

John “Jack” D. Walker II

CONTACT INFORMATION	Institution for Social and Policy Studies 77 Prospect St New Haven, CT 06511	walkerdjack@gmail.com walkerdjack.github.io
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	Yale University , New Haven, CT Pre-Doctoral Fellow, <i>Center for the Study of American Politics</i> (CSAP), <i>Institution for Social and Policy Studies</i> (ISPS), <i>Tobin Center for Economic Policy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducts large-scale analysis of observational data; field, survey, and lab experiments; and mass and elite surveys for broad topics in behavioral research with Prof. Alan S. Gerber and Prof. Gregory A. Huber.• Coordinates research on the Stanford-Arizona-Yale Presidential Election Study (SAY24) ($N=130,000$) in collaboration with YouGov, including survey design, experimental modules, data analysis, and manuscript preparation.	
EDUCATION	Columbia University , New York, NY B.A., <i>cum laude</i> , Political Science (major) and Art History (concentration) <i>Senior independent study</i> : “Assessing Delegation to the Executive Through National Emergency Declarations Over Time,” advised by Prof. Michael M. Ting	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	American politics, political behavior, public opinion, voting and elections, causal inference, survey methods, political institutions, separation of powers, bureaucracy	
PUBLICATIONS	1. “Measuring the Effects of Campaign Events: Specifying and Comparing Estimates of the Effect of Trump’s Conviction” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart). Conditionally accepted at <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS	3. “Expanding the Social Scope of Politics: Presidential Elections Associated with High Levels of Stress” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart). Under review. 2. “Can Debates Matter? Evidence from the 2024 Biden-Trump Debate” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, Mackenzie Lockhart, and Douglas Rivers). Under review. 1. “Assessing the Reliability and Exogeneity of Popular Attitudinal and Social-Psychological Scales” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart). Under review.	
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	2. “On Americans’ Perceptions of Inflation Exposure and Economic Vulnerability” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Philip Moniz). 1. “On the Underlying Dimensionality of Popular Attitudinal and Social-Psychological Scales” (with Matt Blyth, Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart).	
PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting CSAP Summer Workshop (Yale) ISPS Pre-Doctoral Fellow Workshop (Yale) Undergraduate Research Symposium (Columbia)	Apr 2026 Aug 2025 Jan 2026, Aug 2025, Jun 2025, Dec 2024 Oct 2023

SELECTED
RESEARCH
ASSISTANCE

Department of Political Science, Columbia University

Research Fellow with Prof. Justin H. Phillips

- Constructed and analyzed a novel database of historical state party platforms to trace the development of partisan polarization on abortion and LGBTQ+ rights, revealing state-level divergence as early as 1970–72 (forthcoming at *AJPS*).

Research Assistant to Prof. Donald P. Green

- Acknowledged in *Get Out the Vote: How to Increase Voter Turnout, Fifth Edition* for refreshing the literature and meta-analyses; acknowledged for training an LLM for experiments evaluating its effects on political knowledge (*PNAS*); conducted literature review for a project on political reservations in India.

School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Research Assistant to Prof. Sharyn O'Halloran

- Conducted literature review and coding of redistricting litigation for a project developing a formal model of partisan and racial gerrymandering and the trade-offs between descriptive and substantive minority representation.

ACADEMIC AND
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Columbia Undergraduate Law Review

Print Lead Editor

Sep 2021–May 2024

Executive Editor, Summer Publishing Program

Jun 2022–Aug 2022

Podcast Production Editor

Jul 2021–Sep 2021

Print Editor

Jul 2020–Sep 2021

Activities Board at Columbia

Publications Representative

Oct 2021–Apr 2024

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

Columbia College Summer Research Fellowship, via the International Affairs Fellowship Fund (\$3,400) 2023

Columbia University Center for Career Education, via the AIF Sub-Fund: Yemini Fund (\$5,000) 2022

LANGUAGES AND
SKILLS

Stata, R, \LaTeX , Git, Crunch.io
Spanish (intermediate proficiency)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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