

Matthew Luis Gomez

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EDUCATION

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Fall 2019-Summer 2024

Ph.D. in Political Science

- Dissertation Focus: *Bicameralism versus Unicameralism: Effects of Unicameral Reform on Perceptions of Corruption in South America.*
 - Dissertation Research Travel: Ecuador/Peru – Spring 2023.
 - Defense: June 26, 2024
- Field of Study: Comparative Politics / International Relations
 - Work completed on general Latin American region
 - Specific work on Mexico and South American regions.
 - Research/presentations on corruption, democratization, crime/insecurity

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Fall 2005-Summer 2007

Master of Arts: Latin American & Caribbean Studies (August 2007)

- Thesis: *Bolivian-Peruvian Political Bilateral Relations under Evo Morales and Alan Garcia*
 - Thesis Research Travel: Bolivia – Spring 2007.
- Field of Study: Comparative and International Politics –
 - Research conducted on South America/Andean region.
- Independent Study (Focus: Politics): Bolivia (Summer 2006).

Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

Fall 2000-Spring 2004

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science (May 2004)

- Minors in Latin American Studies/Spanish
- Senior Thesis: *Peruvian Truth Commission: Success or Failure?*
- Field: Comparative Politics
 - Research focused on Latin American region/Latin American politics
- Intensive Spanish Language Training: ITESM, Queretaro, Mexico (Spring 2003)
- Intensive Spanish Language Training: CCCS, Seville, Spain (Spring 2002)
- Mexican Politics/Culture in the 20th Century: Cuernavaca, Mexico (Summer 2001).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Miami-Dade College

Miami, FL

Adjunct Instructor in Political Science

November 2024 – Present

- Teach American/European government courses
 - Online and face-to-face courses

Florida International University

Miami, FL

Adjunct Instructor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

May 2024 – Present

- Teach Intro to Latin American & Caribbean Studies
 - Online and face-to-face course

Adjunct Instructor in Political Science

May 2022 – Present

- Intro to Comparative Politics; Politics of Latin America; Politics of Mexico
 - Online and face-to-face courses

Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science

November 2025-May 2026

- Research focused
 - Published op-eds on areas of interest
 - Wrote article for potential publications
 - Worked with FIU professors for their own research and publication
- Participated in student-led conferences and analysis on elections in South America
- Presented research to public audience (April 2026)

Graduate Teaching Assistant in Political Science

August 2020 – April 2023

- Assistant in several different courses including:
 - International Relations of Latin America
 - Ancient and Medieval Political Thought and Political Ideologies
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics and Politics of Russia
 - Introduction to American Government and State Government and Politics
 - Analytical Writing in Political Science and Political Violence and Revolution
 - Face-to-face and online courses

Teaching Assistantship in English department

September 2019-August 2020

- Taught Writing and Rhetoric classes
 - Courses for non-English majors

Adjunct Instructor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

March 2019-June 2019

- Taught course Intro to Latin American & Caribbean Studies
 - Face-to-face and online

Adjunct Instructor in Political Science

August 2017 – June 2019

- Taught courses including Politics of Latin America, Politics of South America, and Politics of Central America
 - Face-to-face, hybrid, and online

City College

Hollywood, FL and Fort Lauderdale, FL

Adjunct Instructor

April 2018 – June 2019

- Taught Critical Thinking and Sociology/Political Science courses.

San Ignacio University

Doral, FL

Adjunct Instructor May 2017 – August 2019

- Taught Western Civilization, World History, and Intro to Ethics classes.
 - Face-to-face and online courses

Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Miami, FL
General Education Instructor August 2013 – May 2017
January 2008 – May 2012

- Taught Cultural Diversity (Political Science/Sociology), History of Latin America, and Public Speaking.
 - English and Spanish programs
- Lead General Education Instructor (May 2015-May 2017)
 - Prepared/verified instructor files for compliance and accreditation

Florida International University Miami, FL
Teaching Assistant September 2005-April 2007

- Political Science Department
 - Miami Politics and Intro to Comparative Politics

Allegheny College Meadville, PA
Teaching Assistant September 2003-April 2004

- Spanish Department

AREAS OF INTEREST/SPECIALIZATIONS

Comparative Politics
Democratization/Corruption
South American Politics
Andean Politics/International Relations
Andean History
Andean Corruption
Politics of Mexico
Politics of Central America
Latin American History
Food culture of Latin America

PUBLICATIONS

Gomez, Matthew L. 2026. "Peru: Flash Point in US-China Rivalry." *Foreign Policy in Focus*, April 23, 2026. <https://fpif.org/peru-flash-point-in-us-china-rivalry/>

