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Education	Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow</i> Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Economy Dissertation Committee: F. Daniel Hidalgo (Chair), Evan Lieberman, Ben Ross Schneider	2020 – Present
	B.A. in Political Science B.S. in Economics University of Central Florida <i>Magna Cum Laude and University Honors</i>	2016 – 2020
Research Interests	Latin America, politics of higher education, student movements, social movement outcomes, political behavior, public opinion	
Working Papers	“The Effects of Social Protest on Public Opinion: Evidence from Colombia” “The Electoral Appeal of Social Movement-Inspired Political Candidates”	
Awards & Fellowships	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship MIT Political Science Goldenberg Fund UCF McNair Scholar UCF National Hispanic Scholarship	2020 – 2025 2020 2022 – 2023 2018 – 2020 2016 – 2020
Research Affiliations	MIT GOV/LAB Graduate Research Fellow	2022 – Present
Conference Presentations	“ <i>The Effects of Social Protest on Public Opinion: Evidence from Colombia</i> ” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Los Angeles, California LAPOP Public and Democracy in the Americas Conference Antigua, Guatemala	Aug 2023 Sept 2022

Conference Attendance	Panel Chair/Discussant, APSA 2024 Annual Meeting Exhibitor/Mentor, Leadership Alliance National Summit	Sept 2024 July 2024
Field Research	Mexico City, Mexico <i>Conducted interviews with student activists at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)</i>	October - November 2023
Research Assistantships	Ben Ross Schneider Evan Lieberman	Summer 2021 January 2021
Teaching Experience	Grader, How Dictatorship Works (MIT) Undergraduate TA, Principles of Microeconomics (UCF)	Spring 2023 2019 – 2020
Mentorship & Outreach	Social & Cultural Chair, Latinx Graduate Student Association at MIT Graduate Diversity Ambassador, MIT Office of Graduate Education Press Coordinator, Bridging Talents and Opportunities Forum Pod Leader Liaison, MIT Summer Research Program Pod Leader, MIT Summer Research Program Member, MSRP Application Review Committee	2024 – 2025 2024 – 2025 2024 2024 2023 2023 – 2024
Departmental Service	Diversity Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council Co-Organizer, Political Science Application Mentorship Program (PS-AMP) Organizer, Latin American Working Group Co-Organizer, Latin American Working Group Co-Organizer, Women in Political Science Coffee Hour	2024 – 2025 2024 2023 – 2024 2022 – 2023 2021 – 2022
Methods Training	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University APSA Pre-Conference Short Courses on Process Tracing	2024 2023
Skills	Programming: R, Latex Surveys: Qualtrics Languages: Spanish (native proficiency)	