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EDUCATION:

- PhD.** Expected 2022 University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy
Dissertation: “How Elite Frames Shape Attitudes Towards Refugee Restrictions: Exploration Across Three American Sub-populations” Chair: Dr. Samara Klar
- M.A.** 2019 University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy
Degree: Government and Public Policy
- B.A.** 2015 College of Charleston, Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Political Psychology	Stereotypes, Stigma, & Political Affect
Political Sociology	Elite Rhetoric & Civil Discourse
American Politics	Refugee Resettlement in Western Nations
U.S. Immigration Policy	U.S. Labor Sociology and Law
Race and Ethnicity Politics	U.S. State Legislature Innovation

PUBLISHED SCHOLARLY WORK:

Sanchez, L. M., & Williams, I. (2020). Extending a Hand in Perilous Times: Beneficial Immigration Policy in the Fifty States, 2005–2012. *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(6), 2257-2271.

SELECT WORKING PAPERS:

Isabel Williams, Timothy Gravelle, and Klar, Samara. “Does Motivated Reasoning Cross Borders? Ideology, Neighboring-Country Behavior, and Support for COVID-Related Border Restrictions in the United States and Canada” *Revise and Resubmit*

Isabel Williams. “How Stereotypes of Refugees Shape Attitudes Toward Refugee Restrictions: A Study of Christian and Muslim Americans” *Revise and Resubmit*

Isabel Williams. “How Security Frames Create Disagreement in Public Opinion: Evidence from US Refugee Policy” *Under Review*

Isabel Williams, Frank Gonzalez, “Engage or Look Away? Migrant Stereotypes and Attitudes toward Immigration Policies and Procedures.” In design at The Psychology of Inequality and Politics (PIP) Lab

FUNDING & GRANTS:

University of Arizona, Graduate and Professional Student Council, Travel Grant, 2021 (\$540)

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, July 2021

American Association for Public Opinion Research Student Conference Award, May 2021

University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council, Research and Project Grant, November 2020 (\$1200)

University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council, Research and Project Grant, September 2019 (\$1500)

University of Arizona School of Government & Public Policy, Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2019 (\$750)

Social and Behavior Sciences Research Institute, Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, 2019 (\$500)

International Society for Political Psychology, Early Career Scholars Travel Grant (\$500)

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Starns Fellowship for International Travel (\$500)

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Competitive Summer Workshops Funding (\$2000)

Point Foundation Scholarship for LGBT student service leadership, 2019 (Semi-Finalist)

University of Arizona School of Government & Public Policy, Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2019 (\$500)

University of Arizona School of Government & Public Policy, Summer Research Fellow, 2019 (\$2,700)

University of Arizona, Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, 2018 (\$750)

University of Arizona School of Government & Public Policy, Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2018 (\$500)

University of Arizona School of Government & Public Policy, Summer Research Fellow, 2018 (\$1,900)

INVITED TALKS

“State-Level Immigration Policy,” State and Local Governments and Politics, Butler University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

“Refugee Policy Experience and Attitudes,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 28th- October 3rd

“Does Motivated Reasoning Cross Borders? Explaining Support for COVID-Related Border Restrictions in the United States and Canada,” International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting, Held virtually, July 13th, 2021

“Refugee Policy Experience and Attitudes,” International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting, Held virtually, July 12th, 2021

“Does Motivated Reasoning Cross Borders? Ideology, Neighboring-Country Behavior, and Support for COVID-Related Border Restrictions in the United States and Canada,” American Association for Public Opinion Research Meeting, Held virtually, May 11th-14th, 2021

“How Elite Rhetoric Shapes Attitudes Towards Refugee Restrictions: A Study of Christian and Muslim Americans”, Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior Workshop, Held virtually, May 7th, 2021, poster presentation

“Refugee Politics Identity and Attitudes,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Held virtually, September 9th-13th, 2020

“Toddlers or Terrorists? Framing Trumpian Refugee Restrictions,” International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting, Held virtually, July 14-16th, 2020

“The Price of Hate in the State: Measuring the Economic Impact of Anti-Transgender Policies,” Women in Data Science (WiDS), Tucson, AZ, April 17th, 2020

“Leave it to the Pros? State Legislative Professionalism and Immigration Policy,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28th-September 1st 2019

