

Nicholas R. Gonzalez

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Research Interests

Urban Public Policy, Political Behavior, Racial Attitudes, Political Economy, Methods

Education

Northwestern University

PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (IN PROGRESS)

Evanston, IL

2024–

University at Albany (SUNY)

M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Albany, NY

2022–2023

The City College of New York (CUNY)

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

New York, NY

2018–2022

Publications

Book Reviews

URBAN AFFAIRS REVIEW

2025

- Gonzalez, Nicholas R., and Reuel R. Rogers. "Book Review: Inequality, Crime, and Resistance in New York City by Timothy P. R. Weaver." <https://doi.org/10.1177/10780874251365902>

Working Papers

"FISCAL FILTERING AS A SELECTION MECHANISM IN URBAN POLITICS"

"TESTING ECONOMIC THREAT AND RACIALIZED POLITICS WITH MACHINE LEARNING"

Presentations & Talks

YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM CONFERENCE (NYS DCJS)

2026

- "Youth Justice Conference Panel." (Invited)

MIDWESTERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (MPSA)

2026

- "Testing Economic Threat and Racialized Politics with Matching and Causal Forests."

NORTHWESTERN COMPARATIVE HISTORICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

2026

- "Filtered Out: Fiscal Institutions and the Limits of Reformist Urban Governance."

YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM CONFERENCE (NYS DCJS)

2024

- "Not Just Talk: Equity and Healing Through Action and Collaboration."
- Poem oration of A Small Needful Fact.

NEW YORK STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

2024

- "Black Lives Matter in Hudson Valley, NY: A Case Study in BLM's Utility."

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SHOWCASE

2023

- "Child Exploitation in Youth Justice Media."
- "Origins of New York City's Carceral State."

Research Experience

Northwestern University	<i>Evanston, IL</i>
RESEARCH ASSISTANT (JACK GARIGLIANO)	<i>Jan. 2025 – May 2025</i>
• Project: The Politics of Employment in Postindustrial United States. Conducted qualitative interviews; supported data collection.	
NYS Youth Justice Institute	<i>New York State</i>
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<i>Jan. 2023 – Aug. 2024</i>
• Coded news articles; performed data cleaning and analysis; supported research planning and coordination; lead trainer for intern research teams (youth justice media project).	

Grants & Awards

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP	<i>2026</i>
• \$2,000	
MINAR SUMMER MEMORIAL AWARD	<i>2025</i>
• \$1,200 (internal award)	

Teaching

Northwestern Prison Education Program, Northwestern University

PS 326, RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY	<i>Fall 2026</i>
• Instructor of Record	

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science

PS 326, RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY	<i>Fall 2026</i>
• Instructor of Record	
PS 220, INTRO TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	<i>Spring 2026</i>
• Teaching Assistant	
PS 327, AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS	<i>Winter 2026</i>
• Teaching Assistant	
PS 320, THE PRESIDENCY	<i>Fall 2025</i>
• Teaching Assistant	

Public Writing

Mano Magazine (independent Latino culture magazine)

A SHORT HISTORY OF PUERTO RICAN COFFEE	<i>2022</i>
• October 2022	

Service

Journal Service

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT	<i>2026–</i>
• Perspectives on Politics	

Northwestern University

RACIAL AND ETHNIC POLITICS WORKSHOP	<i>Academic Years 25-26 & 26-27</i>
• Workshop Coordinator	

New York State Youth Justice Institute

PROJECT MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE	Fall 2024
• Committee Member	
SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANC SEARCH COMMITTEE	Summer 2024
• Committee Member	
ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	Spring 2024
• Committee Member	
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH SEARCH COMMITTEE	Winter 2023/24
• Committee Member	

Software _____

R; Quarto; NVivo; Qualtrics; Microsoft Office

References _____

Dr. Reuel R. Rogers	Northwestern University
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>r-rogers@northwestern.edu</i>
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Dr. Giza Lopes	NYS Youth Justice Institute
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	<i>lopes@albany.edu</i>