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Education

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| Ph.D. Student, Social Psychology Minor in Quantitative Psychology University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | 2020-present |
| MA, Psychology New York University | 2020 |
| BA, Sociology Universidad de Chile | 2015 |

Additional Training

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| Internship in Experimental Research Centre for Experimental Social Science Nuffield College, University of Oxford | June 2015 |
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Awards and Honors

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| Graduate Student Travel Award SPSP Annual Convention | 2022 |
| Graduate Student Professional Development Award Department of Psychology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | 2020-2023 |
| Becas Chile – MA CONICYT Scholarship | 2018-2020 |

Journal Articles

- Vargas Salfate, S.** & Stern, C. (in press). Is Contact Among Social Class Groups Associated with Legitimation of Inequality? An Examination across 28 Countries. *British Journal of Social Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12692>
- Li, M., Adra, A., Yuen, S., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, Chan, K. M., & Baumert, A. (in press). Understanding Non-normative Civil Resistance Under Repression: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile. *Political Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12933>

Vargas Salfate, S., Khan, S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zuñiga, H. (2023). A Longitudinal Test of the Conservative-Liberal Wellbeing Gap. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 49(10), 1439-1453. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672221096587>

Rivera Pichardo, E., **Vargas Salfate, S.,** & Knowles, E. (2023). The Psychology of Colonial ideologies: Decoupling Pro-Egalitarian and Neo-Colonial Sources of Support for Puerto Rico Statehood. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 62(2) 743-767. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12591>

Vargas Salfate, S., Páez, D., Liu, J. H., Pratto, F., & Gil de Zúñiga, H. (2018). A comparison of social dominance theory and system justification: The role of social status in 19 Nations. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 44(7), 1060-1076. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0146167218757455>

Vargas Salfate, S., Paez, D., Khan, S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zuñiga, H. (2018). System justification enhances well-being: A longitudinal analysis of the palliative function of system justification in 18 countries. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 57(3), 567-590. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12254>

Vargas Salfate, S. (2017). The palliative function of hostile sexism among high and low-status Chilean students. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 8, 1733. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2017.01733>

Manuscripts Under Review

Vargas Salfate, S., Spielmann, J., & Briley, D.A. Do Ideologies Supporting the Status quo Have a Palliative Function? A Comparison Across Social Status Groups Using a Meta-Analytic Approach. *Invited resubmission at Psychological Bulletin*.

Vargas Salfate, S., Scheffauer, R., & Gil de Zuñiga, H. System Justification and Democracy: Is Liberal Democracy Part of the Status Quo? *Invited resubmission at Political Psychology*.

Vargas Salfate, S., Do Social Movements Advocating for Economic Inequality Affect Legitimation of Economic Inequality? An Examination in Chile. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Book Chapters

Rivera Pichardo, E., **Vargas Salfate, S.,** & Jost, J. T. (2022). Political Psychology in the Global South: Collective Memory, Intergroup Relations, Ideology, and Political Participation. In D. Osborne & C. G. Sibley (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology*.

Other Publications

Vargas Salfate, S., Paez, D., Oriol, X., Gondim, S., da Costa, S., & Techio, E. Nationalistic collective rituals, intergroup relations, and legitimation of national social systems. (2020) *International Review of Social Psychology*, 33(1). <https://doi.org/10.5334/irsp.291>

Vargas Salfate, S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zuñiga, H. (2020). Right-wing authoritarianism and national identification: The role of democratic context. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 32(2), 318-331. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edz026>

Vargas Salfate, S. & Miranda, R. (2020). Nationalism, patriotism, and legitimation of the national social systems. *Revista de Psicología – Perú*, 38(2), 423-450. <https://doi.org/10.18800/psico.202002.003>

Vargas Salfate, S. (2019). The role of personal control in the palliative function of system justification among indigenous and non-indigenous students. *Revista de Psicología Social / International Journal of Social Psychology*, 34(1), 168-201. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02134748.2018.1537650>

Mendiburo, A., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Rubio, A. (2017). Exposure to political disparagement humor and its impact on trust in politicians: How long does it last? *Frontiers in Psychology*, 8, 2236. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2017.02236>

Oyanedel, J. C., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Torres, F. (2016). Characterization about participation and attitudes toward politics in young Chileans. In J. C. Sanchez, R. Torres, & H. Guerrero (Eds.), *Youth, Democracy and Political Participation in Latin America* (pp. 51-74). Bogotá: Ediciones Universidad Santo Tomás/Grupo Editorial Ibáñez. [Spanish]

Vargas Salfate, S., Oyanedel, J. C., & Torres, J. (2015). Socialization and interest in politics among young Chileans. *Revista Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Niñez y Juventud*, 13(2), 781-794. [Spanish]

Invited Talks and Presentations

New York University Abu Dhabi: Social Psychology Area
University of Florida: Attitudes & Political Cognition Lab
Universidad de O'Higgins: Social Science Department

October 2023
September 2023
August 2023

Conference Presentations

Chaired Symposia

Vargas Salfate, S. & Stern, C. (2023, February 23). *Legitimizing economic inequality across the globe: Exploring antecedents and consequences*. SPSP Main Convention, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Talks

Vargas Salfate, S., Spielmann, J., & Briley, D.A. (2024, February 10). *Do Ideologies Supporting the Status quo Have a Palliative Function? A Comparison Across Social Status Groups Using a Meta-analytic Approach*. SPSP Main Convention, San Diego, CA, United States. [Accepted]

Vargas Salfate, S. & Stern, C. (2023, February 23). *Is intra- and inter-class contact associated with legitimation of economic inequality?* SPSP Main Convention, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Vargas Salfate, S. & Stern, C. (2023, April 21). *When are desired and perceived inequality linked? The role of social norms.* 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, United States.

