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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 - July 2019

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

## EDUCATION

*Ph.D.*, 2015, Political Science  
Stony Brook University

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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

Velez, Yamil R. "Crowdsourced Adaptive Surveys," *Political Analysis*, forthcoming.

Clayton, Katherine, Ethan Porter, Yamil R. Velez, and Thomas Wood. "Improving debriefing practices for participants in social science experiments," *PNAS Nexus*, forthcoming.

Velez, Yamil R., and Patrick Liu. 2024. "Confronting Core Issues: A Critical Assessment of Attitude Polarization using Tailored Experiments." *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

Fraga, Bernard, Yamil R. Velez, and Emily West. 2024. "Reversion to the Mean, or their Version of the Dream? Latino Voting in an Age of Populism." *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

Lee, Diana, and Yamil R. Velez. 2024. "Measuring Descriptive Representation at Scale: Methods for Predicting the Race and Ethnicity of Public Officials." *British Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

Velez, Yamil R., Angel Saavedra, and Jose Gomez-Espinal. 2023. "Language Barriers: Causal Evidence of Linguistic Item Bias in Multilingual Surveys," *Political Behavior*, forthcoming.

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Brodeur, A., Esterling, K., Ankel-Peters, J., Bueno, N.S., Desposato, S., Dreber, A., Genovese, F., Green, D.P., Hepplewhite, M., Hoces de la Guardia, F. Johannesson, M., Kotsadam, A., Miguel, E., Velez, Y., and Young, L. 2024. "Promoting Reproducibility and Replicability in Political Science." *Research & Politics*, forthcoming.

de Benedictis-Kessner, Justin, Diana Lee, Yamil R. Velez, and Christopher Warshaw. 2023. "American local government elections database," *Nature Scientific Data*, 10(912).

- Velez, Yamil R., Ethan Porter, and Thomas J. Wood. 2023. "Latino-Targeted Misinformation and The Power of Factual Corrections." *Journal of Politics*, 85(2): 789-794.
- Porter, Ethan, Yamil R. Velez, and Thomas J. Wood. 2023. "Correcting COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation in 10 Countries," *Royal Society Open Science*, 10: 221097.
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- Porter, Ethan, Yamil R. Velez, and Thomas J. Wood. 2022. "Factual Corrections Eliminate False Beliefs about Covid-19 Vaccines." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 86(3): 762-73.
- Komisarchik, Mayya, Maya Sen, and Yamil R. Velez. 2022. "The Political Consequences of Ethnically Targeted Incarceration: Evidence from Japanese-American Internment During WWII," *Journal of Politics*, 84(3): 1497-1514.
- Porter, Ethan and Yamil R. Velez. 2021. "Placebo Selection In Survey Experiments: An Agnostic Approach." *Political Analysis*, 30(4): 481-94.
- Velez, Yamil R. 2020. "Residential Mobility Constraints and Immigration Restrictionism." *Political Behavior* 42: 719-43.
- Velez, Yamil R. and Benjamin Newman. 2019. "Tuning In, Not Turning Out: Evaluating the Impact of Ethnic Television on Political Participation," *American Journal of Political Science* 63(4): 808-23.
- 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.
- Velez, Yamil R. and Grace Wong. 2017. "Assessing Contextual Measurement Strategies." *Journal of Politics* 79(3): 1084-1089.
- Velez, Yamil R. and Howard Lavine. 2017. "Racial Diversity and the Dynamics of Authoritarianism." *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 519-533.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Newman, Benjamin and Yamil R. Velez. 2014. "Group Size vs. Change? Assessing Americans' Perception of Local Immigration." *Political Research Quarterly* 67(2): 293-303.
- Velez, Yamil R. and David Martin. 2013. "Sandy the Rainmaker: The Electoral Impact of a Superstorm." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(2): 313-23.

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

**UNDER  
REVIEW**

Velez, Yamil R. "Trade-Offs in Latino Politics."

Silverman, Daniel, Yamil R. Velez, Chris Gelpi, Ethan Porter, and Thomas J. Wood. "Should We Trust Online Non-Probability Samples in Misinformation Correction Research? Evidence from 12 Parallel Experiments."

**BOOK  
REVIEWS**

Velez Yamil R. 2020. Review of *Immigration and the American Ethos* by Matthew Wright and Morris Levy. forthcoming, *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

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

**GRANTS  
AND GIFTS**

California Collaborative for Pandemic Recovery and Readiness Research Grant (Co-PI with Stephanie Zonszein and Jennifer Guadamuz)

North American Google News Initiative Challenge Winner (PI, with El Timpano, Enlace Latino, Conecta Arizona, and the Center for Community Media at CUNY)

Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Seed Grant (2022)

Columbia University Provost's Grants Program (2022)

Google News Initiative Gift (Co-PI with Ethan Porter and Thomas J. Wood)

Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant (PI)

Hettleman Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, Columbia University

Lavine Scholars Fund, Columbia University

Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences (CELSS) Seed Grant, Columbia University

Carnegie Fellowship Nominee, Wesleyan University

Milton Lodge Award for Outstanding Research Potential, Stony Brook University

W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship (2010-2015), Stony Brook University

Departmental Teaching and Research Fellowship (2010-2015), Stony Brook University

NSF Travel Award for Society of Political Methodology Summer Meeting (2013-2014)

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

*Columbia University*

POLS8325: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Graduate Seminar)

POLS3768: Experimental Research

POLS3921: Political Psychology

POLS3245: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

*George Washington University*

PSC1002: Introduction to American Politics

PSC2101: Scope and Methods

PSC3192: Political Psychology and Persuasion

*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 (Graduate Lecture)

POL603: Regression Analysis (with Martin Steinwand)

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

New York Area Political Psychology Meeting (Co-organized with Don Green); Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Co-organized with Bernard Fraga, LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, and Jamil Scott); Program Co-Chair of the APSA Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (2020)

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**

London School of Economics (Spring 2023); University of Amsterdam (Spring 2023); Sciences Po (Spring 2023); Yale University (Fall 2023); Harvard University (Fall 2022); New York University (Fall 2021); The College of New Jersey (Spring 2021); UC Berkeley (Spring 2021); University of Virginia (Spring 2021); University of Pennsylvania (Spring 2021); Duke University (Fall 2020); Stanford Graduate School of Business (Fall 2019); Rutgers University (Spring 2019); George Washington University (Spring 2018); UMass-Amherst (Spring 2018); Dartmouth College (Spring 2017)

**CONFERENCE  
PAPERS &  
POSTERS**

***International Communications Association, 2022***

Porter, Ethan, Yamil R. Velez, and Thomas J. Wood. "Correcting COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation in 10 Countries."

***New York Area Political Psychology Meeting, 2021***

Porter, Ethan, Yamil R. Velez, and Thomas Wood. "Factual Corrections Eliminate the Effects

of Misinformation about Covid-19 Vaccines.”

***Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, 2020***

Kane, John, Jason Barabas, and Yamil R. Velez. “Analyze the Attentive and Bypass Bias: Mock Vignette Checks in Survey Experiments.”

***Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, 2019***

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

***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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