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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Political Science, University of Massachusetts – Amherst Fields: American Politics and Political Psychology	Expected May 2017
M.A.	Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst	2016
M.P.S.	Political Management, The George Washington University - Washington, DC	2010
B.A.	Political Science, University of Puerto Rico – Río Piedras, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	2007

DISSERTATION

Title: **The Deceptive Nature of Voter Turnout Overreports in Survey Research**

Do people lie about participating in politics? The main goal of my dissertation project is to answer this question by gathering evidence to substantiate or refute the widely held assumption that overreports of voter turnout in surveys are the result of social desirability bias. I measure the incidence of overreporting in surveys, apply frameworks and methods from social psychology to detect deception and social desirability, and test how overreports affect predictive models of participation. I propose that overreports fit the socially desirable responding typology of impression management rather than self-deception. My research contributes to survey methodology, the debate on survey vote validation, and the understanding of voter turnout in American politics.

Committee: Brian F. Schaffner (Chair), Tatishe M. Nteta, Seth K. Goldman (UMass Dept. of Communications), and Stephen D. Ansolabehere (Harvard University)

PUBLISHED DATA

- Cuevas-Molina, I., Brian F. Schaffner. 2015. "CCES 2014 Supplemental Data", <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/D1N0GO>, Harvard Dataverse, V2.
- Cuevas-Molina, I., Brian F. Schaffner. 2015. "CCES 2012 Supplemental Data", <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NI3BDE>, Harvard Dataverse, V3
- Cuevas-Molina, I., Brian F. Schaffner. 2015. "CCES 2010 Supplemental Data", <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/KC9EQR>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.

PAPERS UNDER PEER REVIEW

- Cuevas-Molina, I. "Liar Liar: Response Latencies and Voter Turnout Overreports." R&R at Public Opinion Quarterly.
- Cuevas-Molina, I., Tatishe M. Nteta.; Brian F. Schaffner. & Wouter Van Erve. "The Conditional Effects of Latino Candidates and Partisanship on Latino Turnout." Submitted to Journal of Politics.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

• APSA Latino Scholarship Fund	\$500	Summer 2016
• Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship - Honorable Mention		2016
• UMass Graduate School Summer Dissertation Fellowship	\$4000	Summer 2016
• Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Association of Political Science	\$300	January 2016
• UMass Department of Political Science Summer Research and Writing Grant	\$2500	Summer 2015

- UMass Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant \$300 Fall 2014
- APSA Travel Grant 2014 Annual Meeting \$200 August 2014
- UMass Department of Political Science Summer Research Assistantship \$2276 Summer 2014
- Minority Identification Project - American Political Science Association 2006- 2010

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Instructor**, Residential Academic Program, UMass-Amherst. Fall 2016
 - POLSCI 101 Introduction to American Politics
- **Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, UMass-Amherst. Sept 2015 – Present
 - Cooperative Congressional Election Study
- **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, UMass-Amherst. Fall 2012 – Spring 2015
 - POLSCI 308 Public Opinion in Politics
 - POLISCI 280 Public Policy
 - POLISCI 203 American Political Thought
 - POLISCI 121 World Politics (Grading Position)
 - POLISCI 201 American Politics Through Film
 - POLISCI 301 Race and American Politics
- **Adjunct Faculty**, Department of Social Science, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico – Ponce Campus. August 2010 – June 2011
 - Introduction to Social Science: Politics and Economics
 - Current Political Conflicts Seminar
- **Teaching Assistant**, GWU-Summer Scholars Pre-College Program June 2008 – July 2008

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2016. “Liar Liar: Response Latencies and Turnout Overreports,” Latino/a Scholars Transforming Political Science Panel. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2016. “Liar Liar: Response Latencies and Turnout Overreports,” Why People Vote (or Don’t But Say That They Did). Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago.
- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2016. “Liar Liar: Personality, Response Latencies and Turnout Overreports,” Studying Voting and Election Administration using the CCES Panel, Cooperative Congressional Election Study (CCES) Conference within a Conference. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR.
- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2015. “Bearing False Witness: The Influence of Shared Social Group Identity on Voter Turnout Overreports,” Identity Panel. Presented at the Cooperative Congressional Study Conference, Sundance.

- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2015. "Far From Post-Racial: Protest in Ferguson and Civic Engagement of Racial Minorities in the US," On Protest II: Endemic crises and continuing protests in comparative and transnational perspective Panel. Presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, PR.
- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2015. "The Effects of Shared Social Group Identity on Voter Turnout Overreports," Racial Identity and Linked Fate Panel. Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago.
- Nteta, T. M., Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina and Wouter Van Erve. 2015 "Awakening the Giant? Latino Candidates, Minority Empowerment and Latino Turnout in the 2012 Congressional Election," Race, Candidates for Office, and Public Officials Panel. Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago.
- Cuevas-Molina, I. 2015. "The Effect of Co-Ethnicity and Shared Race on Voter Turnout Overreports," Race, Ethnicity, and Political Behavior Panel. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- Nteta, T.M. and Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina. 2014. "Awakening the Giant? Latino Candidates, Minority Empowerment and Latino Turnout in the 2012 Congressional Election." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.

SKILLS

- **Languages:** English and Spanish, native speaker
- **Software:** STATA, R, SPSS, LATEX

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

- **Graduate Certificate in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies**, UMass Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies In Progress
- **Semester in Washington Program**, George Washington University Spring 2008
- **APSA Ralph Bunche Summer Institute**, Duke University Summer 2006

ON CAMPUS SERVICE

- Association of Latin American and Caribbean Students, UMass, Member Fall 2012 - Present
 - President, 2015-2016
- Political Science Graduate Student Association, UMass, Member Fall 2012 - Present
- Graduate Employee Organization / UAW 2322, UMass, Member Fall 2012 - Present
- Graduate Students of Color Association, UMass, Member Fall 2014 - Present
- Graduate Women Network, UMass, Member Fall 2014 - Present
- Graduate Student Senator for the Department of Political Science, UMass 2012-2013, 2014-2015
- Panel Organizer at Latin American Studies Association Congress 2015
 - On Protest I & On Protest II: "Endemic crises and continuing protests in comparative and transnational perspective"
- Volunteer at Latin American Studies Association Congress 2006, 2013, 2014

- Volunteer at GWU Politics Online Conference

2008 - 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- American Association of University Women

REFERENCES

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