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Dr. Martinez is an expert on human rights, criminal organizations and post-conflict societies in Latin America.

Biography

An Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the University of Mary Washington, Melissa Martinez teaches courses on Latin America and human rights. She specializes in human rights and violent non-state actors in Latin America. Dr. Martinez has co-authored publications in the journals Political Science Quarterly and PS: Political Science and Politics. She also received the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award from the Southwestern Political Science Association. She is currently working on a few manuscripts that examine how naming and shaming countries over violations committed by state and non-state perpetrators affect changes in human rights violations. In addition, Dr. Martinez will be virtually presenting a paper this year called "Compliance from the Northern Triangle at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights" at the American Political Science Association. This paper examines why the states of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala comply with certain rulings from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Areas of Expertise

Post-Conflict Societies in Latin America, Human Rights, Criminal Organizations

Affiliations

Latin American Studies Association , American Political Science Association , Midwest Political Science Association , International Studies Association

Event Appearances

Compliance from the Northern Triangle in the Regional Court
American Political Science Association's virtual meeting

Discussant

Human Rights Research Conference

Interactive dialogue in the UNHRC: ?Who condemns in an intergovernmental platform??
International Studies Association Annual Convention

How does International Pressure Affect Human Rights Charges?
International Studies Association Annual Convention

Protests in Post-Conflict Societies
Midwest Political Science Association

Military and Police Visibility after Naming and Shaming
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting

Social and Institutional Trust in Resource Cursed States: Data from Africa and Latin America
Southwestern Social Science Association

Education

University of North Texas
Ph.D. International Relations and Comparative Politics

University of North Texas
M.A. Political Science

St. Mary's University
B.A. International Relations

Accomplishments

Peace Science Society Graduate Student Travel Grant
2017

American Political Science Association Travel Grant
2017

Dissertation Research Award, University of North Texas
2016

Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas
2016, 2018

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, Southwestern Political Science Association
2015

Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, University of North Texas
2014 - 2018

Raupe Travel Grant, University of North Texas
2013, 2016

Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship, University of North Texas
2012 - 2014

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