

MELANIE SAYURI DOMINGUEZ

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EDUCATION

University of New Mexico 2016 - Present

Ph.D. in Political Science

Concentrations: Comparative Politics, American Politics

Dissertation Committee: Mala Htun (Chair), Sarah K. Dreier, Francesca R. Jensenius (University of Oslo), and Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College)

Title: *Comparative Analysis of Sexual Harassment Policy and Implementation*

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

Gender and Race Politics, US and Japanese Politics

WORK EXPERIENCE

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 Mala Htun, Kendra Koivu, Gabriel Sanchez, Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Michael Rocca

Teaching assistance for POLS 220: Politics around the World (teaching discussion sections)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Mala Htun, Francesca Jensenius, Justine Tinkler, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, and Carlos Contreras (2022). Effects of Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training on University Campuses. *SOCIUS: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, forthcoming

Kenya Amano, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Timothy Fraser, Etienne Gagnon, Trevor Incerti, Jinhyuk Jang, Charles McClean, Austin M Mitchell, Sayumi Miyano, Colin Moreshead, Harunobu Saijo, Diana Stanescu, Ayumi Teraoka, Hikaru Yamagishi, Charmaine Willis, Charles Crabtree (2022). [Field research when there's limited access to the field: Lessons from Japan](#). *PS: Political Science and Politics*, forthcoming

Gómez-Aguíñaga, Barbara, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, and Silvia Monzano (2021). [Immigration and Gender as Social Determinants of Mental Health during the COVID-19 Outbreak: The Case of US Latinas/os](#). *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(11), 6065.

Dominguez, Melanie Sayuri, Edward D. Vargas, and Gabriel R. Sanchez (2020). [Voting in a pandemic: Explaining variation in support for absentee ballots for all](#). *Politics & Gender*, 16(4), pp.1093-1100.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[New Mexico Statewide Vaccination Messaging Survey Identifies Strategies To Help Achieve Full Vaccination Across the State](#)

Gabriel R. Sanchez, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Betzaira Mayorga-Calleros, Shannon Sanchez-Youngman
Center for Social Policy, University of New Mexico
June 2021

[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

FIELD WORK

Albuquerque, NM/ Durham, NH (Virtual) *March 2021 - present*
Conducting semi-structured interviews with UNM and University of New Hampshire (UNH) students in Engineering and Computing Departments to understand the climate and improve it for women and underrepresented minorities. This is part of the NSF-funded project “*Study of New Strategies to Combat Harassment in Engineering*” (NSF #2000448; PI: Dr. Mala Htun).

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.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

#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 (<i>cancelled due to COVID-19</i>)	\$1,200
Doctoral Fellowship Center for Social Policy at the University of New Mexico 2019-2022	\$15,000
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	\$1,000
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

PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES, AND CHAIR

"Gendered Views on Immigration Policy Platforms? The Case of Japan" Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, Yuki Shiraito, and Michael Strausz <i>Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, HI, March 2022</i>	
"The Impact of COVID-19 on Engineering Faculty" Melanie Sayuri Dominguez and Rashida Jeduah <i>Sociologists for Women in Society, Virtual, February 2022</i>	
"Panel: Inequitable Organizational Climates in STEM and Bystander Intervention" Chair: Melanie Sayuri Dominguez <i>Sociologists for Women in Society, Virtual, February 2022</i>	
"Assessing the Effects of Sexual Misconduct Training" Melanie Sayuri Dominguez Guest Lecture for POSC 39063: Interviews and Ethnography in Political Science (Instructor: Michael Strausz) <i>Texas Christian University, November 9, 2021</i>	

“Changing Home Styles in the Digital Age”

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez and John K. Wagner

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2021

“The Racial Inequalities Associated With Wearing a Mask to Combat COVID-19 Spread”

Gabriel R. Sanchez, Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, and Edward D. Vargas

Virtual PRIEC (Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium), May 2020

“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

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

Melanie Sayuri Dominguez, David A. Nunnally, and Mala Htun

A Regional Discussion on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at America’s Colleges, Universities and Service Academies: Achieving Cultural Change Through Data and Evaluation Mindset, University of New Mexico, February 2020

“Japan’s Comfort Women”

Guest Lecture for Comparative Gender Politics (Instructor: Anna Calasanti)

University of New Mexico, Fall 2018

“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

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, June 2021

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

Languages German (native), Japanese (native), English (full professional proficiency)

Software & Tools Microsoft Office, L^AT_EX, Stata, R, SPSS, NVivo, ATLAS.ti, Tableau