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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racial and ethnic politics, identity politics, immigration, Latino politics, policing and criminal justice, political behavior, American political institutions, public policy

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, PhD Candidate, Austin, TX. 2024 – Expected 2027. Government.

- Dissertation: *Extending Respectability Politics: The Impact of Intra-Group Attitudes on Political Behavior and Collective Mobilization for Latinxs, Asian Americans, and Women*
- Committee: Bethany Albertson (Co-Chair), Roberto Carlos (Co-Chair), Derek Epp, Hannah Walker

University of Texas at Austin, Master of Arts, Austin, TX. 2023. Government.

Texas Christian University, Bachelor of Science, Fort Worth, TX, 2021. Political Science.

Texas Christian University, Bachelor of Arts, Fort Worth, TX, 2021. Religion.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Sullivan, Miranda E. 2026. “Showing up is the hardest part: examining geographical barriers to immigration court access.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 1–20.

DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2026.2658786.

Farris, Emily M., Mirya R. Holman, and Miranda E. Sullivan. 2022. “Representation and Anti-Racist Policymaking in U.S. Cities during COVID-19.” *Representation*.

DOI: 10.1080/00344893.2021.2017335

PAPERS IN REVIEW PROCESS

Carlos, Roberto, Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Miranda Sullivan, Allison Verrilli, Clinton Willbanks, Seung Wook Yoo, and Chris Cassella. *Drawing a Line in the Sand: Embarrassment and Latinx Support for Punitive Immigration Policies*. Revise and Resubmit.

Garcia-Rios, Sergio, Angél Saavedra Cisneros, and Miranda E. Sullivan. *An Identity-Centric Approach to Latino Voter Choice: A Contextual Analysis of Political Identities*. Under Review.

Liu, Amy H., Meiyang Xu, Seung Wook Ethan Yoo, Miranda E. Sullivan, Jeong Hyun Kim, Yesola Kweon, Keith Padraic Chew, and Jangai Jap *Shared Ethnicity, Broken Reciprocity: When Public Attitudes Turn Negative on Returning Coethnics*. Under Review.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Sullivan, Miranda E. and David Leal. 2023. "Implementing Emergency Powers in Texas." In Morris Fiorina (Ed.) *Who Governs? Emergency Powers in the Time of COVID*. Stanford: Hoover Institution Press.

Holman, Mirya R., Emily M. Farris and Miranda E. Sullivan. 2023. "Using the Emergency in Emergency Orders: Municipal Policy Action and Federalism during the COVID-19 Crisis." In Morris Fiorina (Ed.) *Who Governs? Emergency Powers in the Time of COVID*. Stanford: Hoover Institution Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Epp, Derek, Elyse Hatch-Rivera, and Miranda Sullivan. 2023. "Review of Academic Literature on Pretextual Stops." Submitted to Pasadena, California City Council, December 2023.

Farris, Emily M. and Miranda E. Sullivan. 2021. "Strategies for Teaching the Insurrection and Impeachment." *Political Science Now* Volume 1: Issue 2, May 2021.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Sullivan, Miranda E. *Respectability Politics and the Restructuring of Pan-ethnic Politics Among Latinos and Asians in the U.S.*.

Sullivan, Miranda E. *Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences*.

Sullivan, Miranda E, Alison Craig, Max Goplerud, Shruti Khandekar, Eric Kim, and Sean Theriault. *Classifying Congressional Bills Using Machine Learning Methods*.

Verrilli, Allison, Hannah Walker, Derek Epp, and Miranda Sullivan. *Exposure to Crime and Vote Switching in the 2024 Election*.

TEACHING

Fall 2026	Instructor of Record for <i>American and Texas Government</i>
Summer 2026	Instructor of Record for <i>Politics and Government in Contemporary Texas</i>
2022 - 2025	Co-Instructor for <i>Research on the U.S. Congress</i> (with Sean Theriault and Derek Epp)

AWARDS

2024	Arizona State University Center for Latina/os in American Politics Research Award for Research on Latinx Politics and American Institutions
2023	Outstanding Teaching Assistant, UT Austin Government Department

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant (\$14,931)
2025	Politics of Race and Ethnicity Lab Grant (\$10,000)
2025	American Political Science Association Centennial Center Grant (\$2,000)
2025	College of Liberal Arts Summer Excellence Fellowship (\$7,500)
2023	UT Austin Dept of Government Research Grant with Roberto Carlos et al (\$3,500)
2021–	Clyde Rabb Littlefield Fellowship

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Center for Latina/os in American Politics Research, Arizona State University
2024 American Politics Speaker Series, University of Texas at Austin

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Drawing a Line in the Sand: Embarrassment and Latinx Support for Punitive Immigration Policies.” *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL, April 23-26, 2026. With Roberto Carlos, Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Allison Verrilli, Clinton Willbanks, Seung Wook Yoo, and Chris Cassella.

