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### **Appointments**

#### **University of California, Davis**

- 2024-Present** Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2026-Present** Group Politics Lab, Co-Director
- 2025-Present** Political Science Research Workshop, Faculty Coordinator
- 2024-Present** Global Migration Center, Faculty Affiliate

#### **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

- 2019-2024** *Advances in Political Psychology*, Managing Editor,
- 2020-2022** Race, Ethnicity, Politics, and Society (REPS) Lab, Lab Manager

### **Education**

#### **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

- 2024** Ph.D. in Political Science
- 2021** M.A. in Political Science

#### **The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)**

- 2018** BSA in Neuroscience, Honors
- Polymathic Scholars (PS) Honors Program, Evidence and Inquiry Certificate: Conservatism in the US

- 2018** BA in Iberian and Latin American Languages and Cultures

### **Research Interests**

Political Psychology; Public Opinion; Racial and Ethnic Politics; Gender Politics; Intergroup Relations; Intersectionality; Experimental Design; Survey Research

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

7. Pérez, Efrén, **Bianca V. Vicuña**, and Alisson Ramos. 2024. “Taking Stock of Solidarity between People of Color: A Mini Meta-Analysis of Five Experiments.” *American Political Science Review* 118(3): 1549–55. doi:[10.1017/S0003055423001120](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055423001120).
6. Pérez, Efrén, **Bianca V. Vicuña**, and Alisson Ramos. 2024. “Shared Status, Shared Politics? Evaluating a New Pathway to Black Solidarity with Other People of Color.” *Political Behavior* 46(2): 1151–70. doi:[10.1007/s11109-023-09863-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-023-09863-0).
5. **Vicuña, Bianca V.**, Hannah Cass, Ying Xuan Chua, Sze Yi Celine Tsoi, and Efrén O. Pérez. 2024. “Diversity Management from a Target’s Perspective: A Pre-Registered Experiment on Latinos, Multiculturalism, and Colorblindness.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 12(2): 415–32. doi:[10.1080/21565503.2022.2137052](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2022.2137052).
4. Pérez, Efrén O., Alisson Ramos, and **Bianca V. Vicuña**. 2022. “Does Affirming Black and Latino People as American Weaken Racial Solidarity? A Surprising ‘No’ from Two Pre-Registered Experiments.” *Research & Politics*. doi:[10.1177/20531680221130695](https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680221130695).
3. Pérez, Efrén, Crystal Robertson, and **Bianca V. Vicuña**. 2023. “Prejudiced When Climbing Up or When Falling Down? Why Some People of Color Express Anti-Black Racism.” *American Political Science Review* 117(1): 168–83. doi:[10.1017/S0003055422000545](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055422000545).
2. Pérez, Efrén, **Bianca V. Vicuña**, Alisson Ramos, Kevin Phan, Mariella Solano, and Eric Tillett. 2022. “Bridging the Gaps Between Us: Explaining When and Why People of Color Express Shared Political Views.” *Political Behavior* 45(4): 1813–35. doi:[10.1007/s11109-022-09797-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09797-z).
1. **Vicuña, Bianca V.**, and Efrén O. Pérez. 2021. “New Label, Different Identity? Three Experiments on the Uniqueness of Latinx.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 11(3): 677–84. doi:[10.1080/21565503.2021.2010576](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.2010576).

## Book Chapters

2. Pérez, Efrén O., and **Bianca V. Vicuña**. 2023. “The Gaze from Below: Toward a Political Psychology of Minority Status.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology*, eds. Leonie Huddy, David O.

Sears, Jack S. Levy, and Jennifer Jerit. Oxford University Press, 919–44.

1. Pérez, Efrén and **Bianca V. Vicuña**. 2022. “Implicit Attitudes & Mass Public Opinion.” In Rudolph J. Thomas, ed., *Handbook on Politics and Public Opinion*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

### **Under Review**

3. **Vicuña, Bianca V.** “Who is in a Label? How Descriptive Representation Forges Intra-Movement Solidarity Among Multiply-Marginalized Subgroups”
2. Jones, Brad, Amanda Loehrke, and **Bianca V. Vicuña**. “Latino immigrant endorsement of the criminality narrative of detention and deportation” (R&R)
1. **Vicuña, Bianca V.** “Unity in Light of Diversity? Explaining How Diversity Management Strategies Affect Inter-racial Feminist Coalitions.” (R&R)

### **In Development**

1. **Vicuña, Bianca V.** and Crystal Robertson. “Sisterhood of Color: The Psychological Roots of Black-Brown Feminist Coalitions”

### **Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Honors**

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| <b>2025</b> | UC Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research Program   |
| <b>2023</b> | Political Psychology Fellowship<br>APSA Political Psychology: Distinguished Junior Scholar<br>University of California Office of the President (UCOP) Dissertation Fellowship<br>Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention |
| <b>2022</b> | Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant<br>UCLA Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship<br>Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention  |
| <b>2021</b> | UCLA Hoffenberg Research Fellowship<br>Dean’s Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality   |
| <b>2020</b> | UCLA Hoffenberg Research Fellowship   |

**2019** UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship  
APSA Minority Fellow  
Women of Color in Political Science (WCPS) Travel Grant  
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention

**2018** UCLA Political Psychology Fellowship  
UCLA Political Science Fellowship  
UCLA Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship

### **Conferences, Invited Talks, and Workshops**

**2025** Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago  
Migration Center Seminar, UC Davis

**2024** American Political Science Association, Philadelphia  
Gender and Political Psychology Conference, Brandeis University and Bentley University  
Frontiers in Political Science, Invited Talk, Duke University

**2023** American Political Science Association, Los Angeles  
Politics of Immigrant and Intergroup Experience Conference, Vanderbilt  
Internal Political Science Seminar, Invited Talk, UCLA  
Causal Inference Emerging Scholar Research, Invited Talk, UMASS  
Gender and Political Participation Working Group, Virtual  
Midwest Political Science Association: Latina/o/x Politics Workshop  
Gender and Political Psychology Conference, UC Riverside

**2022** Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium, UT Austin  
American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, UIUC  
Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR  
Women & Politics Workshop and Writing Retreat, Tulane University

**2021** Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual  
Western Political Science Association, Virtual

**2020** Southern Californian Political Behavior Conference, UCLA

**2019** American Political Science Association Latino Politics Workshop, D.C.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of California, Davis**

POL 163: Group Politics (undergraduate)  
POL 196A: Seminar in American Politics (undergraduate)  
POL 290A: Seminar in American Politics (graduate)

## **Professional Service**

Reviewer for *Politics and Gender*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *American Political Science*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Research and Politics*, *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Science*, and *Political Behavior*.

**2024-2025**

*Midwest Political Science Association*

Threats to Democracy Panel, Chair and Discussant

*International Society of Political Psychology*

2025 Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion Section Co-Chair.

*American Political Science Association*

Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholar Award Committee Member

**2022-2023**

Gender and Political Participation Workshop Discussant

## **Departmental Service**

**2025-2026**

Political Science Research Workshop, Faculty Coordinator

**2024-2025**

Speaker Series Committee, Member

## **Dissertation Committees**

Member, Dylan Forrester, UC Davis Political Science, 2025

## **Qualifying Exam Committees**

Member, Jalen Ward, UC Davis Political Science, 2026

Member, Anissa Joseph, UC Davis Political Science, 2025

## **Skills**

Spanish

R, SPSS, and STATA