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Curriculum Vitae

University of North Texas — Department of Political Science
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Dissertation Title: “Understanding the benefits and unintended consequences of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the developing world”

Committee Members: Dr. Glen Biglaiser (Chair), Dr. John Ishiyama, Dr. Marijke Breuning, Dr. Jacqueline DeMeritt

Expected year of completion: 2025

University of North Texas, Denton

Department of Political Science

M.A. in Political Science

Year of completion: 2020

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg

Department of Political Science

B.A. in Political Science

Year of completion: 2018

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg

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PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Kim, Dongkyu, Mi-son Kim, and **Cesar Villegas** (2020). “Organized Labor Strikes and Social Spending in Latin America: The Synchronizing Effect of Mass Protest,” *Latin American Politics & Society*. 2020;62(2):99-109.

Working Papers

Cesar Villegas. “Doubling down midst uncertainty: Studying the impact of Special Economic Zones on voting behavior”

Cesar Villegas. “Unintended consequences of foreign investment: Studying the impact of Special Economic Zones on inequality within developing countries”

Dongkyu Kim & **Cesar Villegas**. “Social Protests and Foreign Direct Investment in Non-democracies”

Kelan Lu, Glen Biglaiser & **Cesar Villegas**. “Chinese Overseas Foreign Direct Investment and Income Inequality in the Developing World.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

American Government: Behavior (PSCI 2305)

University of North Texas department of Political Science

Term and year taught: (FALL, 2024)

American Government: Behavior *Honors* (PSCI 2315)

University of North Texas department of Political Science

Term and year taught: (FALL, 2023)

Texas Government (POLS 2306)

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

Term and year taught: (FALL 2019 - SPRING 2020)

Teaching Assistant

American Government Behavior (PSCI 2305)
University of North Texas department of Political Science

Term and year: (FALL 2020 - FALL 2021)

Political Science Research Methods (PSCI 3300)
University of North Texas department of Political Science

Term and year: (SPRING 2021)

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (Dr. Diego Esparza & Dr. Valerie Martinez-Ebers)

Year: 2024

University of North Texas Department of Political Science

Graduate Assistant: Latino & Latin American Studies (LLAS) Program)

Year: 2022-2024

University of North Texas Department of Political Science

Research Assistant (Dr. Regina Branton)

Year: 2022

University of North Texas Department of Political Science

Research Supervisor (Director: Dr. Dongkyu Kim)

Year: 2020

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Center for Survey Research & Policy Analysis

Research Assistant (Director: Dr. Laryssa Mykyta)

Year: 2018

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Center for Survey Research & Policy Analysis

AWARDS AND HONORS

C.Neal and Carol Tate Fund award

Year: 2024

University of North Texas Political Science Department

Crossing Latinidades Summer Institute Pre-doctoral workshop

Year: 2022

University of Illinois at Chicago Political Science Department

\$3,000

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS) Travel Grant

Year: 2023

University of North Texas Political Science department

Denton, Texas

Kuehne Fellowship

Year-Year: 2020 - 2025

University of North Texas Political Science department

Denton, Texas

Voertman Fellowship

Year-Year: 2020 - 2025

University of North Texas Political Science Department

Denton, Texas

McAlister Scholarship

Year-Year: 2020 - 2025

University of North Texas Political Science Department
Denton, Texas

Tuition Benefits Program Scholarship

Year-Year: 2020 - 2025

Toulouse Graduate School, University of North Texas
Denton, Texas

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

Doubling down midst uncertainty: Studying the impact of Special Economic Zones on voting behavior

Date: 2023

International Studies Association Midwest (ISA Midwest)

Organized Labor Strikes and Social Spending in Latin America: The Synchronizing Effect of Mass Protest

Date: 2022

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Global Production and Labor Rights in Developing Countries

Date: 2019

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

Graduate Student representative, American Politics Search Committee (2023)

Graduate Student representative, Political Science Professionalization Committee (2023-2024)

Vice President of Professionalization, Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) (2023-2024)

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REFERENCES

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