“Respectability Politics and the Restructuring of Panethnic Politics.” *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL, April 23-26, 2026.

“Challenges and Strategies in Large-Scale Text Classification: Lessons from the Congressional Bills Project.” With Alison Craig, Max Goplerud, Shruti Khandekar, Eric Kim, and Sean Theriault. *Policy Agendas Pre-Conference*. Chicago, IL, April 22, 2026.

“Exposure to Crime and Vote Switching in the 2024 Election.” *Western Political Science Association*. San Diego, CA, April 1-3, 2026. With Hannah Walker, Derek Epp, and Allison Verrilli.

“Respectability Politics and the Restructuring of Panethnic Politics.” *Southern Political Science Association*. New Orleans, LA, January 15-18, 2026.

“Extending Respectability Politics to Asians, Latinxs and Women.” *PRIEC*. Boulder, CO, September 19, 2025.

“Extending Respectability Politics to Asians, Latinxs and Women.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Vancouver, Canada, September 10-14, 2025.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Vancouver, Canada, September 10-14, 2025.

“When Public Attitudes Turn Negative on (Returning) Coethnics” With Amy H. Liu, Meiying Xu, Seung Wook Ethan Yoo, Miranda E. Sullivan, Jeong Hyun Kim, Yesola Kweon, Keith Padraic Chew, and Jangai Jap. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Vancouver, Canada, September 10-14, 2025.

“Classifying Congressional Bills Using Machine Learning Methods.” With Alison Craig, Max Goplerud, Shruti Khandekar, Eric Kim, and Sean Theriault. *Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference*. Konstanz, Germany, June 11-13, 2025.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences.” *Southern Political Science Association*. San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 8-12, 2025.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences.” *Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity*. Austin, Texas, November 21-22, 2024.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences.” *Justice and Injustice*. New Haven, Connecticut, October 24-24, 2024.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and Their Consequences.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4-7, 2024.

“Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in the Latinx Community.” With Roberto Carlos. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4-7, 2024.

“Inequitable Court Assignments and their Consequences.” *Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity*. East Lansing, Michigan, May 9-10, 2024.

“Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in the Latinx Community.” With Roberto Carlos and Allison Verrilli. *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Chicago, Illinois, April 4-7, 2024.

“Showing Up is the Hardest Part: Geographic Barriers to Immigration Court Access.” *Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity*. Denton, Texas, November 16-17, 2023.

“Showing Up is the Hardest Part: Geographic Barriers to Immigration Court Access.” *Justice and Injustice Annual Conference*. New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 26-27, 2023.

“Examining Transit Times as a Barrier to Authorized Immigration Status in the United States.” *Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference*. Antwerp, Belgium, June 27-29, 2023.

“Examining Transit Times as a Barrier to Authorized Immigration Status in the United States.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2023.

“Public Responsiveness and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*. St. Petersburg, Florida, January 12-14, 2023.

“Welcoming the Familiar? Christian Nationalism and Attitudes towards Refugees.” With Emily Farris, Allyson Shortle and Amanda Sahar d’Urso. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, September 15-17, 2022.

“Unique Attitudes Towards a Unique Type of Immigrant? Christian Nationalism and Attitudes Towards Refugees,” *Pi Sigma Alpha National Conference*, March 5-7, 2021.

“Unique Attitudes Towards a Unique Type of Immigrant? Christian Nationalism and Attitudes Towards Refugees,” *The Ohio State University Graduate Immersion Conference*, October 26-27, 2020.

“Contemporary Issues in Urban Politics: Policy Solutions for Homelessness in Chicago,” *National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference*, Virtual, September 30, 2020.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant to Angela X. Ocampo	2026
Graduate Research Assistant to Sergio Garcia-Rios	2024– 2025
Graduate Research Assistant to Bryan Jones	2023, 2024
Director of Undergraduate Research, Policy Agendas Project	2022 – 2025
Graduate Research Assistant to Emily Farris and Mirya Holman	2022
RStudio and Methods Tutor TCU Advanced Quant Methods, Scope and Methods	2020-2021
Research Assistant TCU Dept of Political Science	2019-2021
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant TCU Department of Religion	2018-2021

SERVICE

Lab Co-Manager for Politics of Race and Ethnicity Lab at UT Austin (2025 - 2026)
Co-President of Women in Political Science at UT Austin (2025 – Current)
Reviewer at *Journal of Politics*

SKILLS

Languages Spanish (Intermediate), Classical Greek (Intermediate)
Software R (Advanced), LaTeX (Advanced), Stata (Proficient), SPSS (Proficient)

REFERENCES

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Dr. Bethany Albertson (balberts@austin.utexas.edu)
Dr. Bryan Jones (bdjones@austin.utexas.edu)