

# José O. Pérez

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Texas A&M University-San Antonio**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

San Antonio, TX

August 2025-Present

## EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**

Ph.D. in Political Science

Columbus, OH

August 2025

Dissertation: *Welcoming Migrants and Refugees: State Capacity, Sovereignty, and Brazil's Reception of Venezuelans*, Committee: Jennifer Mitzen (Chair), Sarah Brooks, Inés Valdez

**The Ohio State University**

M.A. in Political Science

Columbus, OH

May 2022

Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics, *both passed with Distinction*

**Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul**

M.A. in International Strategic Studies

Porto Alegre, Brazil

February 2019

Thesis: *(Re)Imagining Cuban Medical Internationalism: Individuals, Power Relations, and "Mais Médicos"*

Committee: André Reis da Silva (Chair), Silvia Ferabolli, Tatiana Vargas Maia, Eduardo Svartman

**University of Florida**

B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*

Gainesville, FL

May 2014

B.A. in Latin American Studies, *magna cum laude*

May 2014

Minors in History and Anthropology

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration and Refugee Politics, Security Studies, Global Health Politics, Political Violence, Latin American Politics, Race and Gender in Global Politics, State-building, Interpretivist and Field Research Methods

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS

5. José Pérez, "Brazil's Foreign Policy and Security Under Lula and Bolsonaro: Hierarchy, Racialization, and Diplomacy," *Security Studies* 32.4-5 (2023): 653-679.

4. José Pérez and Vinícius Mendes, "The Intersectionality of Health (In)Security: Healthcare, Disposable Workers, and Exposure within Brazil's Pandemic Politics," *Security Dialogue* 54.2 (2023): 155-172.

3. José Pérez, “The Dilma Rousseff Presidency: From Motherly Discourse to Queer Impeachment,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 24.1 (2022): 40-62.
2. André Reis da Silva and José Pérez, “Lula, Dilma, and Temer: The Rise and Fall of Brazilian Foreign Policy,” *Latin American Perspectives* 46.4 (2019): 169-185.
1. José Pérez and André Reis da Silva, “Cuban Medical Internationalism through a Feminist Perspective,” *Contexto Internacional* 41.1 (2019): 65-87.

#### UNDER REVIEW

2. José Pérez, “Street-level Bureaucrats and Venezuelan Migration to Brazil: Social Relations, Integration, and Policy-making without Policy,” *Under Review*  
 \*Honorable Mention, 2025 Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award, APSA IMM Group  
 \*Honorable Mention, 2025 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Migration & Citizenship Section
1. José Pérez and Tarsis Brito, “Rethinking Migration Securitization: Bureaucratic Militarization and Racial Capitalism within ‘Operation Welcome,’” *Under Review*

#### WORKING PAPERS

4. José Pérez, “Housing Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees: Everyday Insecurity, Families, and Disciplinary Control in Brazil,” *Working Paper*
3. José Pérez, “Beyond Docile Bodies and Biopolitics: Global Health Migration and Healthcare Access in Brazil,” *Working Paper*
2. José Pérez, “The Politics of PrEP: Identity, Security, and Healthcare Inequality,” *Working Paper*
1. José Pérez and Tarsis Brito, “The Migratory Politics of Airports: Control, Resistance, and Non-response,” *Working Paper*

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

José Pérez, book review of “Women’s Empowerment and Disempowerment in Brazil: The Rise and Fall of President Dilma Rousseff,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 25.2 (2023): 361-363.

#### RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

##### Tenure-track

Migration & Citizenship Section Travel Grant (APSA, \$300)	2025
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##### Graduate

Mathews and Gilkerson Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (OSU, \$500)	2024
Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession Travel Grant (APSA, \$300)	2024

