

# WILLIAM HALM

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## EDUCATION

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**University of California–Berkeley** August 2024 to Present  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Sub-fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology & Formal Theory, Political Behavior

**Wesleyan University** May 2022  
Bachelor of Arts, High Honors in Government  
Minor in Data Analysis, Certificate in Writing  
GPA: 3.96/4.00; Major GPA: 4.00/4.00

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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public opinion, party politics, populism, racial and ethnic politics, democratic backsliding

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Title VIII Fellowship, Indiana University** 2024  
Rescinded by order of Secretary Marco Rubio.

**Winner, C-DEM Survey Module Competition** 2023  
Co-author: Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn); awarded survey space to ask questions on electoral politics, trust in government, and political efficacy.

**Winner, Polarization Research Lab Survey Module Competition** 2022  
Co-author: Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn); awarded survey space to ask questions on trust in government and political efficacy, particularly as they relate to political geography.

**University Honors, Nominee** 2022  
Wesleyan's highest academic award; nominated by the Government department for writing an exemplary thesis and excelling in the liberal arts.

**White Fellowship** 2022  
Awarded for excellence in Government to a graduate or advanced undergraduate.

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**Pew Research Center, Remote** 2023 to 2024  
**Content Analysis Intern**, Religion; News and Information

- Coded the content of governmental and non-governmental sources to assess the severity of civil liberties restrictions around the world, particularly regarding religious freedom.
- Tracked the presence of news influencers across social media sites.

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA  
**Research Coordinator**, Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D.

2022 to 2023

- Fielded public opinion surveys and conducted survey experiments using Qualtrics.
- Coauthored and revised manuscripts for publication in academic journals.
- Compiled grant applications, IRB approval applications, and pre-analysis plans.
- Collected, cleaned, and analyzed large data sets using factor analysis, conjoint analysis, difference-in-difference estimation, correlation tests, and multivariate regression analysis.
- Visualized findings in plots and tables using R and LaTeX; uploaded them in Overleaf.
- Conducted literature reviews on political trust, efficacy, party systems, and polarization.

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Interdisciplinary Research Intern**, 1Cademy

2021

- Researched how economic, public health, and migration crises decrease voters' faith in democracy and increase support for illiberal parties.
- Conducted literature reviews on populism, polarization, and democratic backsliding.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Hopkins, D. J., Halm, W., Huerta, M., & Torres, J. (2024). Getting the Race Wrong: A Case Study of Sampling Bias and Black Voters in Online, Opt-In Polls. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 1-13. doi:10.1017/rep.2024.11

- Media mention: [NYT](#)

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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### **Who polices which boundaries?**

#### **How racial self-identification affects external classification**

- Coauthors: Maria Abascal, Ph.D. (NYU), Amada Armenta, Ph.D. (UCLA), and Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn)
- R+R at the *American Journal of Sociology*
- Analyzed the results of a conjoint survey experiment to assess how respondents racially classify online profiles when self-identification conflicts with ancestry and skin tone.

### **Economic Strain Does Not Reduce Support for Ukrainian Refugees**

- Coauthors: Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn), Nicholas Sambanis, Ph.D. (Yale), Krzysztof Krakowski, Ph.D. (Collegio Carlo Alberto)
- In Progress
- Fielded panel surveys and survey experiments in Poland to demonstrate how economic strain did not reduce support for Ukrainian refugees or the war effort from 2022-2024.

### **Federalism, Trust, and Efficacy in Comparative Perspective**

- Coauthor: Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn)
- In Progress
- Analyzing survey data to assess how trust in government and political efficacy predict support for populist parties at the national and provincial levels in Western democracies.

## OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### **Where Has Voting Behavior Nationalized? Evidence from Election Results and Surveys in Eleven Countries**

- Authors: Frederik Hjorth, Ph.D. (University of Copenhagen), Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn), Gall Sigler (Penn)
- Provided key analyses of survey data from Western European countries.
- This paper assesses both electoral and survey data to evaluate the nationalization of party systems in Europe and the Americas.

### **Dimensions of Compromise**, PI: Daniel J. Hopkins, Ph.D. (Penn)

- Received grant funds; designed survey experiments testing whether the introduction of an additional issue dimension affects polarized attitudes on cultural and economic issues.

### **Senior Thesis**, Advisor: James W. McGuire, Department of Government (Wesleyan) 2022

- Blended historical case studies with a quantitative analysis of 17 cases of Eastern European democratic backsliding.
- Demonstrated how multi-party systems polarized along multiple ideological dimensions inhibit the election of illiberal parties, whereas two-party systems polarized along cultural issues enable the election of illiberal parties.

### **Pessimism, Weak Voting Habits, and a Propensity for Authoritarianism** 2019

- Analyzed the relationship between pessimistic future orientations, voting habits, and rising support for authoritarianism with R; presented findings at a panel.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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**Phi Beta Kappa**, Connecticut Gamma Chapter, 2022-Present

## LANGUAGES

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**English:** Native Language

**German:** Advanced in Reading; Intermediate in Listening, Speaking, Writing (5 years of class)

**Russian:** Elementary in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (1 year of class)

**Spanish:** Elementary in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (1 year of class)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Programming Languages and Software:** R, Excel, Stata, Python, NVivo, QGIS

**Data Analysis:** survey design and analysis, conjoint design and analysis, multilevel modeling, survival analysis, longitudinal analysis and difference-in-difference estimation, factor analysis and latent variable construction, structural equation modeling, data visualization, GIS

**Additional Programs:** LaTeX, Overleaf, Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk