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Education

Current Ph.D., Political Science, University of Houston
2022 M.A., Political Science, University of Houston
2016 B.A., History and Literature, Rice University

Research Interests

Immigration, local politics, race, ethnicity, and politics.

Publications

2023 Artabe, Eugenia, **Samantha Chapa**, Leah Sparkman, and Patrick E. Shea. 2023. "External Threats, Capacity, and Repression: How the Threat of War Affects Political Development and Physical Integrity Rights." *British Journal of Political Science* (2023): 1-17.

Bagashka, Tanya, **Samantha Chapa**, and Lydia Tiede. "Influenced by Power or Reasons? The Role of Amicus Curiae Briefs in Constitutional Court Decision-Making." *East European Politics and Societies* (2023).

2017 "Welcoming Houston: Task Force Recommendations." Welcoming Houston Project Team, Houston, TX, Jan 2017. 96-page collaborative proposal for immigrant inclusion policies presented to the Mayor of Houston.

Work in Progress

Bryan, Sarah, **Samantha Chapa** and Alexia Rauen. "Experiences of Immigrant Women with Law Enforcement." Manuscript under review.

Chapa, Samantha and Ling Zhu. "Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics." Manuscript in preparation.

Alvarez, Robert, **Samantha Chapa**, Shana Hardin. "Hate Crimes and Headlines: How Media Coverage and Demographic Change Predicts Violence Toward Immigrants." Manuscript in preparation.

Udani, Adriano and **Samantha Chapa**. "The Determinants of Public Attitudes Toward Alternatives to Detention Tactics in U.S. Immigration Enforcement." Manuscript in preparation.

Papers Presented

2024 Udani, Adriano and **Samantha Chapa**. "The Determinants of Public Attitudes Toward Alternatives to Detention Tactics in U.S. Immigration Enforcement." SPSA Annual Conference.

Alvarez, Robert, **Samantha Chapa**, Shana Hardin. "Hate Crimes and Headlines: How Media Coverage and Demographic Change Predicts Violence Toward Immigrants." SPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha. "Cities, Inclusion Policies, and the Ripple Effect on Marginalized Communities." APSA Virtual Research Meeting.

Chapa, Samantha. “Cities, Inclusion Policies, and the Ripple Effect on Marginalized Communities.” University of Houston Brownbag Series.

Chapa, Samantha and Jeronimo Cortina. “Immigrant Inclusion and Wellbeing.” WPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha. “Cities, Inclusion Policies, and the Ripple Effect on Marginalized Communities.” WPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha and Shana Hardin. “Place Matters: Enhancing Voter Turnout among Low Propensity Voters.” MPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha. “Cities, Inclusion Policies, and the Ripple Effect on Marginalized Communities.” MPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha and Shana Hardin. “Trusted Community Organizations and Voter Turnout.” UH Mini-Conference: Mobilizing Low Propensity Voters.

Chapa, Samantha and Shana Hardin. “Place Matters: Enhancing Voter Turnout among Low Propensity Voters.” UH Mini-Conference: Mobilizing Low Propensity Voters.

Chapa, Samantha. “Inclusion and Participation: How Local Policy Affects Political Participation.” APSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha and Shana Hardin. “Empowering Local Democracy: Candidate Information and Nonpartisan Election Voting.” APSA Annual Conference.

2023

Chapa, Samantha. “Inclusion and Participation: How Local Policy Affects Political Participation.” SPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha and Ling Zhu. “Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics.” SPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha and Ling Zhu. “Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics.” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium at Arizona State University.

Chapa, Samantha and Alexia Rauen. “Political Efficacy: Experiences of Immigrant Women with Law Enforcement.” WPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha. “Inclusion and Participation: How Local Policy Affects Political Participation.” MPSA Annual Conference.

Udani, Adriano and **Samantha Chapa.** “The Determinants of Public Attitudes Toward Alternatives to Detention Tactics in U.S. Immigration Enforcement.” MPSA Annual Conference.

Chapa, Samantha. “Inclusion and Participation: How Local Policy Affects Political Participation.” APSA Annual Conference. Panel Cancelled.

Chapa, Samantha. “Inclusion and Participation: How Local Policy Affects Political Participation.” SPIRE.

- 2022 Artabe, Eugenia, **Samantha Chapa**, Patrick Shea, and Leah Sparkman. “External Threats, Capacity, and Human Rights.” SPSA Annual Conference.
- Bagashka, Tanya, **Samantha Chapa**, and Lydia Tiede. “Outcomes or Reasons? How the Procurator General Influences Bulgarian Constitutional Review.” Paper presentation in absentia. WPSA Annual Conference.
- Artabe, Eugenia, **Samantha Chapa**, Patrick Shea, and Leah Sparkman. “External Threats, Capacity, and Human Rights.” University of Houston Brown Bag Series.
- Chapa, Samantha** and Ling Zhu. “Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics.” MPSA Annual Conference.
- 2021 **Chapa, Samantha** and Lydia Tiede. “Measuring International Compliance and Shirking: Domestic Incorporation of the UN Torture Convention.” University of Houston Brown Bag Series.
- Chapa, Samantha**. “Tracking Vulnerable Migrants: The Role of the IOM in Immigration Policy Diffusion.” Poster session. University of Houston Graduate Student Poster Session.
- Chapa, Samantha** and Jamie Wright. “Twitter as a Policy Feedback Loop? SB-4 and Immigrant and Law Enforcement Attitudes.” Poster session. APSA Annual Conference.
- Chapa, Samantha**. “Tracking Vulnerable Migrants: The Role of the IOM in Immigration Policy Diffusion.” SoBigData, HumMingBird, and IMISCOE Online workshop on Ethics and Privacy of Big Data Use for Migration Research.

