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Research interests: political behavior and political communication; gender and political voice; computational text-as-data; Latin American politics.

Education

Ph.D., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park (expected 2027)
Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies, University of Maryland (2025)
M.A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park (2024)
M.S., International Policy Analysis and Management, PUC-Rio, Brazil (2022)
B.S., International Relations, Rio de Janeiro State University (2017)

Additional Training

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), University of Pennsylvania (2023)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2. (2026) Batista, Carolina F. T., Ernesto Calvo, and Shibley Telhami. "The Use of Confirmation and Refutation Frames in Fact-Checking War-Related Misinformation." *Research & Politics* 13(1).
1. (2026) Batista da Silva, Flávia, Carolina F. T. Batista, and Ernesto Calvo. "Partisan Messages and Support for Democratic Institutions: Evidence from Survey Experiments in Brazil, Chile, and Colombia." *Latin American Politics and Society* 68(1): 122 to 142.

Book Chapters

1. (2025) Batista, Carolina F. T., and Ernesto Calvo. "Switching Off." In *The Law and Politics of Constitution Making*, 285 to 301. Routledge.

Under Review

Batista, Carolina F. T. "The Winner-Loser News Gap Is a Male Gap: Gendered Responsiveness to Electoral Outcomes."

Batista, Carolina F. T., and Ernesto Calvo. "What Lost Elections Tell Us about the Demand for News."

Alvarado, Juan Diego, Carolina F. T. Batista, Rojin Ziaei, Ernesto Calvo, and Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia. "The Electoral Business Cycle of Wikipedia."

Works in Progress

Batista, Carolina F. T. "Speaking of Abortion: What Voices Reveal about Gender and Moral Punishment."

Batista, Carolina F. T., Ernesto Calvo, and Guadalupe Gonzales. "Suspense, Surprise, and the Winner-Loser Gap in News Consumption."

Fellowships and Awards

Flagship Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$60,000), 2022 to 2026

Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000), 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

GVPT Methods Field Grant, University of Maryland (2023)

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Political Philosophy: Ancient and Modern (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2026.
Designed and delivered a six-week asynchronous online course.

Teaching Assistant

Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Ph.D.), University of Maryland, Fall 2026

Multilevel Analysis (Ph.D.), University of Maryland, Fall 2026

International Political Relations (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Spring 2026

Guest Lecture

"The Winner-Loser News Gap Is a Male Gap." GVPT 729B (graduate seminar), University of Maryland, December 2, 2024.

Invited Talks

"The Winner-Loser News Gap Is a Male Gap." LACS Graduate Lecture Series, University of Maryland, November 19, 2025.

Conference Presentations

"Resilient Women, Reactive Men: Gendered News Engagement in Elections." American Political Science Association, September 2026.

"Suspense, Surprise, and the Winner-Loser Gap in News Consumption." American Political Science Association, September 2026.

"Speaking of Abortion: What Voices Reveal about Gender and Moral Punishment." Midwest Political Science Association, April 2026.

"Resilient Women, Reactive Men: Gendered News Engagement in Elections." Midwest Political Science Association, April 2025.

"Newsworthy Winners: Media Attention and a Narrowed Field of Candidates." Midwest Political Science Association, April 2025.

“What Lost Elections Tell Us about the Demand for News.” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2024; 8th Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, October 2023.

“Partisan Messages and Support for Democratic Institutions.” HCIL Brown Bag Talk, April 2023; GVPT Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2023.

RCN: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Studying the Causal Effects of Social and Digital Media. Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University, May 2025.

Research Positions

Graduate Research Assistant, All Minorities at Risk (AMAR) project, University of Maryland (PI: Johanna Birnir), 2024 to 2025.

Graduate Research Assistant, Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Computational Social Science, University of Maryland (PI: Ernesto Calvo), 2022 to 2024.

Skills

Methods: causal inference, survival analysis, generalized linear and additive models, panel and time-series cross-sectional analysis, text-as-data, digital trace data, web scraping and API-based collection, large-scale data cleaning and merging.

Programming: R, Python, LaTeX, Git, Qualtrics.

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), French (basic).

Service

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland.

Prior Professional Experience

Market Intelligence Analyst, Ternium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2017 to 2022. Political and economic reporting, data analysis, and project management.

M.B.A., Ibmecc, Rio de Janeiro (2020)

B.S., Business Administration, Estácio de Sá University, Rio de Janeiro (2019)

References

Available upon request.