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Academic Positions

The George Washington University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2025–Present

Research Fellow, Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics, 2026–Present (Affiliate, 2025–2026)

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

11. Ploger, Gavin, **Derek Holliday**, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood. Conditionally Accepted. "Skepticism and Common Ground in Political Reform: Navigating Public, Elite, and Partisan Divides." *Nature Communications*.
10. **Holliday, Derek** and Aaron Rudkin. Forthcoming. "DC On My Mind: Voter Evaluations of Nationalized Policy Positions in State and Local Elections." *Journal of Politics*.
9. Tausanovitch, Chris and **Derek Holliday**. 2026 "Income, Education, and Policy Priorities." *Political Science Research and Methods* 14 (1): 177-189.
8. **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).
7. **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.
6. **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).
4. **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).
3. 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.
2. 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.
1. Naeim, Arash, Rebecca Guerin, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea Okun, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette Stanton, Aaron Rudkin, **Derek Holliday**, Alexander Rossell 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. Anti-Democratic Condemnation has Limited and Inconsistent Effects on Vote Choice and Democratic Attitudes (Revise and Resubmit at *British Journal of Political Science* with Erin Walk, Yphtach Lelkes, and Sean J. Westwood)
2. America's Political Pulse, a database of democratic attitudes across all levels of U.S. government (Revise and Resubmit at *Scientific Data*, with Yphtach Lelkes, Ellie M. Mitchell, and Sean J. Westwood)
3. A Republic, If You Like It: Policy Preferences Condition Perceptions of Democracy (with Sean J. Westwood)
4. Shared Standards, Divided Verdicts: How Party Identity Shapes Perceptions of Domestic Terrorism (with Sean J. Westwood)

Other Writing

1. **Holliday, Derek**, Tyler Reny, Alex Rossell 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), Fall 2025
- The Nationalization of U.S. Politics, Fall 2025
- Topics in Empirical and Formal Political Analysis (Graduate), Spring 2026
- Campaigns and Elections, Spring 2026

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), 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–Present

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, rapidPeer