
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 research examines the psychological and sociopolitical underpinnings of Republican Latino political behavior in the United States. I use large-N surveys, lab experiments, and observational data to investigate how ideology and identity intersect in shaping Republican partisanship among Latino individuals.

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:

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:

Ortiz, E., Alhambra, R., Engelhardt, A. M., & Pérez, E. *Why are Some People of Color Embracing Republicans? A Temporal Look at Three “Crowning Postures” Among Asian, Black, and Latino Adults in a 2024 Panel.*

Contentious Claims of Antisemitism and Issue Significance, UCLA Department of Political Science, Co-Authors: Josh Goetz, Ananya Hariharan, Connor Warshauer, Clayton Becker, and Grant Baldwin

Political Solidarity and Political Action Among People of Color, UCLA Department of Political Science, Co-Authors: Efrén Pérez, Kasheena Rogbeer, and Andrew Engelhardt

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, UCLA – 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, Cross-listed with Psychology and Political Science, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 2024, Upper-division course taught by Dr. Efrén Pérez

Teaching Assistant: M141A Political Psychology, Cross-listed with Psychology and Political Science, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 2025, Upper-division course taught by Dr. Efrén Pérez

Teaching Assistant: PS40 Intro to American Politics – Fall 2025 taught by Dr. Julia Payson, PS10 Intro to Political Theory – Winter 2026 taught by Dr. John Branstetter

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