Gomez, Matthew L. 2026. "Why is Ecuador Partnering with Trump on Drugs?" *Foreign Policy in Focus*, March 10, 2026. <https://fpif.org/why-is-ecuador-partnering-with-trump-on-drugs/>

Gomez, Matthew L. and Lennier Lopez. 2022. "Unicameralismo y percepción de la corrupción: el caso del Perú." *Foro Cubano: Revista de Divulgación* 5, no. 20 (February).
https://revistas.usergioarboleda.edu.co/index.php/fc_divul/index

CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

January 2024. "*Bicameralism versus Unicameralism: Effects of Unicameral Reform on Perceptions of Corruption in South America.*" 2024 Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana: 1/13/2024.

October 2023. "*Latin America in the International Realm: Recent Events and Their Impact on the Latin American Region.*" 2023 MDSS Conference, Miami-Dade Public Schools. 10/27/2023.

April 2023. "*Bicameralism versus Unicameralism: Effects of Unicameral Reform on Perceptions of Corruption in South America.*" 2023 Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL: 4/14/2023.

----. Chair of Lighting Talk "Democracy, Democratization, and Authorization": 4/14/2023.

March 2023. *Bicameralismo contra unicameralismo: los efectos de la reforma unicameral sobre percepciones de corrupción en Sudamérica.* FLACSO presentation, Quito, Ecuador. 3/2/2023.

January 2023. "*Does the Word Make the Difference? A Content Analysis of Perceptions of Corruption & Latin America Within US Media.*" 2023 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida: 1/13/2023.

----. Chair and Discussant of panel "Politics & Latin America": 1/14/2023.

November 2022. "*COVID-19 and the rise of political outsiders in Latin America.*" 2022-2023 MDSS Conference, Miami-Dade Public Schools. 11/8/2022.

April 2022. "*Corruption and Government in South America.*" 2022 Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois: 4/7/2022. Presented virtually.

January 2022. "*Corruption and Government in South America.*" 2022 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Antonio, Texas: 1/13/2022. Presenter and Chair of panel "Political Institutions and Public Opinion."

August 2021: "*Recent Issues in South America Case Studies & COVID-19.*" 2021-2022 MDSS Virtual Conference, Miami-Dade Public Schools. 8/19/2021.

May 2021: "*Bicameralism versus Unicameralism in the fight against Corruption: The Case of Peru,*" 2021 Latin American Studies Association Virtual Conference: 5/29/2021.

April 2021: "*One Chamber or Two? Unicameralism and Corruption in South America,*" 2021 Midwestern Political Science Association Virtual Conference: 4/15/2021.

March 2021: "*Corruption and Polarization in South America,*" 2021 Tri-University Virtual

Conference: 3/19/2021.

January 2021: “*Bicameralism versus Unicameralism in the fight against Corruption: The Case of Peru,*” 2021 Southern Political Science Association Virtual Conference: 1/6/2021.

November 2019: 11/4/2019. “*Recent Issues in South America: Case Studies & Connections.*” 2019-20202 MDCSS Conference, Miami-Dade Public Schools: 11/4/2019.

January 2019: Digitizing the Americas: Exploring Cuba through Miami, Media, and Technology Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Florida International University: January 7-16, 2019

March 2006: “*El Chino y El Cholo: Anti-Drug Policies Between Alberto Fujimori and Alejandro Toledo.*” 2006 Bi-University Latin American & Caribbean Studies Conference, Florida International University

FUNDED RESEARCH

Bolivia: Spring 2007 (Thesis Research)

HONORS

Treasurer of PIRGSO Student Organization (2020-2021 Academic Year), Florida International University, Miami, FL

President of MALOKA Student Organization (2006-2007 Academic Year), MALACS, Florida International University, Miami, FL

LANGUAGES/TRAVELS

Native English

Fluent Spanish (Comprehension, Reading, Writing)

Rudimentary Portuguese (Comprehension, Reading)

Extensive travels/experience throughout South America/Latin America, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Puerto Rico

SKILLS

Programs: Blackboard, Canvas, Zoom

Software: Microsoft Office Suite, STATA, NVivo

CERTIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2021-Present

Southern Political Science Association: 2020-Present

Midwestern Political Science Association: 2020-Present

Latin American Studies Association: 2017-Present

Certified Higher Education Professional (CHEP), National Association of State Administrators
and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASHSPS): December 2016-Present
Florida Department of Education Certification: Summer 2013-Present
Public Notary: May 2010-Present

References Available Upon Request