

Violeta López Molina

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University | Evanston, IL

September 2026

PhD in Philosophy and Critical Theory

The University of Chicago | Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts; Major in Philosophy & Political Science

September 2022 – June 2026

Master of Arts in the Social Sciences (MAPSS); Concentration in Social Thought

September 2025 – June 2026

GPA: 3.98/4.0

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

Published Paper “Being-with Under Enframing: Solitude and Modern Technology” | Critique (Durham University) *Forthcoming*
Author

- Accepted for publication in the journal's *New Beginnings* issue for a paper relating Heidegger's philosophy of technology to the present.

Published Paper “Freedom as Self-Determination: The Hegelian Structure of the Will” | Episteme Philosophy Journal *July 2026*
Author

- Published in the University of Minnesota's philosophy journal for a paper giving an account of Hegel's theory of the intelligible will

Published Paper “Interpellation in the Colonial Context” | The Garden of Ideas; Confluence Journal

Author *August 2025; February 2026*

- Accepted for publication in two philosophy journals for a paper examining Althusser's theory of ideology & Fanon's decolonial critique

Bilingual Publication “Death, Existentialism and Literature” | Grey Zones Global Forum

Author *July 2025*

- Selected contributor; examined Lispector & Di Benedetto's books to reflect on the intertwining between life, death, & meaning

Research Article “Prisoner Education Offers a Way Out” | Impartial, Inc.

Author *August 2023*

- Conducted qualitative interview-based research, attended court hearing, & published findings on the impact of prison education

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference | Siena Heights University

Graduate Presenter *April 17–19, 2026*

- Presented an original paper connecting interpellation to contemporary debates on resistance in an interdisciplinary philosophy setting

Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (MUPC) | Creighton University

Presenter *April 5, 2025*

- Selected via blind review to present original paper on interpellation; engaged with philosophy faculty & peers from 7+ universities

Minorities & Philosophy (MAP) Conference | University of Chicago

Undergraduate Presenter *May 16, 2025*

- Presented original paper on Paulo Freire's critical pedagogy; translating complex theory for a non-specialist audience

Night of Ideas | University of Chicago, Philosophy Department

Facilitator & Presenter *September 2024 – June 2026*

- Curate quarterly events; presented research on phenomenology of ordinary life; interview presenters; moderate Q&As (~60 attendees)

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Maroon Mentorship Program, Center for College Student Success (CCSS) | University of Chicago

Lead Mentor *June 2023 – present*

- Empower FLI first-year students via weekly 1:1 mentorship, personalized academic/career advising, & monthly community events

English Lessons to Spanish-speaking Staff | United World College Costa Rica

Volunteer Teacher *Dec 2020 – June 2022*

- Designed beginner English curriculum for Nicaraguan maintenance staff; taught 1:1 & group workplace-communication tutorials

Note-Taking SDS Assistance | University of Chicago

Notetaker *March 2023 – January 2026*

- Produce weekly, tailored course notes & learned to craft accessible materials using Goodnotes, graphics, & summaries through SDS

South-American Philosophy Workshop | Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

Teaching Assistant *May 2024*

- Co-designed a 5-day syllabus for eight participants with faculty; led 2 discussions on Latin American critiques of Western thought

AWARDS & HONORS

Summa cum laude (2026) · Phi Beta Kappa (2025) · Pi Sigma Alpha (2026) · Dean's List (2022-26) · Gary Becker Scholar, Social Sciences Division (2025) · Georgiana Simpson Scholar, Humanities Division (2025) · R.M. Hutchins Scholar (2024) · Harvard PS-Prep Honoree (2024) · Davis UWC Scholar (2022) · Outstanding Delegate MUN (2022) · Global Citizen Scholar (2021) · UWC Argentina Scholar (2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago | Chicago, IL

Research Assistant to Robert B. Pippin

June 2026 – August 2026

- Edited & formatted manuscript of a philosophy book for publication, ensuring consistency in citations, footnotes & bibliography

UChicago Press | Chicago, IL

Book Acquisitions Intern

June 2025 – September 2025

- Conducted an independent research project on gender equity in academic publishing, analyzing catalog data & editorial practices
- Assisted acquisitions editors by preparing editorial committee materials, image permissions, market research, & award submissions

C230 Consulting Group / Fundación IDEA | Mexico City

Research Intern

August 2025 – October 2025

- Supported USAID-funded project on labor reform between Mexico & US, translating & synthesizing materials for consulting team

Consulate of Argentina in Chicago | Chicago, IL

Assistant to Diplomats on Roster

May 2024 – August 2024

- Gained diplomacy experience reporting bilateral relations, developing a new citizen status database & digitizing consular archives

American Bar Foundation (ABF) | Chicago, IL

Communications & Sociolegal Research Intern

June 2024 – September 2024

- Collaborated with scholars to synthesize sociolegal research into accessible publications, authoring press releases & newsletters

Impartial. Inc Non-Profit | Raleigh, NC

Investigative Journalist & Artwork Project Manager

June 2023 – September 2024

- Designed a pilot prisoner artwork program in collaboration with 6 law schools & 3 art museums to humanize prisoners
- Conducted in-depth research on criminal justice issues & authored 4 original interview-based articles to support prison reform

Political Science Department (FCPyS, UNCuyo) | Mendoza, Argentina

Academic Translator

July 2022 – September 2023

- Translated 20+ abstracts & short papers from English to Spanish, contributing to two political theory faculty research projects

Young Invincibles Non-Profit | Chicago, Illinois

Policy & Advocacy Intern

May 2023 – September 2023

- Drafted 9+ research briefs & facilitated 2 workshops, leading to policy victories in healthcare & education access for unprivileged youth

Ex Libris Café | University of Chicago

Shift Lead & Barista

September 2022 – June 2026

- Trained 20+ baristas, designed seasonal menus, & supervised daily operations to improve workflow & customer experience

ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate Philosophy Review | University of Chicago

Associate Editor

May 2025 – June 2026

- Participated in weekly editorial board meetings to brainstorm thematic journal issues, potential essay topics & website design

Women's Ensemble | University of Chicago

Singer

September 2025 – June 2026

- Rehearsed weekly with a 40-member choir performing multilingual & cross-cultural repertoires; perform in 5 concerts annually

Chicago Journals of History (CJH) & Sociology (CJS) | University of Chicago

Board Member & Editor

October 2022 – June 2026

- Selected, edited, & close-read four undergraduate theses annually for publication, enhancing clarity, citations, & argumentative rigor
- Collaborated in five-member editorial teams per article, guiding authors to ensure compliance with academic publishing standards

Tight Knit Club | University of Chicago

Board Member

April 2023 – June 2026

- Planned & directed monthly beginner-friendly workshops & knitting nights, building community for fiber arts & crafts on campus

International Development Society (IDS) | University of Chicago

Board Member

September 2022 – June 2026

- Furthered debating skills by leading discussions on development topics (ie, education, economy) with other +20 international students

Institute of Politics (IOP): Women + in Public Service Program | University of Chicago

Board Member & Facilitator

January 2023 – December 2024

- Organized monthly host speakers' seminars on public service & social justice issues within a diverse community of gender minorities

Philosophy Club | United World College Costa Rica

Founder & President

November 2020 – May 2022

- Created & cultivated the first co-curricular space for philosophy discussions on campus with participants from +70 countries

LANGUAGES, SKILLS & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), German (beginner)

Skills: Qualitative methods, academic translation, Power BI, STATA, MS Office, WordPress, graphic design (Illustrator, Canva)

Interests: Social thought; critical & decolonial theory; Post-Kantian European philosophy; phenomenology; existentialism; psychoanalysis