Fellowships and Grants

- 2024 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, \$300, *SPSA*.
- Committee on the Status of Latinos in the South Graduate Student Travel Award, \$230, *SPSA*.
- 2023 Cullen Foundation Travel Grant, \$700, *University of Houston*.
- Diversity Scholarship, \$500, *ICPSR*.
- Fund for Latino Scholarship, \$500, *APSA*.
- Diversity Fellowship Program Grant, \$400, *APSA*.
- Public Scholar Fellowship, \$2000, *APSA*.
- 2022 First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant, \$200, *APSA*.
- Equity and Inclusion Student Fellowship, \$600, *APPAM*.
- Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative Summer Institute, *UC Berkeley*.
- Institute for Civically Engaged Research, *APSA*.

Teaching Practicum, \$2500, *University of Houston, Rice University, and Houston Community College.*

2021-2024 Graduate Research Fellowship, \$138,000, *National Science Foundation.*

2020-2021 APSA Diversity Fellowship, \$2,000, *APSA.*

Graduate Tuition Fellowship, \$7,500, *University of Houston.*

2019-2020 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, \$7,500, *University of Houston.*

2015 Loewenstern Fellowship in International Service, \$7,000, *Rice University.*

Teaching

Instructor of Record

2024 Civically Engaged Research. Fall. In-Person. *University of Houston.*

2023 American Politics. Summer. In-Person. *Houston Community College.*

American Politics. Summer. Online Asynchronous. *Houston Community College.*

Teaching Assistant

2020 Human Rights. *University of Houston.*

2019 Human Rights. *University of Houston.*

Selected Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

2024 Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methods. Invited Speaker. *ICPSR.*

Civically Engaged Research. Invited Speaker. *University of Houston Population Health.*

2023 Moral Leadership in Nontraditional Spaces. Invited Speaker. *North Carolina State University.*

Arguments, Data, and Politics. Guest Speaker. *University of Houston.*

2021 Leadership in Professional Research. Panelist. *North Carolina State University.*

Human Rights. Guest Lecturer. *University of Houston.*

Comparative Politics. Guest Lecturer. *University of Houston.*

2020 Human Rights. Guest Lecturer. *University of Houston.*

Leadership in Professional Research. Guest Lecturer. *North Carolina State University.*

Academic Service

2024 Discussant, "Contemporary Issues in Race and Ethnic Politics." *MPSA Annual Conference.*

2023 Chair, "Policing, Citizen Oversight, and the Media." *SPSA Annual Conference.*

Chair, “Understanding and Amplifying the People’s Voice: Diverse Public Opinion, Vote Choice & Political Participation.” WPSA Annual Conference.

Discussant, “The Impact of Digital Technologies and Information Networks on Migration.” APSA Annual Conference, virtual.

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston.

2022 Discussant and Chair, “Politics of Assimilation and Acculturation.” APSA Annual Meeting.

Discussant, “Latest Trends in Latina, Latino, and Latinx Politics.” APSA Annual Meeting.

Discussant, “Political Appeals, (Mis)Information, and Racial Politics.” APSA Annual Meeting.

Discussant, “The Role of Structural Issues as a Barrier to Racial Equity.” APPAM International Conference.

President-Elect, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston.

2020-2021 University of Houston, Graduate Student Mentor.

Public Writing

2024 Chapa, Samantha. “[Defining Capitalist Racialization](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[What’s the Matter with the Great Plains](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Stolen Land and Strategic Settlement](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Gender, Not Sex](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Learning and Overturning](#).” *Political Science Now*.

2023 Cortina, Jeronimo and Samantha Chapa. “[Abbott just signed two major border security bills. They’ll backfire. \(Opinion\)](#).” *The Houston Chronicle*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Americans Want Workplace Democracy](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Deportation by Design](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Chapa, Samantha. “[Diversity and Felony Convictions](#).” *Political Science Now*.

Professional Experience

2023-Present Research Partner, BakerRipley

- Conduct focus groups for GOTV efforts across four community centers
- Create novel Get Out the Vote experiment with 40,000 mailers across Houston
- Coordinate GOTV efforts with community stakeholders, such as League of Women Voters
- Advise the civic engagement team on recent scholarly findings regarding GOTV

2021-Present Research Partner, *Advocates for Immigrant Survivors (AIS)*

- Establish research procedures for surveys conducted on immigrant survivors of violence
- Create and update survey to be fielded in partnership with AIS
- Design training materials for all AIS employees, interns, and volunteers
- Train volunteers to properly conduct in-person surveys

- 2018-2019 Deportation Defense Houston Legal Assistant, *BakerRipley*
- Collaborated with four nonprofits to create a deportation defense program for Houston
 - Established court watch programs in two immigration courts to ensure due process for migrants
 - Legally represented detained immigrants in immigration court proceedings
 - Advised stakeholders about changing immigration policies for fundraising purposes
- 2016-2018 Immigration Services Specialist, *BakerRipley*
- Legally represented over five hundred individuals seeking immigration benefits
 - Conducted and facilitated “Know Your Rights” workshops for immigrants and allies
 - Recruited, trained, and managed interns on various projects throughout the year
 - Provided training on forms of immigration relief to attorneys and law students

References

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 The Master of Public Administration Program
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