

AMERICA R. GAVIRIA PABON

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EDUCATION

The University of Oklahoma

January 2023-present Norman, OK

Ph.D. in Geography and Environmental Sustainability

The University of Oklahoma

January 2021-December 2023 Norman, OK

M.S. in Geography and Environmental Sustainability

University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

2015-2020 Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

B.S. in Physical Sciences

RESEARCH

Graduate Research Assistant

Spring 2023-present

Cooperative Institute for Severe and High-Impact Weather Research and Operations The University of Oklahoma

Work with scientific research projects in the areas of bilingual weather risk communication and severe weather events. Conduct interviews during field work with vulnerable communities affected by severe weather events. Develop surveys related to weather risk information for Spanish speaking communities. Mentors: Dr. Makenzie J. Krocak

Graduate Research Assistant

Spring 2021-present

Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis

The University of Oklahoma

Work with scientific research projects in the areas of bilingual weather risk communication, severe, winter and tropical weather, social science and Vulnerability. Perform literature review, reference reports and write scientific papers. Help develop surveys related to weather risk information in English and Spanish.

Mentor: Dr. Joseph T. Ripberger

Summer Intern

Summer 2022

National Center for Atmospheric Research

Boulder, Colorado

I was part of NCAR's first Graduate Visitor Bridge Program. I worked on a small research project related to my master's thesis topic. Analyze survey data in R. Literature Review. Connected and networked with professionals at NCAR.

Mentor: Dr. Julie Demuth

Summer Intern

Summer 2020

National Weather Center

The University of Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma

Research topic: **Understanding the correlation between NWS impact-based Flash Flood Warning categories and various NWS flash flood tools**

Classified a database of recent flash flood events based on their perceived impact categories by looking at reports, event summaries and information from social media. After this, I calculated statistics to determine the distribution of flash flood events based on their impacts. The goal of the project was to provide forecasters with information that can help increase their confidence during warning decisions.

Mentors: Jill Hardy, Dr. Jonathan J. Gourley, Todd Lindley

Undergraduate Research

Spring 2020

Department of Social Sciences

University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

Research topic: **Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience on Climate Change.**

Perform a context analysis on a climate change law in Puerto Rico. Wrote about climate change and the effects on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

Mentor: Dr. Tania Lopez Marrero

Undergraduate Research

Physics Department

January 2019- December 2019

Universtiy of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

Research topic: **Amazon Smoke Plum**

Collect and analyze data of carbon monoxide over the South American region to comprehend its concentration due to different causes like biomass burning, deforestation and the dry season cycle using tools such as MERRA2, MOPITT and AIRS.

Mentor: Dr. Mark Jury

Undergraduate Research

Physics Department

Spring 2019

University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

Research topic: **Upper Air Weather Balloon Launch**

Prepare a weather balloon for a weekly launch to describe and understand the behavior of the atmosphere through data and analysis of a Skew-T. Prepare a weather forecast using this information and additional data from satellite and radar images, and the NWS in San Juan.

Mentor: Dr. Hector Jimenez

FELLOWSHIPS

The William Averette Anderson Fund (BAF Fellowship)

Fall 2024–Present

Selected as a Bill Anderson Fund (BAF) Fellow, a national program that supports underrepresented minorities in the field of hazards and disaster research through mentorship, professional development, and networking opportunities.

SKILLS

Proficient in Spanish and English

R programming basic statistics

Survey Design and Development

Research and Interviewing

Computer proficiency

Leadership experience

WORKSHOPS

Mind the Gap: A Workshop to Promote Educating the Next Generation of Atmospheric Scientists for Industry Needs

July 10th to July 12th, 2019

National Center for Atmospheric Research

Boulder, Colorado

A three day workshop where students, academia and private sector in the atmospheric sciences came together to better prepare the students for the wide range careers in atmospheric sciences. Discuss the gaps within these three sectors and how to address them.

Undergraduate Leadership Workshop

June 3rd to June 9th, 2018

National Center for Atmospheric Research

Boulder, Colorado

One week of workshops in communication, listening, leadership skills and team work. Also had the opportunity to network with people in the scientific community.

PUBLICATIONS

Bitterman, A., J. Ripberger, M. Krocak, C. Silva, H. Jenkins-Smith, J. Trujillo-Falcón, **A. Gaviria Pabón**, and S. Ernst, 2024: Continuing the Baseline: Public Receptions, Understanding, and Responses to Severe Weather Forecasts and Warnings for U.S. Spanish Speakers. Harvard Dataverse, V1, <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/JFLKOJ>.

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Bitterman, A., Ripberger, J.T., Silva, C., Jenkins-Smith, H., Trujillo-Falcón, J.E., **Gaviria-Pabon, A.R.**, Krocak, M.J., 2023: "Expanding the Baseline: Public Receptions, Understanding, and Responses to Severe Weather Forecasts and Warnings for U.S. Spanish Speakers", <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/Q5SCBB>, Harvard Dataverse, V1, UNF:6:F9dSa13iadKDjn6jpeaw1Q== [fileUNF]

Gaviria-Pabón, A. R., 2022: The role of disaster subcultures in Spanish-speaking Hispanic/Latino immigrants in the United States. Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Oklahoma, 187 pp. <https://shareok.org/handle/11244/336948>.

Trujillo-Falcón, J. E., **A. R. Gaviria Pabón**, J. T. Ripberger, A. Bitterman, J. B. Thornton, M. J. Krocak, S. R. Ernst, E. Cassiani Obeso, and J. Lipski, 2022: ¿Aviso o alerta? Developing effective, inclusive, and consistent watch and warning translations for U.S. Spanish speakers. *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, Early Online Release, <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-22-0050.1>.

Jury, M. R., and **A. R. Gaviria Pabón**, 2021: Dispersion of smoke plumes over South America. *Earth Interactions*, 25, 1–14, <https://doi.org/10.1175/EI-D-20-0004.1>.