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EDUCATION:

Florida International University - Miami, FL
PhD, International Relations (*Expected Spring 2022*)
August 2016 - Present

Florida International University - Miami, FL
MA, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2020
MA, International Studies, 2020

DePaul University - Chicago, IL
BA, International Studies, 2015
BA, Latin American and Latino Studies, 2015
Minors (2) in French and Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Feminist security studies and democratization; Latin America (Mexico and Colombia in particular); Middle East (Kurdish Turkey and Syria in particular); violence and war; rebel groups and insurrections; political economy of development; gender and feminism; mixed methods

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS:

(Graduate)

- Tinker Field Research Grant (\$2,000) - 2019 awardee
- National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$34,000 annual stipend) - 2018 awardee
- McNair Doctoral Fellowship at Florida International University (\$23,000 annual stipend) - 2016 awardee

(Undergraduate)

- McNair Scholars Program Independent Research Abroad Grant at DePaul University (\$3,000) - Summer 2015 awardee

- DePaul University College of LA&S: Summer Undergraduate Research Grant (\$1,500) - Summer 2014 awardee

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH (DOMESTIC /ABROAD):

(Graduate)

- **(Fall 2019)** Tinker pre-dissertation field research trip (via the Tinker Grant at Florida International University). Principal Investigator (P.I.). Three weeks in Barranquilla, Valledupar, and Manaure, **Colombia**.
- **(Summer-Fall 2018)** Florida International University: Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center. Research assistant (R.A.) for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funded study on human trafficking in South Florida. Six months. Under José Miguel Cruz, Ph.D.
- **(Summer 2016)** Universidad Piloto de Colombia - intensive summer course: “Construcción de Cultura de Paz”. Two weeks in Bogotá, **Colombia**. Under Carolina Urbina, Ph.D.

(Undergraduate)

- **(Summer 2015)** DePaul University McNair Scholars Program - Summer Research Experience (SRSE). Two weeks in Bogotá, **Colombia**. Under Fabricio Balcázar, Ph.D.
- **(Fall 2014)** Independent research abroad project. Three months in Guadalajara, **Mexico**. Under Carolina Sternberg, Ph.D.
- **(Summer 2014)** Tufts University: The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP). Nine weeks. Under Professor Kim Wilson.
- **(Fall 2013-Spring 2014)** DePaul University Center for Access and Attainment Research Lab. Under Luciano Berardi, Ph.D.
- **(Summer 2013)** University of Illinois at Chicago Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). Nine weeks. Under Fabricio Balcázar, Ph.D.
- **(Summer 2013)** DePaul University McNair Scholars Program Summer Research Experience (SRSE). Two weeks in Buenos Aires and Patagonia, **Argentina**. Under Luciano Berardi, Ph.D. and Fabricio Balcázar, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED):

Fernández, V. (2014). Goodbye petrodollar? The Chávez-Ahmadinejad rapprochement and the peripheral disruption of U.S. influence. *McNair Scholars Program Journal of Undergraduate Research*. 5(1), 12-31.

Berardi, L., Balcázar, F., Lacolla, F., **Fernández, V.**, Gonzalez, D., Camacho, R., (2013). International community research project and action: Examining white privilege and discrimination in Argentina. *The Community Psychologist*, 47(1), 16-18.

