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## EMPLOYMENT

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Associate Professor, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

[Department of Political Science](#), May 2023-Present

Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

[Department of Political Science](#), August 2016 - May 2023

[Latina/o and Mexican-American Studies](#), *Affiliated Faculty*

[Women and Gender Studies](#), *Affiliated Faculty*

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE, Political Science, 2016

M.A., ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Politics and Government, 2009

B.A., LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, Political Science and History, 2003

## BOOK PROJECTS

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- *Direct Democracy Rules: How Initiatives and Referendums Affect State Immigration Policy* by Andrea Silva *Contract at NYU Press, Forthcoming Fall 2023*

What explains the increasing role states are playing in state immigration legislation and what factors influence state immigration laws? The current scholarship argues that state immigration laws are affected by demographic, economic, and partisan changes. However, these investigations overlook how the variation in state legislative institutions and state interest groups affect the passage and content of subnational immigration laws. This book addresses these two larger puzzles (1) what affects the passage of state immigration laws over time and (2) What are the causal mechanisms linking state legislative institutions and state immigration policy? I argue that direct democracy mechanisms change the institutional strategies and goals of legislators as well as state interest groups. For example, I find that state legislators in states with direct democracy mechanisms pass more immigration legislation than legislators in states without these mechanisms. I take a disaggregated look at state immigration policies using qualitative and quantitative methods.

- *The Presidency and Immigration Policy: Rhetoric and Reality* by Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha, Eric Gonzalez Juenke, and Andrea Silva *Contract at Routledge Press, Forthcoming Fall 2023*

Existing research has focused on exploring the impact of elite rhetoric on public opinion regarding immigration policy, but has overlooked the president's role in shaping such policies. To address this gap, we introduce a comprehensive measure of presidential attention to immigration, primarily examining the modern era of the presidency. Our analysis includes the tone of the president's rhetoric, and its impact on other key actors within the immigration policy system, drawing on policy agendas theory and theories of presidential public communication.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Okundaye, Gabriela, John Ishiyama and Andrea Silva. 2022. “Pre-Migratory Political Experiences with Autocracy and Violence and Immigrants’ Willingness to Vote” *Social Science Quarterly*
- Silva, Andrea and Diego Esparza. 2021. “Explaining the American Crisis of Policing: Media, Malfeasance, and Racial Prejudice” *Social Science Quarterly*
- Wong, Tom, Karina Shklyan and **Andrea Silva**. 2021. “The Effect of Intergovernmental Policy Conflict on Immigrants’ Behavior: Insights from a Survey Experiment in California” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*
- **Silva, Andrea**, Diego Esparza, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and Regina Branton. 2020. “Racial Experiences of Police Performance and Trust in Local Government” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- Ishiyama, John and **Andrea Silva**. 2020. “Unpacking the Suitcase: Pre-migratory experiences with ethnic violence and descriptive representation among Asian Americans.” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(4): 1534-1551
- Huckle, Kiku and **Andrea Silva**. 2020. “People of Color, People of Faith: The Effect of Social Capital and Religion on The Political Participation of Marginalized Communities.” *Religions* 11(5): 249-271
- Garcia-Bedolla, Lisa and **Andrea Silva**. 2020. “Emancipatory Pedagogies: Fostering Political Engagement through Education and Action. A Research Note.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- **Silva, Andrea** and Carrie Skulley. 2018. “Always Running: Candidate Emergence Among Women of Color Over Time” *Political Research Quarterly* 72(2):342-359
- Silva, Andrea. 2018. “Direct-Democracy Rules: The Effect of Direct Democracy on State Immigration Legislation.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 51(2): 298-303.
- Carrie Skulley, **Andrea Silva**, Marcus John Lang, Loren Collingwood, and Benjamin G. Bishin. 2017. “Majority Rule vs. Minority Rights: Immigrant Representation Despite Public Opposition on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 6:(4) 593-611.
- Silva, Andrea. 2016. “Neoliberalism Confronts Latinos: Paradigmatic Shifts in Immigration Practices.” *Latino Studies* 14:59-79.
- Silva, Andrea. 2008. “United States Immigration Policy: Three Theoretical Approaches.” *Critique: Student Journal of Politics*

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- **Silva, Andrea** and Maura Toro-Morn. 2019. “Migration, Borders, and the State: The Paradox of Neoliberal Globalization” *Political Authority, Social Control and Public Policy* Bradford: Emerald Publishing
- Mariela Nuñez-Janes, Amelia M. Kraehe, **Andrea Silva**, Alicia Re Cruz, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and Bertina H. Combes. 2019. “La Colectiva: Peer Mentoring on the Path to Thrival” *Counternarratives from Women of Color Academics Bravery, Vulnerability, and Resistance* Routledge Series: Research in Higher Education. New York: Routledge, p. 70-78

## RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

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- Esparza, Diego and Andrea Silva “No Sanctuary: Malfeasance, Trust, and Perceptions of Police Performance in Immigrant Communities” (Revise and Resubmit at *Urban Affairs Review*)

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Andrea Silva, Diego Esparza, and Valerie Martinez-Ebers. 2021. “Derek Chauvin’s murder trial puts local governments on the stand Violent policing damages trust in local government, our research finds” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*
- Andrea Silva 2020. “The Fight is Far from Over Prop 187, a New Jim Crow and Immigration Today” *KCET Los Angeles*
- Andrea Silva 2019. “How California’s Prop. 187 is still shaping immigration policy — 25 years after it passed” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*
- Andrea Silva 2018. “PROMESA Act” *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*.
- Andrea Silva. 2019. Book Review: Handcuffs and Chain Link: Criminalizing the Undocumented in America by Benjamin Gonzalez O’Brien. Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Series. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 5(1):221-222
- Linda Alvarez, Ivy A. Melgar Cargile, Natasha Altama McNeely, Lisa Pringle, Patricia Posey, **Andrea Silva**, and Carrie Skulley. 2017. “The One They’ve Been Waiting For: White Fear and the Rise of Donald Trump” *Politics of Color*

## RESEARCH IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

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- Silva, Andrea and Lee Walker “Generation Justice: How Judges Immigration Experience Affects Rulings On State Immigration Laws”
- Carey, Tony E. and **Andrea Silva**. “Neighbors in the Struggle: The Attitude of People of Color on Immigrants”
- Ramirez, Michelle and **Andrea Silva**. “Rescue Me? How Local Law Enforcement Shapes Minority Trust in Federal Government”

## EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FUNDING AND HONORS

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- 2022 **National Science Foundation Build and Broaden 3.0 Collaborative Research: An Ethnic Spring in the Food Desert? How State Policy Affects Minority and Immigrant Food Environments and Food Business Entrepreneurship** (with Co-PI Shellye Suttles) Division of Social and Economic Sciences (\$253,443 for 2022-2025)
- 2019 **Scholarly and Creative Activity Award, UNT Office of Research & Innovation, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, University of North Texas**
- 2014 Research Grant, The Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant, *University of California, Los Angeles*

## SELECTED AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

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- 2021 University of North Texas Presidential Early Career Professorship *Nominated by UNT Political Science Department and UNT College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*
- 2017 Western Political Science Association Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics
- 2014 Best Graduate Paper, Julian Samora Research Institute 25th Anniversary Conference, Michigan State University
- 2011 Graduate Research Mentorship Award, University of California, Riverside
- 2010 Outstanding Teaching Assistant for the Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside

## MEDIA

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- Rivas, Mariana. FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM: [“Latinos are a third of Fort Worth, but have one council seat. Can a new map fix that?”](#) *September 2021*
- Martinez, Alejandra. KERA NEWS: [“We Need Tangible Results’: Dallas Activists Are Ready To Trade Protesting For A City Council Seat”](#) *April 2021*
- Jaspers, Bret, Miranda Suarez, Alejandra Martinez KERA NEWS: [“4 Reasons The May 1 Election Matters For North Texans”](#) *April 2021*
- Solis, Dianne and Imelda García. THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS: [“Once maligned, immigrants deemed the pandemic’s ‘essential workers’ may find a citizenship path”](#) *January 2021*
- GENDER WATCH 2018: [“New Research Shows Women Candidates? Motivation to Run Differs by Race and Ethnicity”](#) *September 2018*
- THINK!: [“Election 2016 Recap”](#) *November 2016*
- UNIVISION 23 DALLAS: [“El Poder de Voto Hispano Juvenil”](#) *September 2016*
- ZOCALO: Up For Discussion [“Immigration is our State's Natural State”](#) *April 2013*

## ATTENDED CONFERENCES

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- American Political Science Association 2015-2020
- Midwest Political Science Association 2010-2021
- Western Political Science Association 2010-2022

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 [“Direct Democracy Rules: The Effect of Propositions, Initiatives and Referendums on State Immigration Legislation in the 21st Century”](#) *Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research Distinguished Speaker Series Arizona State University*
- 2021 [“State Immigration Policy and Direct Democracy Mechanisms: Political Opportunity Structures and Political Actors”](#) *Ostrom Workshop Colloquium Series Indiana University, Bloomington*
- 2020 [“The Impact of Women in Politics and Women’s Suffrage”](#) *The 19th Amendment: Looking Back and Looking Forward Constitution Day 2020*
- 2019 [“Negotiating Like a Boss”](#) *Women of Color in Political Science Pre-conference, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C.*

