R. 2018. Review of *Framing Immigrants* by Chris Haynes, Jennifer Merolla, and Karthick Ramakrishnan. *International Migration Review* 52(1): 314-315.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Wesleyan University*

GOV239: Racial and Ethnic Politics

GOV380: Place and Politics

GOV369: Political Psychology

GOV367: Political Science by the Numbers

*Stony Brook University*

POL602: Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics

POL603: Regression Analysis (with Martin Steinwand)

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Carnegie Fellowship Nominee, Wesleyan University (2017)

Milton Lodge Award for Graduate Student with Outstanding Potential (2014)

W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship (2010-2015)

Departmental Teaching and Research Fellowship (2010-2015)

NSF Travel Award for Society of Political Methodology’s Summer Meeting (2013)

NSF Travel Award for Society of Political Methodology's Summer Meeting (2014)

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

Co-Founder of the Identity Politics Research Group (2015-Present):

A research group hosting on-going meetings for scholars conducting research in the areas of race, class, gender, religion, and sexuality in American politics and comparative contexts.

Reviewer:

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Psychology, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, and Political Behavior*

**INVITED  
TALKS**

Stony Brook University CIE (Spring 2017); Dartmouth College (Spring 2017); UMass-Amherst (Spring 2018); George Washington University (Spring 2018)

**CONFERENCE  
PAPERS &  
POSTERS**

***Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity, 2018***

Velez, Yamil R. "The Effects of Language Corrections."

***Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, 2018***

Velez, Yamil R. "The Persistent Political Effects of Punitive Policies."

***Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, 2017***

Velez, Yamil R. and Benjamin Newman. "Spanish-Language Television and Latino/a Turnout."

***Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Meeting, 2017***

Velez, Yamil R. and Benjamin Newman. "Spanish-Language Television and Latino/a Turnout."

***Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, 2016***

Velez, Yamil R. and Grace Wong. "Assessing Contextual Measurement Strategies."

***Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2016***

Velez, Yamil R. and Grace Wong. "Assessing Contextual Measurement Strategies."

***Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, 2015***

Velez, Yamil R. "Fight or Flight: Mobility, Political Behavior, and Nativism in the United States." (Poster)

***Yale University CSAP American Politics Conference, 2015***

Velez, Yamil R. "Fight or Flight: Mobility, Political Behavior, and Nativism in the United States." (Graduate Student Poster)

***Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, 2014***

Velez, Yamil R. "The Promise of Empirically-Grounded Agent-Based Models: An Application to Immigration Politics." (Graduate Student Poster)

***International Society of Political Psychology Meeting, 2014***

Velez, Yamil R. "A Model of Nativism."

***Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2014***

Barabas, Jason, Clark, Rachel, and Yamil R. Velez. "Augmented Experiments: Employing Population Data for Increased Power."

***American Political Science Association Meeting, 2013***

Velez, Yamil R. "There Goes The Neighborhood: An Agent-Based Model of Nativism." (Graduate Student Poster)

***Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, 2013***

Velez, Yamil R. "Bringing Agents to Life: The Promise of Empirically-Grounded Agent-Based Models."

***Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2013***

Velez, Yamil R., and Joshua Johnson. "The Politics of Border Security."

Velez, Yamil R. "Fight or Flight: An Agent-Based Model of Nativism."

Velez, Yamil R., Benjamin Woodson, and Milton Lodge. "The Architecture of Ideology."

***Annual American Political Science Association, 2012 Meeting***

Velez, Yamil R., and Joshua Johnson. "The Politics of Border Security."

Velez, Yamil R., and Michael Bednarczuk. "Tweeting the Election."

***Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2012***

Velez, Yamil R., and Howard Lavine. "Examining the Relationship Between Proximal and Distal Context."

Velez, Yamil R., and Milton Lodge. "Anti-Authoritarianism and Threat."

***Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2011***

Velez, Yamil R., and Raynee Gutting. "Anti-Authoritarianism and Threat."

**REFERENCES**

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