Fernández, V. (2013). Indigenous influences in Mexican children's literature. *Diálogo*, 16(2), 95-97.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- (2020, March). War Creates States, but Does It Also Breed Gender Equality? Examining the Feminist Commitment of Latin America's Post-Conflict Political Parties. (Paper). International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, United States. (*COVID-19 Cancellation*)
- (2020, March). "Queen of the South" or "Some Girls for Las Vegas"? Breaks and Continuity with the Sexual Contract in Mexico and Colombia's Drug-Trafficking Societies. (Paper). International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, United States. (*COVID-19 Cancellation*)
- (2019, March). Insurgent Feminism: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian and Kurdish Female Guerrillas' Contributions to Democracy. (Paper). International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Canada.
- (2019, March). Insurgent Feminism: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian and Kurdish Female Guerrillas' Contributions to Democracy. (Paper). Florida Political Science Association (FPSA), Tampa, United States.
- (2018, November). Insurgent Feminism: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian and Kurdish Female Guerrillas' Contributions to Democracy. (Paper). International Studies Association – Northeast (ISA-NE), Baltimore, United States.
- (2018, July). Insurgent Feminism in the 2016 Colombian Peace Deal. (Paper). FLACSO-International Studies Association (FLACSO-ISA), Quito, Ecuador.
- (2018, April). Insurgent Feminism in the 2016 Colombian Peace Deal. (Paper). Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, United States.
- (2018, March). Insurgent Feminism in the 2016 Colombian Peace Deal. (Paper). Florida Political Science Association (FPSA), Chicago, United States.
- (2017, April). Gender Representation in Political Leadership: Analyzing Bordieu's "Double-Bind" Under the Presidencies of Cristina Fernández and Dilma Rousseff. (Poster). Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, United States.
- (2015, October). Reproducing inequality or building social capital? An analysis of Bogotá's 'Ciclovía' initiative. (Poster). DePaul University Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- (2014, July). Financing civic resistance: Comparing Venezuela's Chavista collectives to Mexico's Zapatista "caracoles." (Paper). Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Stamford, United States.
- (2014, April). Bitcoin, our international monetary system and resistance to an Orwellian world. (Paper). DePaul University International Studies Annual Student Conference, Chicago, United States.

- (2014, April). Imagining Chavismo after Chávez: A political-economic analysis of Nicolás Maduro's Venezuela. (Poster). Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, United States.
- (2014, February). Imagining ALBA without Chávez: The end of South America's promise for alternative development? (Poster). Human Development Conference, Notre Dame, United States.
- (2013, November). Perceiving discrimination in Argentina: from a national to a regional understanding. (Paper). Midwest ECO Conference, Chicago, United States.
- (2013, October). Perceiving discrimination in Argentina: from a national to a regional understanding. (Poster). DePaul University Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- (2013, August). Classist and racist discrimination practices in Buenos Aires and Patagonia: An empirical analysis. (Paper). University of Illinois at Chicago Summer Research Opportunities Program (UIC-SROP) Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- (2013, July). Classist and racist discrimination practices in Buenos Aires and Patagonia: An empirical analysis. (Paper). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Summer Research Symposium, Urbana, United States.
- (2013, May). Goodbye petrodollar? The Chávez-Ahmadinejad rapprochement and the peripheral disruption of U.S. influence. (Paper). DePaul University International Studies Annual Student Conference, Chicago, United States.

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Guest speaker. Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations. *Grants and External Funding Workshop*. Miami, USA. October 2020.

Guest speaker. Florida International University, Office of Training and Fellowships. *Preparing a Competitive NSF GRFP Application*. Miami, USA. August 2020.

Invited panelist. DePaul University, International Studies Department. *Alumni Career Experiences*. Chicago, USA. February 2020.

Guest lecturer. Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Master's level class. *Feminist International Relations*. Medellín, Colombia. September 2019.

Invited speaker. The Tinker-Andes Series at Florida International University. *Conducting Fieldwork with Former FARC Rebels in Colombia*. Miami, USA. September 2019.

Guest lecturer. Miami Springs Senior High, Social Studies Faculty Professional Development Conference. *Prominent Figures of Latin American Feminism*. Miami, USA. November 2018.

Invited roundtable participant. Midwest Psychology Association. *Cross-cultural mentoring experiences: Voices of minority students transitioning through college*. Chicago, USA. May 2014.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certificate in Qualitative Research Methods. DePaul University. Spring 2013.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Spanish: Native speaker

English: Native speaker

French: Conversational

Kurdish: Beginner