

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**. Signaling Effort through Policy Design: How Policy Features Affect Support for Welfare and Perceptions of Welfare Beneficiaries. [PDF](#). *Conditionally Accepted at Political Behavior*.
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. Badas, Alex and **Lucia Lopez**. Latino Racism-Ethnicism and Attitudes towards the U.S. Supreme Court.
2. Clifford, Scott, **Lucia Lopez**, Lucas Lothamer, and Bradley Madsen. *A Harm Regulation Model of Support for Political Aggression*.

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**. How Housing Voucher Policy Design Signals Effort and Shapes Public Opinion.
5. Badas, Alex, Nathan Carrington, and **Lucia Lopez**. How Members of Congress Shape Emotional Responses to the Supreme Court.
6. **Lopez, Lucia**. Race-Neutral Design?: Policy Design and the Racialization of Welfare Opinion.
7. Artabe, Eugenia, and **Lucia Lopez**. Linked Legitimacies? State and U.S. Supreme Court Legitimacy.
8. **Lopez, Lucia**. Signaling Effort or Creating Barriers? Elite Rhetoric on Policy Design and Deservingness.

Law Review and Other Publications:

1. Lopez, Lucia. Forthcoming. 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 (scheduled)
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

U.S. Government, Public Opinion, Race & Ethnic Politics, Law and Justice

SERVICE

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