

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Laura Mendez**

**Education**

**Ph.D. Political Science (2024)**

**Kent State University, Kent, OH, United States**

Areas of emphasis: transnational comparative politics and conflict management and analysis

Dissertation title: Phantom Bootstraps: Self-Help Discourse in Development Aid

Committee Chair: Julie Mazzei, Kent State University

**Master of Public Administration (2016)**

**New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, United States**

Minor in Government.

Thesis title: Does Foreign Aid Influence Trade? An Examination of the Relationship between the U.S. Aid and Trade, Using a Panel Data Approach

Committee Chair: Daniel Chand, New Mexico State University

**Visiting Postgraduate Student, University of Birmingham (2015)**

**Department of Political Science and International Studies**

Birmingham, United Kingdom

**B.S in Economics (2013)**

**Universidad de La Salle, Bogota, Colombia**

Thesis title: Analysis of the impact of the presence of people with disabilities on the labor participation of the family using the perspective of the New Economics of the Family. Case study 2007 – 2010



Research funds in support for dissertation work. Research examines the relationship between foreign aid policies and decision-

