

# GABRIELA CIRENIA OKUNDAYE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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- PhD.**, University of North Texas, 2022  
Committee: John Ishiyama (Chair), Lee Walker, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and Andrea Silva  
Dissertation: “*Pre-Migratory Experiences of Immigrants and the Political Effects of Suitcase Socialization*”  
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
- MA.**, University of North Texas, 2017  
Master of Arts, International Studies
- BA.**, University of North Texas, 2013  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Bachelor of Arts, History  
Minor, Spanish Language

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- Lecturer, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, August 2023 - Present
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, August 2022 - May 2023
- Online Instructor, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD, August 2022 - December 2022
- Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, July 2020 - August 2022

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Okundaye, Gabriela**, Ishiyama, John, and Silva, Andrea. 2022. “Premigratory political experiences with autocracy and violence and immigrants’ willingness to vote.” *Social Science Quarterly* 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13185>
- Breuning, Marijke, & **Okundaye, Gabriela**. 2021. Half of the Cabinet: Explaining Ethiopia’s Move to Gender Parity in the Government. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 56(5), 1064-1078. [doi.org/10.1177/00219096211007652](https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096211007652)
- Okundaye, Gabriela** & Breuning, Marijke 2021. “Is the Expansion of Women’s Access to Political Leadership Rewarded? Evidence from the Allocation of US Foreign Aid” *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*. DOI: [10.1080/1554477X.2021.1929599](https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2021.1929599)

## WORKING PAPERS

Updated July 2023

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“Corruption Carryover: Does Corruption in the Country of Origin Affect Views Towards Political Institutions in Countries of Residence?” - *submitted for review*

“Violence at Home and its Acceptability Abroad: Are Views of Violence Imported?” - *under review*

“Premigratory Experiences with Civil War Violence and Social Trust” - *under review*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Sexual Violence and Social Trust: Do Past Experiences Effect an Immigrant’s Social Trust?  
Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, March 2023

Do Leaders from Ethnic Minorities Unite the Nation Better? International Studies Association  
Annual Meeting, Montréal, CA March 2023

Sexual Violence and Social Trust: Do Experiences Effect an Immigrant’s Social Trust?  
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, CA March 2023

“Is There a Link Sexual Violence and Post-Conflict Women’s Rights?” Midwestern State  
University, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO,  
November 2022

“Premigratory Experiences with Civil War Violence and Social Trust” University of North Texas,  
International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2021

“Political Violence and Its Acceptability by First and Second Generation Immigrants” University  
of North Texas, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021

“Corruption Carryover: Does Coming from a Corrupt Home Country Lead to Less Favorable  
Views Towards the Host Country?” University of North Texas, International Studies Association -  
Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2020

“Assimilation and Conflict: Generation Differences Among Immigrants” University of North  
Texas, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November  
2019

“Access to the Highest Office: For Majorities or For Minorities as Well?” University of North  
Texas, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Denton, TX, November  
2019

“Women Leaders, Donor Perception, and Foreign Aid Allocation” Annual Meeting of the  
American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019

“Women Leaders and Foreign Aid Allocation: Do States with Female Heads of Government  
Receive More Aid?” with Marijke Breuning, University of North Texas, International Studies  
Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2018

## GRANTS & HONORS

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ISA Montréal 2023 Travel Grant - Spring 2023 - \$500

Emerging Scholars Panel, ISA - Midwest - Fall 2022 - \$250

UNT Political Science Department Travel Grant - Fall 2021 - \$500

UNT Political Science Department Doctoral Dissertation Grant - Spring 2021 - \$1500

UNT Political Science Department Travel Grant - Fall 2019 - \$500

Pay-It-Forward Workshop - ISA Midwest 2019 - \$100

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Visiting Assistant Professor**

American Government I & II, Midwestern State University, (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

Foundations of Political Science (Intro to Comparative Politics), Midwestern State University, (Fall 2022)

Human Rights, Midwestern State University, (Spring 2023)

Intro to Global Studies, Midwestern State University, (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

### **Instructor of Record**

Intro to Peace Studies, University of North Texas, (Summer 2022)

US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions, University of North Texas, (Summer 2020, Spring 2022)

### **Teaching Assistant**

US Political Behavior and Policy, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions, Teaching Assistant (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

### **Guest Lecturer**

“Foreign Policy in the United States of America” - April 2019

“Texas Politics: Political Parties and Voting” - April 2019

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Civil Conflict

Foreign Policy & Feminist Foreign Policy

Human Rights

Political Behavior

Political Violence

Pre-migratory Experiences of Immigrants and Immigrant Generations

Race and Ethnic Politics

Women in Politics/Women in Leadership

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Comparative Politics

Democratization  
Human Rights  
International Relations/Intro to Global Studies  
Intro to American Politics  
Political Violence and Conflict  
Race, Immigration, and Ethnic Politics

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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International Studies Association, Teaching Centric Institution Council (TCIC),  
Committee Member (2023 - Present)  
Committee Member

International Studies Association, Women's Caucus for International Studies (WCIS), Graduate  
Student Representative (April 2021 - April 2023)  
Communications Committee  
Representation Ad-Hoc Committee

American Political Scientist Association Migration and Citizenship Section, Social Media Chair  
(February 2021 - August 2022)

University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice President of  
Professionalization (July 2021 - June 2022)

University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice President of  
Departmental Relations (July 2020 - June 2021)

University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, President (July 2019 -  
June 2020)

University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Secretary-Treasurer  
(July 2018 - June 2019)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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International Studies Association, Storrs, CT  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Washington DC  
Western Political Science Association

## SPECIAL SKILLS

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Spanish language - Intermediate  
French language - Intermediate  
STATA  
R and R-Studio

## REFERENCES

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John Ishiyama - [John.Ishiyama@unt.edu](mailto:John.Ishiyama@unt.edu)  
Marijke Breuning - [Marijke.Breuning@unt.edu](mailto:Marijke.Breuning@unt.edu)  
Valerie Martinez-Ebers - Valerie - [Valerie.Martinez-Ebers@unt.edu](mailto:Valerie.Martinez-Ebers@unt.edu)  
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