
Emily Ortiz, PhD Candidate in Political Science

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles, CA -- 2022-Present

- PhD Candidate – Core coursework, comprehensive exams, and prospectus completed
- Expected graduation, spring 2028
- Committee: (Chair) Efrén Pérez, Natalie Masuoka, Matt Baretto, Graeme Blair
- Primary subfield in Race and Ethnic Politics (REP), secondary subfield in American Politics (AP)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL – Graduated April 2022

Bachelor of Science in Political Science, with a minor in Sociology. GPA: 3.83
Graduated with honors, *Magna Cum Laude*

Research Interests

My dissertation asks the question: why do so many Latino Republicans stay Republican, even as the party's rhetoric toward Latino communities has grown increasingly hostile? I'm interested in how people hold onto an ethnic identity and a partisan identity that seem to be in conflict — and what shifts when they do. My research uses large surveys and panel data, experiments, and qualitative evidence to track how Latino partisans' sense of who counts as a real co-ethnic, and what they owe each other, changes over time.

Conferences

Midwestern Political Science Association – April 2026, Chicago, Illinois

American Political Science Association – September 2025, Vancouver, Canada

Western Political Science Association – April 2025, Seattle, Washington

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Meeting – March 2025, Pomona, CA

University of Michigan's Emerging Scholars Conference – November 2021, online

Current Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Ortiz, Emily, Ramona Alhambra, Andrew M. Engelhardt, and Efrén Pérez. 2026. "Right-Wing Shift? Authoritarianism, Social Dominance, and System Justification Among People of Color Before and After 2024's Election." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. FirstView.

Rogbeer, Kasheena G., Emily N. Ortiz, and Efrén Pérez. 2026. "Shared Discrimination's Effect on Solidarity Between People of Color Is Uniform Across Major Racial, Political, and Social Differences." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. FirstView.

Pérez, E., Rogbeer, K., Tran, S., Huynh, T., Ortiz, E., Crossley, H., ... & Passananti, M. (2025). Rage against the machine? Why system justification drives (some) Asian Americans to spurn racial solidarity. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 1-22.

Alhambra, R., Ortiz, E., Pérez, E., Huynh, T., Bany-Mohammed, H., Rad, K., ... & Crawford, N. (2025). New tree, growing forest: Updating meta-analytic evidence on solidarity between US people of color through an extension and partial replication. *Research & Politics*, 12(2), 20531680251335651.

Under Review:

"Benefit or Backlash? Examining the Consequences of Expanding Definitions of Prejudice" *Under review* (with Josh Goetz, Ananya Hariharan, Connor Warshauer, Clayton Becker, and Grant Baldwin)

"All Aboard? Solidarity Between People of Color and the Validated Votes of Black, Latino, and Asian Adults." *Under review* (with Efrén Pérez, Andrew M. Engelhardt, and Kasheena G. Rogbeer)

Working papers:

"Republican and Latino: How Partisanship Reshapes Ethnic Identity in a Polarizing Era", Co-author: Efrén Pérez

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant: M181B Latinx Politics – Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024. Upper-division course taught by Drs. Izul de la Vega and Matt Barreto.

Teaching Assistant: M183/M36C Experiments in Race and Ethnic Politics – Spring 2024, Spring 2026. Upper-division course taught by Dr. Efrén Pérez

Teaching Assistant: M141A Political Psychology – Spring 2025. Upper-division course taught by Dr. Efrén Pérez

Teaching Assistant: PS40 Intro to American Politics – Fall 2025. Intro course taught by Dr. Julia Payson

Teaching Assistant: PS10 Intro to Political Theory – Winter 2026. Intro course taught by Dr. John Branstetter

Teaching Assistant: Cluster Program GE60 (The Long 1960s) – Fall 2026, Winter 2027

Instructor of Record: Summer Institute PS40 Intro to American Politics – Summer 2026

Grants and Fellowships

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA, September 2022- July 2023 and reinstated once advanced to candidacy -- \$30,000 stipend and fee remissions

Summer Mentored Research Fellowship (SMRF), UCLA, Summer 2024 -- \$6,000

Initiative to Study Hate (ISH) Grant, Joint grant with four other graduate students, UCLA, July 2024 -- \$25,000

Luskin Center for History and Policy (LCHP) Grant, Joint grant with two other graduate students, UCLA, Fall 2024 -- \$3,000

Alan D. Leve Research and Travel Grants for Student Excellence, Spring 2025 -- \$3,000

Political Psychology Fellowship, Spring 2026 -- \$2,000

Other Relevant Research Experience

Race, Ethnicity, Politics, and Society (REPS) Lab Manager, UCLA, September 2024 - Current
Research Assistant Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS), UCLA, October 2024 – October 2025

Technical Skills

- R and STATA (Proficient)
- Git and Github (Intermediate)
- Familiar with web scraping techniques, PCA + Factor Analysis, LDA and STM, and supervised and unsupervised machine learning techniques

Languages

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Elementary)

Relevant Course Work

- 200D: Maximum Likelihood – Winter 2024
- 260B: Political Institutions, American Politics Seminar – Winter 2024
- 209: Computational Social Science and Machine Learning – Fall 2023
- 260A: Political Behavior, American Politics Seminar – Fall 2023
- 200C: Causal Inference for Social Sciences – Spring 2023
- 200B: Regression Analysis for Social Sciences – Winter 2023
- 280B: Research Methods in REP (field seminar 2) – Winter 2023
- 200A: Probability and Inference for Social Sciences – Fall 2022
- 280A: REP Field Seminar 1 – Fall 2022