“Security or Humanity: Framing Trumpian Refugee Restrictions,” International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 12-15th, 2019

“Security or Humanity: Framing Trumpian Refugee Restrictions,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, April 18-20th 2019

“Leave it to the Pros? State Legislative Professionalism and Immigration Policy,” Women in Data Science (WiDS), Tucson, AZ, April 5th 2019

"A Muslim Ban by Any Other Name: Framing Trumpian Refugee Restrictions," Saguaro Student Symposium, Tucson, AZ, February 2018

"Histories of Exception: Labor Rights and the Construction of Citizenship," William V. Moore Student Research Conference, College of Charleston, April 2015

"Histories of Exception: Labor Rights and the Construction of Citizenship," South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Francis Marion University, February 2015

MEDIA:

Quoted in: Brown, Nathan. (September 24th, 2021) "GOP Senate hopefuls against Afghan resettlement." *Arizona Capitol Times*. <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2021/09/24/gop-senate-hopefuls-against-afghan-resettlement/>

Quoted in: Brown, Nathan. (May 14th, 2021). "'Dreamers' ready in quest for in-state tuition" *Arizona Capital Times*. <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2021/05/14/dreamers-ready-in-quest-for-in-state-tuition/>

TEACHING:

Instructor of Record:

LAS POL 388 Immigration and Refugee Politics
Online, Summer II 2021, July 6th-August 20th, 2021 *in progress*
Online, Fall II 2020, October 15th-December 9th, 2020

POL 201 American National Government
Online, Fall II 2021, October 14th-December 8th, 2021 *in progress*
Online, Spring I 2021, January 13th-March 8th, 2021
Online, Summer I 2020, May 18th-July 3rd, 2020
Online, Spring II, March 16th-May 8th, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKER & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Course Development Assistant to Dr. Alex Braithwaite, Summer/Fall 2020
Duties: organize and create course materials, film original lectures and create original podcast recordings, coordinate with guest speakers and the Office of Digital Learning course designers for the online re-development of the LAS POL 388 Immigration and Refugee Politics upper-level undergraduate course

Course Development Assistant to Dr. Chris Weber, Fall 2019

Duties: organize and create course materials and coordinate with faculty lecturers and the Office of Digital Learning course designers and studio personnel for the online re-development of the POL 201 American Federal Government core undergraduate course

Lab Manager, School of Government and Public Policy Research Center, 2018-2019 school year

Duties: maintaining student subject pool, administering faculty research, working with faculty to promote use of the lab by researchers and students for extra credit opportunities

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Lisa Sanchez 2017-2018 academic year

Duties: data coding and transcription, co-author of Western Political Science Association conference paper "Explaining the Passage of Beneficial Immigration Policies in the U.S. States 2005-2012"

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

President, School of Government and Public Policy Graduate Student Association, elected 2020-2021 school year

Duties: reach out to fellow PhD students about needs and ideas to combat social isolation, serve as an advocate, fielded survey of colleagues Fall 2020 and presented findings to SGPP leadership, attend SGPP Faculty meetings, stay current on issues affecting graduate students

Outreach Coordinator, School of Government and Public Policy Graduate Student Association, elected 2018-2019 school year

Duties: event preparation for SGPP PhD Recruitment Weekend, February 14th-16th, 2019, including arranging airport pickups, rides, and lodging with current graduate students for accepted students and planning two social events: a dinner downtown and a morning hike

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE:

Reviewer for *Political Psychology*

DIVERSITY ADVOCACY AND VOLUNTEER WORK:

Language: Advanced Spanish

Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Department, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Tucson February 2018 – January 2019

Bilingual Reception Volunteer, International House of Charlotte April 2016-July 2016, January-February 2017

Young Adult in Global Mission Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Oberá, Misiones, Argentina August 2015-March 2016

SafeZone Coordinator, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, College of Charleston Spring 2014 - Spring 2015

College of Charleston Gay-Straight Alliance:

Secretary- elected for the 2012-13 and the 2013-14 school year

President- elected for the 2014-2015 school year

Board Member, College of Charleston Gender and Sexuality Equity Center 2013 -2015

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS: R, STATA, Qualtrics, Excel, Microsoft Office Suite