Vargas Salfate, S., Khan, S. S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zúñiga, H. (2022, June 23). *Un análisis longitudinal de las diferencias en bienestar subjetivo entre conservadores y liberales [A Longitudinal Test of the Conservative-Liberal Wellbeing Gap]*. COES Conference – Cambio Social en Chile: Una Perspectiva Longitudinal, Santiago, Chile.

Vargas Salfate, S., Khan, S. S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zúñiga, H. (2022, February 17). *A Longitudinal Test of the Conservative-Liberal Wellbeing Gap.* SPSP Political Psychology Preconference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Rivera Pichardo, E., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Jost, J. T. (August 2020). *The Dark Duo Model in a Neo-Colonial Reality: Historical Negation and Symbolic Exclusion in Puerto Rico.* Presentation at International Society of Political Psychology Conference.

Vargas Salfate, S., Paez, D., Liu, J. H., Gil de Zúñiga, H., Pratto, F. (July 2018). *Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Analysis of System Justification in 19 Countries.* Presentation at International Society of Political Psychology Conference, San Antonio, United States.

Vargas Salfate, S. (October, 2017). *A social status comparison of the palliative function of ideology.* Presentation at Chilean Congress of Psychology, La Serena, Chile.

Posters

Vargas Salfate, S. & Stern, C. (2023, February 22). *When are desired and perceived inequality linked? The role of social norms.* Poster Presentation at SPSP Political Psychology Preconference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Vargas Salfate, S. & Jost, J. T. (May, 2020). *The subjective appeal of ideology: The role of personal control, social status, and inequality.* Poster presentation at the 24rd Annual Psychology Research Conference at New York University.

Rivera Pichardo, E., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Jost, J. T. (February 2020). *The Dark Duo Model in a Neo-Colonial Reality: Historical Negation and Symbolic Exclusion in Puerto Rico.* Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, United States.

Vargas Salfate, S. (May, 2019). *Nationalistic collective rituals, intergroup relationships, and legitimation of social systems.* Poster presentation at the 23rd Annual Psychology Research Conference at New York University.

Vargas Salfate, S., Paez, D., Khan, S., Liu, J. H., & Gil de Zuñiga, H. (April, 2018). *The role of status in the palliative function of ideology and its relationship with personal control.* Poster presentation at Congress of Chilean Scientific Society of Psychology, La Serena, Chile.

Teaching

Instructor

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Research Methods in Social Psychology

Fall 2022

Universidad Andres Bello
Research Methods II (BA in Education)

Fall 2018

Universidad Andres Bello
Introduction to Research (BA in Education)

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Introduction to Social Psychology

Fall 2023-
Summer 2023

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Research Methods in Social Psychology

Spring 2022

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination

Fall 2021

New York University
Research Methods (MA in Psychology)

Spring 2020

Advising

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision (Melany Romero) 2023-2024
Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Alliance (Cherise Castello) 2023
Four Undergraduate Research Assistants 2022-2024

Certificates

Mentoring Certificate 2023
Graduate College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

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| Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy | Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin |
| British Journal of Social Psychology | Political Psychology |
| European Journal of Social Psychology | Journal of Experimental Social Psychology |
| Social Psychological and Personality Science | |

Editorial Board Member

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| British Journal of Social Psychology | 2023-present |
| Political Psychology | 2021-present |

Conference Reviewing

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| Society for Personality and Social Psychology Division 8 (Annual APA convention) – Posters | 2021-2023 |
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Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association
Chilean Scientific Society of Psychology [Sociedad Científica de Psicología de Chile]
International Society for Justice Research
International Society of Political Psychology
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Current Projects

* Undergraduate mentee

Vargas Salfate, S. & Stern, C. *When is legitimization of inequality associated with perception of inequality? The role of social norms.*

Vargas Salfate, S., *Romero, M., & Stern, C. *Meritocracy and societal justice.*

Vargas Salfate, S. & Kurdi, B. *Associations between social class and race: Implications for social class identification.*

Vargas Salfate, S. & Cohen, D. *Is collective action associated with social movements? A psychosocial approach.*

Vargas Salfate, S., Hartwich, L., & Becker, J. C. *Social class and legitimization of economic inequality: The role of individualism.*

Vargas Salfate, S. *Do social movements advocating for economic equality affect legitimization of economic inequality? An examination in Chile.*

Glasford, D., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Rivera Pichardo, E. *Affirmation of procedures as a mechanism to legitimize inequalities.*

Rivera Pichardo, E., **Vargas Salfate, S.**, & Knowles, E. *Effects of a critical history intervention on partisan instrumentalization and support for Puerto Rico statehood among U.S. Democrats.*