

# Meet the 2024 Sosa-Riddell Mentor Award Recipients

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The [Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Mentor Award](#) is presented annually by the [APSA Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession](#) to recognize the exemplary mentoring of Latino y Latina students and junior faculty each year. The award is named in honor of Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell, the first Latina to earn a PhD in political science. APSA was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Sosa-Riddell in August 2023. The Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas honored her legacy and contributions to both the Latino/a community and the discipline as a whole at the 2024 APSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Drs. Ricardo Ramirez and Jesse Acevedo were awarded for exemplary mentoring of undergraduate students. Dr. Andrea Silva was awarded for exemplary mentoring of graduate students. Drs. Ines Valdez and Tony Carey were awarded for exemplary mentoring of junior faculty.

## JESSE ACEVEDO

[Jesse Acevedo](#) is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Denver. He obtained his PhD in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2016 and is a past recipient of the APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship. His research focuses on political economy, democratization, and international migration, with a particular interest in the political economy of emigration and remittances in developing countries. His current research examines the political consequences of emigration and remittances on political attitudes and behaviors in Central America.

The APSA Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession once again thanks Dr. Acevedo for his tireless dedication to undergraduate students and offers its thanks for his commitment to bettering the political science discipline.

## RICARDO RAMIREZ

[Ricardo Ramirez](#) is an associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame. He is the director of the Hesburgh Program in Public Service. He is past President of the Western Political Science Association. He received his BA, cum laude, from UCLA and his PhD in political science from Stanford University. His research focuses on the effects of political context on participation, the political mobilization of minority populations, and the causes and consequences of increasing diversity

among elected officials.

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## ANDREA SILVA

[Andrea Silva](#) is an associate professor of political science at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She studies race and ethnic politics and Latino and immigration politics in the U.S. Dr. Silva's research focuses on how institutions shape political participation among marginalized groups, particularly immigrants and people of color. Her work investigates the dynamics of state level immigration policy and their impact on immigrant and minority communities on topics such as licensing, education, and, most recently, food insecurity. Her forthcoming book investigates how direct democracy mechanisms influence state immigration policies, arguing for their significant role in shaping legislative outcomes and state-level political behaviors.

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## INÉS VALDEZ

[Inés Valdez](#) is an associate professor of political science at Johns Hopkins University. Her research is on the tradition of Latinx and Latin American Political Thought, the thought of W. E. B. Du Bois, and on Kant and neo-Kantian cosmopolitanism. Thematically, she works on transnationalism, capitalism, ecology, migration, and empire. Her award-winning work has appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Kantian Review*, and *Perspectives on Politics*, among other outlets. Her last book, *Democracy and Empire: Labor, Nature, and the Reproduction of Capitalism*, was published in 2023 by Cambridge University Press and received an honorable mention from the Sussex International Theory Prize.

The APSA Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession once again thanks Dr. Valdez for her tireless dedication to junior faculty members and offers its thanks for her commitment to bettering the political science discipline. ■