Lee Ann Fujii Travel Grant (APSA, \$550)	2024
Edward J. Ray Travel Award for University Service and Scholarship (OSU, \$1,000)	2024
International Studies Association Annual Conference Travel Award (\$600)	2024
International Studies Association - Northeast Region Conference Travel Award (\$150)	2024
Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship (U.S. Department of Education, \$32,906)	2023
Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship (OSU, \$5,000)	2023
Susan Pratt Munthe Scholarship for Study on Latin America (OSU, \$2,000)	2023
Political Science Department Research Grant (OSU, \$2,000)	2023
Francis Aumann Award for Best Published Paper (OSU, \$500)	2023
Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant (OSU, \$1,000)	2023
Francis Aumann Award for Distinguished Departmental Service (OSU, \$500)	2022
Political Science Department Research Grant (OSU, \$2,300)	2022
American Political Science Association (APSA) Diversity Fellow (\$2,000)	2021
Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant (OSU, \$2,800)	2021
Madison Scott Best Paper in Race and Ethnic Politics Award (OSU, \$500)	2021
Global Gateway Travel Grant (OSU, \$1,000)	2020
Latino Scholarship Summer Fellowship (APSA, \$400)	2020
Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellow (OSU, \$32,100 for 5 years)	2019
CAPES Fellowship (Brazilian Federal Government, \$4,900 for 2 years)	2017

### **Undergraduate**

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant (U.S. State Department, \$16,800)	2016
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant (U.S. State Department, \$16,800)	2015
Ronald E. McNair Scholar (University of Florida, \$2,500)	2013
Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship (Princeton University)	2013
Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship (U.S. State Department, \$4,500)	2012
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (U.S. Department of Education, \$5,800)	2012

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Instructor of Record**

POLS 3351: Intro to Comparative Politics	Fall 2025
GOVT 2305: Federal Government	Fall 2025

#### **The Ohio State University, Instructor of Record**

POL 3910: Identity Politics (24 students), Average Teaching Evaluation: (4.71/5)	Summer 2024
POL 3910: Identity Politics (63 students), Average Teaching Evaluation: (4.59/5)	Spring 2024
POL 3910: Identity Politics (62 students), Average Teaching Evaluation: (4.81/5)	Fall 2022

#### **Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Teaching Assistant**

ECO 2048: Brazilian Foreign Policy 2 (1930-85), Professor André Reis (60 students)	Fall 2018
ECO 2052: Brazilian Foreign Policy 3 (1985-Present), Professor André Reis (60 students)	Spring 2018

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences

International Studies Association-Annual Conference	2021, 2023, 2025
International Studies Association-Northeast Conference	2020, 2021, 2024
Urban Politics in the Global South Conference	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
Brazilian International Relations Association Annual Conference	2018, 2021
Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress	2021
<i>Millennium</i> Journal Annual Conference	2020
<i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i> Conference	2019
EUCROSS-Jean Monnet Network Conference	2019
International Studies Association-FLACSO Conference	2018

### Workshops and Other Presentations

Race and International Relations Workshop, University of Notre Dame	2023, 2025
APSA Migration and Citizenship Dissertation Workshop	2024
<i>International Organization</i> Journal Editorial Café	2024
Amazonas State University, Invited Research Presentation	2023
Methodist University Center, Invited Research Presentation	2023
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Invited Research Presentation	2023
Ohio State Brazil Gateway Summer Series, Invited Research Presentation	2022
University of Brasilia Migration Research Workshop	2022
University of Chicago <i>Security Studies</i> Journal Conference	2022

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

**Graduate Studies Committee** August 2019-May 2020 and August 2022-May 2023  
Reviewed and modified graduate program policies on admissions, candidacy exams, and student research.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** January-May 2022  
Coordinated workshops and training to build a more welcoming environment for all faculty and students.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Address Structural Racism** August-December 2020  
Drafted over 15 policy changes for department chair, aimed at addressing structural racism and inequity.

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

**APSA's Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession** September 2025-Present

**Professional Memberships:** APSA, MPSA, ISA, BRASA, LASA

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Spanish (native fluency), Portuguese (fluent), French (intermediate)

**Fieldwork:** Brazil (12 months/2018, 2 months/2022, 10 months/2023, 2 month/2024)

**Pro Bono Work:** Country expert testimony for asylum cases related to: Brazil, Cuba, and Venezuela.

## REFERENCES

**Jennifer Mitzen**, Professor  
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