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Academic Positions

The George Washington University
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2025-Present
Affiliate, Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics, 2025-Present

Stanford University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Polarization Research Lab, 2023-2025

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D., Political Science, March 2023
Committee: Chris Tausanovitch (Chair), Jeffrey Lewis, Daniel Thompson, and Lynn Vavreck
M.S., Statistics, March 2023

Rice University
B.A., Political Science & Philosophy, 2016

Publications

1. Holliday, Derek, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. 2025. "Why Depolarization is Hard: Evaluating Attempts to Decrease Partisan Animosity in America." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 122 (39).
2. Tausanovitch, Chris and Derek Holliday. Forthcoming. "Income, Education, and Policy Priorities." *Political Science Research and Methods*.
3. Holliday, Derek, Justin Grimmer, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. 2025. "Who are the Election Skeptics? Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." *Election Law Journal* 24 (1): 1-17.
4. Holliday, Derek, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. 2024. "The July 2024 Trump Assassination Attempt was Followed by Lower In-Group Support for Partisan Violence and Increased Group Unity." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121 (49).
5. Holliday, Derek, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. 2024. "Affective Polarization is Uniformly Distributed Across American States." *PNAS Nexus* 3 (10).
6. Holliday, Derek, Shanto Iyengar, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. 2024. "Uncommon and nonpartisan: Antidemocratic attitudes in the American public." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121 (13).

7. Hamel, Brian and Derek Holliday. 2024. "Unequal Responsiveness in City Service Delivery: Evidence from 42 Million 311 Calls." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 19 (3): 243-274.
8. Guerin, Rebecca J., Arash Naeim, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea H. Okun, Derek Holliday, and Lynn Vavreck. 2022. "Parental intentions to vaccinate children against COVID-19: Findings from a U.S. National Survey." *Vaccine* 41 (1): 101-108.
9. Naeim, Arash, Rebecca Guerin, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea Okun, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette Stanton, Aaron Rudkin, Derek Holliday, Alexander Russell Hayes, and Lynn Vavreck. 2022. "Strategies to increase the intention to get vaccinated against COVID-19: Findings from a nationally representative survey of US adults, October 2020 to October 2021." *Vaccine* 40 (52): 7571-7578.

Under Review

1. D.C. On My Mind: National Considerations in State and Local Political Decisions (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Politics*, with Aaron Rudkin)
2. Anti-Democratic Condemnation has Limited and Inconsistent Effects on Vote Choice and Democratic Attitudes (with Erin Walk, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood)
3. A Republic, If You Like It: Policy Preferences Condition Perceptions of Democracy (with Sean J. Westwood)
4. Skepticism and Common Ground in Political Reform: Navigating Public, Elite, and Partisan Divides (with Gavin Ploger, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood)

Other Writing

1. Holliday, Derek, Tyler Reny, Alex Russell Hayes, Aaron Rudkin, Chris Tausanovitch, and Lynn Vavreck. 2021. "Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape Methodology and Representativeness Assessment."

Research Positions

University of California, Los Angeles

- Research Analyst – UCLA COVID-19 Health and Politics Project, 2021-2023
- Project Coordinator – Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape Election Survey, 2019-2021

American Institutes for Research

- Research Assistant – NAEP Reporting and Dissemination Team & PIAAC Research Team, 2016-2017

Invited Talks

- Stanford University American Politics Workshop (2024)
- Bay Area Polarization Workshop (2024)

Conference Presentations

- APSA (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 – Virtual Meeting, 2024)
- MPSA (2022, 2024)
- Notre Dame Keeping the Republic Conference (2024)

Awards and Fellowships

- Christopher Z. Mooney Best Dissertation Prize
APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2024
- Rapoport Doctoral Dissertation Grant
Rapoport Family Foundation, 2022 (\$5,000)
- SPPQ Best Paper Award
APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2022
- Swarr Prize for Best Unpublished Paper
UCLA Department of Political Science, 2022
- Dissertation Year Fellowship
UCLA, 2022-2023 (\$20,000)
- Travel Grant
APSA, 2022 (\$150)
- Political Psychology Fellowship
UCLA, 2020 and 2022 (\$3,000)
- Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship
UCLA, 2019-2020 (\$20,000), Summers 2018 and 2019 (\$12,000)

Teaching

The George Washington University

- Multilevel and Panel Models (Graduate Course)
- Topics in Empirical and Formal Political Analysis (Graduate Course)
- The Nationalization of U.S. Politics
- Campaigns and Elections

University of California, Los Angeles

Instructor

- Representation in State and Local Politics, Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant

- Bayesian Statistics and MCMC Methods for Social Science (Graduate Course), Spring 2022
- Methodologies in Communication Research, Spring 2021
- Collective Choice and Majority Rules, Spring 2019
- Introduction to American Politics, Winter 2019
- Congress, Fall 2018

University of California, Riverside Extension

Teaching Assistant – Data Science with R (Professional Certificate), Summer 2019

Service

The George Washington University

- Quantitative Methods Subfield Committee Member, 2025-

University of California, Los Angeles

- Political Science R Maven, 2020-2023
- Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) President, 2019-2020
- PSGSA Admissions Committee Representative, 2018-2019
- Political Science American Politics Lab Chair, 2018-2020

Referee

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Political Analysis, Political Science Research and Methods, PNAS Nexus, Public Opinion Quarterly, Politics Groups and Identities, American Politics Research, Social Science Quarterly