

# GUSTAVO F. NOVOA (JANUARY 2026)

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Princeton University**  
**Center for the Study of Democratic Politics**  
Research Director

*August 2024-*

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods  
Committee Chairs: Andrew Gelman and Shigeo Hirano  
M. Phil. in Political Science

*October 2024*

*April 2021*

**University of Chicago: Harris School of Public Policy**  
Masters in Public Policy with Honors  
Certificate in Survey Research

*June 2018*

**University of Chicago: The College**  
B.A. Public Policy Studies with Honors

*June 2017*

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Coloring in the Lines: A Simulation Analysis of Majority Minority City Council Districts.” (Accepted at *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*)

Novoa, Gustavo, et al. “Generically partisan: Polarization in Political Communication.” Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 120.47 (2023).

Gelman, Andrew, and Gustavo Novoa. 2023. “Challenges in Adjusting a Survey That Overrepresents People Interested in Politics.” *Harvard Data Science Review* 5 (3).

## UNDER REVIEW & WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Insufficient Affordability: The Politics of Housing Support in the U.S.” with Adrian Pietrzak & Tali Mendelberg (Under Review).

“Crowd Sourcing Local Accountability: A Field Experiment Measuring Direct Constituent Response in City Councils” with Anna Weissman.

“The Landscape of Local Redistricting: Four Decades of Municipal and County-Level Redistricting” with Tyler Simko & Chris Warshaw.

“Trickle Down Polarization: How Low Income Americans Adopted the Partisan Divide of the Rich” with Kaan Centaci and Andrew Gelman.

“Lightening the Load: Casually Measuring the Relationship Between Descriptive City Councils and Municipal Fines”.

## TEACHING AND SERVICE

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### **Columbia University Teaching Fellow**

- Principles of Quantitative Research II (with Prof. Shapiro) *Spring 2024*
- Applied Regression and Causal Inference (with Prof. Gelman) *Fall 2023*
- Intro to American Politics (with Prof. Miller) *Fall 2019 & Summer 2022*
- State Politics (with Prof. Phillips) *Spring 2020*
- Research Design & Data Analysis (with Prof. Hirano) *Fall 2020*
- Urban Politics (with Prof. Vargas-Ramos) *Spring 2021 & Spring 2022*

### **Columbia Political Science Diversity and Equity Committee** Committee Member

Spring 2022-2024-

### **The Coding School's Data Science Research Program** Graduate Student Mentor

Summer 2022

### **Columbia DEI Office Summer Research Program** Graduate Student Instructor

Summer 2021

## INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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### **LPEC 2025**

Affordable for Whom? The Politics of Affordable Housing Support

### **APSA 2025**

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### **MPSA 2025**

Affordable for Whom? The Politics of Affordable Housing Support

### **APSA 2024**

A District of their Own: Estimating the Descriptive Representation Produced by Majority-Minority Districts and the Effects of VRA Pre-clearance

### **MPSA 2024**

Does the Buck Stop? The Electoral Effects of Police Shootings

### **APSA 2023**

Drawing in Diversity: Estimating the Effects of Majority-Minority Districts on Descriptive Representation for Black and Latine Councilmembers

### **CAPE Summer Academy 2023**

Invited to present and attend workshops on topics within American Political Economy

### **ESRA 2023**

Considerations of Local Redistricting: A Simulation Analysis of Over 100 U.S. Cities

### **MPSA 2023**

Coloring in the Lines: Majority-Minority Districts and Descriptive Representation in U.S. Cities

**APSA 2022**

Drawing People In (and Out): An Outlier Analysis of Bias in Urban Redistricting

**MPSA 2020 [Canceled due to Covid]**

See You in Round 2? Estimating the Effect of Winning First-Round Elections on Second Round Success in Non-Partisan U.S. Mayoral Elections

**GRANT AWARDS**

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Columbia GSAS Dissertation Improvement Grant 2024	<b>\$3,000</b>
Columbia Provost Diversity Fellows Small Grants Program	<b>\$2,000</b>
Columbia GSAS Dissertation Improvement Grant 2023	<b>\$3,000</b>
Columbia Provost Diversity Fellowship 2018	<b>\$8,000</b>

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

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Professor Ira Katznelson	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Professor Michael Ting	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Professor Shigeo Hirano	<i>Fall 2018-Spring 2019</i>
Professor William Howell	<i>Spring 2017-Fall 2018</i>
Behavioral Insights Parenting Lab	<i>Spring 2017</i>
University of Chicago Survey Lab	<i>Fall 2016</i>

**TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

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Proficient in R, Latex, Qualtrics, QGIS, and Stata

Basic Proficiency in Java, Python, and ArcGIS

Spanish: Native