- 2019 “Always Running: Women of Color in Federal Congressional Elections” *John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies Southern Methodist University*
- 2018 “Generation Justice: How Judge’s Immigration Experience Affects Rulings on State Immigration Laws” *Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity University of Pennsylvania*
- 2017 “Direct Democracy Rules: How Initiatives and Referendums Affect State Immigration Policy” *Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security 1601-2 Masters cohort*
- 2016 “Latinos Confront Neoliberalism” *Latino Heritage Month Speaker Series, Illinois State University*
- 2015 “Migration: Causes, Cases, and Consequences” *College Nine Plenary, University of California Santa Cruz*

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

#### *Undergraduate*

- American Political Economy of Race, Migration, and Gender; Latino Politics; The Politics of Immigration Policy; Introduction to American Politics: Policies and Processes

#### *Graduate*

- American Political Behavior

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

#### *Undergraduate*

- Politics of Congressional Elections, Politics and Economic Policy, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity in the United States

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS

- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. 2008.  
[Over-Raided, Under Siege: US Immigration Laws and Enforcement Destroy the Rights of Immigrants](#) *a report and timeline of Human Rights violations against immigrants by Federal and State law enforcement*

### UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS

- 2004-2007 Community Development Volunteer, St. Kitts and Nevis EC 72

## RESEARCH SKILLS

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### COMPUTER PACKAGES

- STATA, R, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X ATLAS.ti

### QUANTITATIVE METHODS

- GIS, Survey Construction, Cross-Sectional Time Series Analysis

### QUALITATIVE METHODS

- Content and Discourse Analysis, Process Tracing, Comparative Case Studies, In-depth elite interviews

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish (*Native Speaker*)
- French (*Beginning*)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Women of Color in Political Science Conference at WPSA 2022 (July 2021-Present)
- Selection Committee for APSA Latino Scholarship Fund (July 2020)
- Co-Section Chair, Racial and Ethnic Politics, [Western Political Science Association](#) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID)
- Referee
  - International Migration Review
  - Political Research Quarterly
  - Politics, Groups, and Identities
- Book Reviews
  - Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
- Latino Caucus of the American Political Science Association, Webmaster 2016-2017
- Latino Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association, Secretary 2015-2021
- Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Assistant to the Editor 2014

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Western Political Science Association
  - Latino Caucus, Racial and Ethnic Politics Caucus
- Midwest Political Science Association
  - Latino Caucus, Racial and Ethnic Politics Caucus
- American Political Science Association
  - Race, Ethnicity and Politics Caucus, Sexuality and Politics Caucus, Migration and Citizenship Caucus
- UCR Immigration Research Group

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- [La Colectiva Faculty Mentoring Program](#)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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- University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Executive Committee, 2018-19; 2023-24
- University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Banquet Committee, 2022-23
- University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Grant Committee, 2019-23
- University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Advancement Committee, 2016-18
- University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Graduate Professionalization Committee, 2018-19

## Organized Events

- November 2021 The Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium Conference

- November 2019 [The Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium Conference](#)
- March 2019 [“The Hidden Face of Local Power: Local Appointed Boards and the Diluting of Democracy”](#) *Dr. Mirya Holman, Associate Professor, Tulane University*
- March 2018 [“Descriptive Representatives for a New Era: Voting for Multiracial Candidates”](#) *Dr. Danielle Lemi, Postdoctoral Fellow in Latino Public Policy, Southern Methodist University*
- March 2017 [“Terrorizing Latina/o Immigrants: Trump, Securitization, and the 2016 Elections”](#) *Dr. Anna Sampaio, Chair, Ethnic Studies Department, Santa Clara University*

### **Directed Research**

- Castleberry Peace Institute and Political Science Undergraduate Research Fellow (2 Fellowships) 2018-19

### **Dissertation and Thesis Service**

- Dissertation Committee member  
Okundaye, Gabriela. 2022. *Premigratory Experiences And The Political Effects Of Suitcase Socialization*
- Thesis Committee Chair  
Sarah Plaxco (co-chair) 2023. *“A Different Kind of Party: The Relationship Between Tabletop Role Playing Games and Political Efficacy.”*
- Thesis Committee member  
Jessica Lambert. 2023. *“Does Policy Lead to Progress? An Investigation into the Relationship Between Women Friendly Policies and Women’s Descriptive Representation.”*  
Jennifer Graciano. 2022. *“Partisan News Coverage of Abortion Policy.”*  
Triston Ferguson. 2022. *Minority Linked Fate & Race-Based Policy Initiatives: Analyzing Supports Levels For African American Redress Between Asian, Black, And Latino Americans*