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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University 2026 – Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Houston

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, Cleveland State University College of Law
Attorney License: New York

B.A., Journalism, Northern Michigan University

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

1. **Lopez, Lucia.** 2026. "How Policy Design Affects Perceptions of Beneficiaries and Support for Welfare" *Political Behavior.* **PDF.**
2. Clifford, Scott, **Lucia Lopez,** and Lucas Lothamer. 2026. "Reassessing Support for Political Aggression and Violence in the United States." *Public Opinion Quarterly.* **PDF.**
    - Media Coverage: **Good Authority** , **Good Authority 2**
3. Artabe, Eugenia, Alex Badas, and **Lucia Lopez.** 2025. "Partisan Foundations of Attitudes Toward State Courts." *Political Research Quarterly*. **PDF.**
    - Media Coverage: **Governing**

Under Review:

1. **Lopez, Lucia.** How Housing Voucher Policy Design Signals Effort and Shapes Public Opinion.
2. Badas, Alex and **Lucia Lopez.** Latino Racism-Ethnicism and Attitudes towards the U.S. Supreme Court.
3. Clifford, Scott, **Lucia Lopez,** Lucas Lothamer, and Bradley Madsen. A Harm Regulation Model of Support for Political Aggression.
4. Badas, Alex, Nathan Carrington, and **Lucia Lopez.** How Members of Congress Shape Emotional Responses to the Supreme Court.

Working Papers & Ongoing Projects:

1. **Lucia Lopez** and Scott Clifford. People Prioritize and Punish Fraud Whether Committed by Program Beneficiaries or Providers.
2. **Lopez, Lucia.** Correcting Misperceptions About Welfare Policy.
3. **Lopez, Lucia.** Public Support for Access to Justice.
4. **Lopez, Lucia.** Race-Neutral Design?: Policy Design and the Racialization of Welfare Opinion.
5. Artabe, Eugenia, and **Lucia Lopez.** Linked Legitimacies? State and U.S. Supreme Court Legitimacy.
6. **Lopez, Lucia.** Signaling Effort or Creating Barriers? Elite Rhetoric on Policy Design and Deservingness.
7. Who Deserves What? Latino Perceptions of Deservingness, with **Irene Barrios.**

Law Review and Other Publications:

1. Lopez, Lucia. Book Review. "Living Off the Government? Race, Gender, and the Politics of Welfare" by Anne M. Whitesell. New York, New York University Press. 2024. 312 pp.

2. **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.**

AWARDS AND FUNDING

External Grants

2026 **APSA Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars** ($2,000)

2025 **Russell Sage Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant** (*Housing Policy Design,* $15,000)

2024 **Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant** (*Welfare Policy Design,* $14,941)

Internal Grants

2025 University of Houston Summer Fellowship for Research Excellence ($6,000)

2024 Department of Political Science Dissertation Grant ($2,000)

Awards & Honors

2026 American Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Early Career Scholar ($1,000)

2025 APSA EPOVB Section Early-Career Fellow ($500)

APSA Experimental Research Section Early-Career Fellow ($500)

2024 Comprehensive Exams with Distinction: American Politics & Public Policy

2022 APSA Diversity Fellow ($2,000)

Travel Grants

2025 APSA Lee Ann Fujii Diversity Fellowship Travel Grant ($500)

APSA Political Communication Travel Grant ($600)

APSA Inequality and Redistribution Travel Grant ($500)

PRESENTATIONS

2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston
American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Meeting, Chicago
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference at Washington University
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2025 Texas American Behavior Conference
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference at Stony Brook
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science at the University of Kentucky
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Junior American Workshop Series
Junior Law and Politics Research Community

2024 Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference at Florida State University

TEACHING

Political Psychology, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Race & Ethnic Politics, Law and Justice

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2026- **Executive Council Member,** APSA Public Policy Section

2024- **Editorial Assistant** (to Co-Editors Scott Clifford and Jennifer Jerit)
Journal of Experimental Political Science

2025- **Communications Director,** APSA EPOVB Section 32

2023-2024 **Treasurer**, Political Science Graduate Student Association

2022-2023 **Advocacy Director**, Graduate and Professional Student Association

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Senate Subcommittee

Ongoing **Reviewer:** Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Research Quarterly