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PhD Candidate at the University of Houston

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Houston 2026 (*Expected*)

Fields: American Politics and Public Policy

Dissertation Title: How Features of Policy Design and Misperceptions Shape Attitudes Toward Social Policy and Its Beneficiaries

Dissertation Committee: Scott Clifford (co-chair), Ling Zhu (co-chair), Allison Archer, Beth Simas, Emily Thorson (external member).

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, Cleveland State University College of Law
Admitted to Practice: New York

B.A., Journalism, Northern Michigan University

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Clifford, Scott, **Lucia Lopez**, and Lucas Lothamer. **Forthcoming**. "Reassessing Support for Political Aggression and Violence in the United States." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. [PDF](#).

Law Review and Other Scholarly Publications:

Lopez, Lucia. 2020. "Land of the Free, If You Can Afford It: Reforming Mayor's Courts in Ohio." *Cleveland State Law Review* 68(3): 609–41. [PDF](#).

Papers Under Review:

Lopez, Lucia. Signaling Effort through Policy Design: How Policy Features Affect Support for Welfare and Perceptions of Welfare Beneficiaries.

Working Papers:

Lopez, Lucia. Correcting Misperceptions of Section 8 Housing Vouchers and the Impact on Policy Support and Perceptions of Beneficiaries.

Lopez, Lucia. From Frivolous to Fair: The Role of Administrative Burdens on Support for Access to Justice and Perceptions of Civil Litigants.

AWARDS AND FUNDING

External Grants

2024 [Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant \(\\$14,941\)](#)
Welfare (TANF) Policy Design and Public Opinion
[APSA Lee Ann Fujii Diversity Fellowship Travel Grant \(\\$500\)](#)

Internal Grants

2025 [University of Houston CLASS Research Fellowship \(\\$6,000\)](#)
2024 Department of Political Science Dissertation Grant (\$2,000)

Awards & Honors

2024 Comprehensive Exams with Distinction: American Politics & Public Policy
2022 [APSA Diversity Fellow](#) (\$2,000)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record:

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| Federal and Texas Government, University of Houston | <i>Instructor Rating: 4.88/5.0</i> |
| Federal Government, Lone Star Community College | <i>Instructor Rating: 4.63/5.0</i> |

SERVICE

2023-2024 Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association
2022-2023 Advocacy Director, Graduate and Professional Student Association
 Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Senate Subcommittee
Reviewer Journal of Experimental Political Science (3)

REFERENCES

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