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EDUCATION:

Florida International University - Miami, FL

Doctoral student, International Relations

Graduation date (Ph.D.) - Summer 2021 (*Expected*)

Current GPA: **3.57**

DePaul University - Chicago, IL

International Studies, B.A.

(GPA: 3.72)

Latin American Studies, B.A.

(GPA: 3.68)

Minors (2) in French and Economics

Graduation Date: Fall 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Latin America (Mexico and Colombia particularly); state violence; neoliberalism; wealth inequality and distribution; gender; female political leadership

GRANTS/HONORS:

- McNair Doctoral Fellowship (2016 awardee) at Florida International University
- DePaul University McNair Scholars Program Independent Research Abroad Grant: Summer 2015
- DePaul University College of LA&S: Summer (2014) Undergraduate Research Grant
- International Studies Honor Society – Sigma Iota Rho

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- **(Summer 2016)** Universidad Piloto de Colombia - Intensive summer course: “Construcción de Cultura de Paz”. One month in Bogotá, Colombia. Under Carolina Urbina, PhD.
- **(Summer 2015)** DePaul University McNair Scholars Program Summer Research Experience (SRSE). One month in Bogotá, Colombia. Under Fabricio Balcázar, PhD.
- **(Fall 2014 – Spring 2015)** Independent research abroad project. Three months in Guadalajara, Mexico. Under Carolina Sternberg, PhD.
- **(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, PhD.
- **(Summer 2013)** University of Illinois at Chicago Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). Nine weeks. Under Fabricio Balcázar, PhD.
- **(Summer 2013)** DePaul University McNair Scholars Program Summer Research Experience (SRSE). Two weeks in Buenos Aires and Patagonia, Argentina. Under Luciano Berardi, PhD and Fabricio Balcázar, PhD.

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, 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.
- Fernández, V. (2013). Homogeneity vs. true pluriculturalism: An analysis of the politics of indigenous recognition in neoliberal Mexico. *Global Voices: Voices on Linguistic Diversity*, 3, 1-9.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Fernández, V. (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, Chicago, United States.

- Fernández, V. (2015, October). Reproducing inequality or building social capital? An analysis of Bogotá's 'Ciclovía' initiative. (Poster). Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2014, July). Financing civic resistance: Comparing Venezuela's Chavista collectives to Mexico's Zapatista "caracoles." (Paper). Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Stamford, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2014, May). Cross-cultural mentoring experiences: Voices of minority students transitioning through college. (Roundtable). Midwest Psychology Association, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2014, April). Bitcoin, our international monetary system and resistance to an Orwellian world. (Paper). International Studies Annual Student Conference, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2014, April). Imagining Chavismo after Chávez: A political-economic analysis of Nicolás Maduro's Venezuela. (Poster). Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2014, February). Imagining ALBA without Chávez: The end of South America's promise for alternative development? (Poster). Human Development Conference, Notre Dame, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2013, November). Perceiving discrimination in Argentina: from a national to a regional understanding. (Paper). Midwest ECO Conference, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (2013, October). Perceiving discrimination in Argentina: from a national to a regional understanding. (Poster). Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (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 Symposium, Chicago, United States.
- Fernández, V. (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.
- Fernández, V. (2013, June). *Validación del privilegio de los blancos: Un resumen del trabajo de Fabricio Balcázar et. al.* (Validation of White Privilege: An overview of the work of Fabricio Balcázar et al.). (Article). School of Social Psychology of General Roca, General Roca, Argentina.
- Fernández, V. (2013, May). Goodbye petrodollar? The Chávez-Ahmadinejad rapprochement and the peripheral disruption of U.S. influence. (Paper). International Studies Annual Student Conference, Chicago, United States.

CERTIFICATIONS:

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

RESEARCH/WRITING (SELECTED):

- Fernández, V. (2017, Summer). Police impunity in Mexico: An an analysis of four explanatory factors. 1-26.
- Fernández, V. (2017, Summer). Gendering Colombia's peace process: An analysis of state and non-state group's integration of UN Resolution 1325. 1-21.
- Fernández, V. (2017, Spring). Finding the roots of misogyny in Sinaloa's "Narcocultura": An empirical study. 1-30.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- Spanish: Native speaker
- English: Native speaker
- French: Conversational
- Portuguese: Read-only