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## EDUCATION

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- University of New Mexico** *2016 - Present*  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Concentrations: Comparative Politics, American Politics
- University of New Mexico** *2018*  
M.A. in Political Science  
Passed with distinction
- Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany** *2014 - 2016*  
M.A. in Political Science  
M.A. thesis: *Forced Prostitution as an issue of political conflict - An argumentation analysis of the Japanese "Comfort Women"*
- Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan** *2010 - 2014*  
B.A. in International Liberal Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender and Race Politics, Sexual Violence, and American and Japanese Politics

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- University of New Mexico** *Albuquerque, USA*  
*Instructor* *January 2020 - May 2020*  
Instructor of Record for POLS 320: Politics of Japan
- University of New Mexico** *Albuquerque, USA*  
*Research and Teaching Assistant* *2016 - Present*  
Research assistance for Dr. Mala Htun, Dr. Kendra Koivu, Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, Dr. Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Dr. Michael Rocca  
Teaching assistance for POLS 220: Politics around the World (teaching discussion sections)

## FIELD WORK

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- Albuquerque, NM* *May - August 2018*  
Conducted semi-structured interviews with UNM students and administrative staff to assess the effects of the *Grey Area* training, which is the mandatory, in person sexual harassment and assault training provided to currently enrolled students.
- Tokyo, Japan* *June 2017*  
Semi-structured interviews with academics, upper management of Japanese companies, workers, and bureaucrats to assess women's economic empowerment, as well as men's involvement in child rearing. I helped conduct interviews as well as translate from Japanese to English and vice versa.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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[Voting in a pandemic: Explaining variation in support for absentee ballots for all](#)  
Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Gabriel R. Sanchez, and Edward D. Vargas  
*Politics and Gender*  
August 2020

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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[Compliant But Unprotected: Communities of Color Take Greater Action to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 But Remain at Risk](#)  
Alexandra Hernandez-Vallant, Bárbara Gómez-Aguíñaga, Brooke Abrams, Carmela Roybal, Desa Karye Daniel, Edward D. Vargas, Gabriel R. Sanchez, Juan Peña, and Melanie Sayuri Dominguez  
*Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science*  
May 2020

[Structural Inequalities and Not Behavior Explain COVID-19 Racial Disparities](#)  
Gabriel R. Sanchez, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, and Edward D. Vargas  
*Latino Rebels, Latino Decisions, and Contexts.org*  
May 1, 2020

[Public Behavior Change to Combat the Spread of the Coronavirus has Unfortunately Become a Partisan Issue](#)  
Gabriel R. Sanchez, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, and Edward D. Vargas  
*Latino Decisions*  
April 10, 2020

[“Does Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training Make Campuses Safer?”](#)  
Carlos Contreras and Melanie Sayuri Dominguez  
*Gender Policy Report at the Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota*  
September 12, 2018

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Effects of Sexual Assault Training on University Campuses”  
Mala Htun, Carlos Contreras, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Francesca R. Jensenius, and Justine Tinkler

“Changing Home Styles in the Digital Age”  
John K. Wagner and Melanie Sayuri Dominguez

“The Relationship Between Perceived Racial Group Power and Political Trust among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States”  
Melanie Sayuri Dominguez and Gabriel R. Sanchez

“A Super Silver Lining? Super PAC Support of Minority Members of Congress”  
Michael S. Rocca and Melanie Sayuri Dominguez

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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#MeTooPoliSci Grant  
For Dissertation Chapter: “Assessing the effects of sexual misconduct training on college campuses.”  
#MeTooPoliSci, July 2020 \$1,000

Doctoral Conference Presentation Award Graduate Studies at the University of New Mexico, March 2020	\$1200
Doctoral Fellowship Center for Social Policy at the University of New Mexico 2019-2020	\$5000
Travel Grant Department of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, August 2018	\$400
Doctoral Conference Presentation Award Graduate Studies at the University of New Mexico, March 2018	\$1000
Travel Grant American Political Science Association, June 2017	\$125
Travel Grant Political Science Graduate Student Association at the University of New Mexico, April 2017	\$150
Travel Grant Department of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, August 2017	\$400

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Perceptions of Sexual Harassment and Assault Trainings on College Campuses”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Mala Htun, David A. Nunnally

*(Canceled) Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020*

“Changing Home Styles in the Digital Age”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez and John K. Wagner

*(Canceled) Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020*

“Symbolic Representation and Gender: Succession in the Japanese Monarchy”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez

*Japan America Women Political Scientists Symposium, Boston, MA, August 2018*

“Effects of Sexual Assault Training on University Campuses”

Carlos Contreras, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Mala Htun, Francesca R. Jensenius, Justine Tinkler

*American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018*

“Effects of Sexual Assault Training on University Campuses”

Carlos Contreras, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Mala Htun, Francesca R. Jensenius, Justine Tinkler

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018*

“Japan’s Sex Slaves: Political discourse and partisan conflict over WWII human rights abuses.”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez

*Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., March 2018*

“Effects of Grey Area Training on Rape Myths and Gender Stereotypes at UNM”

Carlos Contreras, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Mala Htun, Francesca R. Jensenius, Justine Tinkler  
*Sexual Assault and Harassment on College Campuses: Problems, Solutions, Analyses, University of New Mexico, February 2018*

“Forging *Ikumen*: On state efforts to redefine masculinity in Japan”

Mala Htun, Francesca R. Jensenius, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez  
*American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017*

“Japan’s Sex Slaves: Political discourse and partisan conflict over WWII human rights abuses.”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez  
*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017*

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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Aging Supplement Training

*Transdisciplinary Research Equity and Engagement (TREE) Center for Advancing Behavioral Health University of New Mexico, 2019*

Gender Studies Certificate

*Philipps-Universität Marburg, 2016*

## **LANGUAGES**

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<b>Languages</b>	German (native), Japanese (native), English (full professional proficiency)
<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	LaTeX, Stata, SPSS, NVivo, ATLAS.ti