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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, United States 2022 – 2027 (Expected)
Ph.D. in Politics
Dissertation: Immigration and the Limits of the Right to Self-Determination
Committee: Paulina Ochoa Espejo (chair), Jennifer Rubenstein, George Klosko, Alexander Motchoulski (Philosophy)
Fields: Political Theory (major), International Relations (minor)

M.A. in Government
Thesis: Irregular Migrants and the Demands of Relational Equality May 2024
Readers: George Klosko and Jennifer Rubenstein

Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile 2017-2021
B.A. in Political Science

AREAS OF INTEREST

Normative Political Theory, Political Theory of Migration, Liberal Political Thought, Relational Equality, Modern Political Thought.

PUBLICATION

2024. Irregular Migrants and the Demands of Relational Equality. *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 12(2), 379-405. <https://doi.org/10.1515/mopp-2023-0121>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under Review

- Paper on Tocqueville and Relational Equality.
- Paper on Brain Drain and Controls on Emigration.

In Preparation

- Paper on Immigration and the Right to Self-Determination.
- Paper on the Governance of International Migration.
- Paper on Disobedience to Migration Law.
- Paper on the Political Thought of José Victorino Lastarria.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

April 2026

Democratic Theory
Professor: Susana Gazmuri

Fall 2019

Currents of Contemporary Political Thought
Professor: Cristian Pérez-Muñoz

Spring 2019

Introduction to Political Theory
Professor: Luis Oro

Fall 2020, 2019, 2018
Spring 2019, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$1400).
2025	Graduate Global Research Grant, University of Virginia (\$1500).
2025	PPE Society Travel Support Grant (\$250).
2025	Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$1100).
2024	Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$650).
2017 – 2021	President of the Republic Grant, awarded on the basis of academic excellence and economic need. Requires maintaining a B- or above grade-point average. The Government of Chile.

PRESENTATIONS

- “International Governance of Migration, Self-determination, and Legitimacy”
American Political Science Association, September 2026 [scheduled].
Midwest Political Science Association, April 2026.
Western Political Science Association, April 2026.
Institute for Humane Studies, Local Governance and Political Order: A Graduate Papers Workshop, March 2026.
- “Immigration and the Limits of the Right to Self-Determination”
American Political Science Association, Migration and Citizenship Dissertation Workshop, September 2025.
Institute for Humane Studies, Migration and Citizenship: A Graduate Papers Workshop, October 2025. [Invited]
Institute for Humane Studies, Giving an Effective Job Talk, November 2025. [Invited]
Berkeley Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2026.
Climate Change and Global Justice Graduate Conference, University of Washington, April 2026.
- “Brain Drain and Emigration Restrictions: An Egalitarian Account”
Western Political Science Association, April 19, 2025.
American Political Science Association, September 2025.
Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2025 [declined].
Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society, November 2025, panel organizer.

April 2026

- “Migration Control, Authority, and Disobedience”
Western Political Science Association, March 28, 2024.
American Political Science Association, September 2024.
Political Science Graduate Symposium, University of South Carolina, March 2025.
- “Tocqueville and Relational Equality”
Association for Political Theory, November 22, 2024.

SERVICE

- Assistant Organizer, Pre-Simposio Pensamiento Político en Español, University of Virginia, December 2025.
- Political Theory Representative, Department of Politics’ Graduate Student Council, 2025-2026.
- Graduate Student Coordinator for the University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, 2024-2025.
- Discussant for Lucia Rafanelli (George Washington University, Department of Political Science), “The Specter of Statelessness.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, September 2024.
- Course Selection Advisor, Program in Political Philosophy, Policy and Law, University of Virginia, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025.
- Editorial Assistant for the American Journal of Political Science, 2023-2024.
- Discussant for Elizabeth Cohen (Boston University, Department of Political Science), “Temporal Autonomy as Structural and Distributive Justice.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, October 2023.
- Discussant for James Lindley Wilson (University of Chicago, Department of Political Science), “The Democratic Grounds of Justice.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, March 2023.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PPE Graduate Summer Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder campus, June 2026 [scheduled].
- Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing, University of Virginia, August 2025.
- Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced Proficiency).
- Division of Ethics and Safety in Research - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Workshop on Good Scientific Practices: Introduction to ethics in research with human beings (equivalent to IRB training), January 2021.