

Josearmando Torres

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

2021 - 2025

B.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa; Departmental Distinction

Minor: Survey Research and Data Analytics

Thesis: "Competition, Color-Blindness, or Coalition? How Perceived Competition and Race-Neutrality Shape Latino-Black Coalitions"

Advisor: Dr. Dan J. Hopkins

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics; Racial and Ethnic Politics; Political Behavior; Survey Research

PUBLICATIONS

Hopkins, Daniel J., William Halm, Melissa Huerta, and Josearmando Torres. 2024. "Getting the Race Wrong: A Case Study of Sampling Bias and Black Voters in Online, Opt-In Polls." *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 9(3): 429–41.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stanford Institute for Excellence in Survey Research

July 2025 – Present

Predoctoral Researcher, Dr. Jon A. Krosnick

Stanford University

- Organize and analyze large-scale survey data for a new Stanford initiative that compiles public opinion across multiple polls on major policy topics.
- Use R to clean, structure, and evaluate hundreds of survey questions on issues including immigration and gun policy.
- Contribute to report writing and data presentation summarizing trends in American public opinion.
- Review and synthesize research on survey design, including experimental evidence on the effects of participant incentives, to inform methodological recommendations.

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI)

May 2024 – June 2024

Research Fellow, Dr. Paula D. McClain

Duke University

- Completed a five-week intensive program in political science research methods, quantitative analysis, and race and American politics.
- Conducted an independent research project examining how Latino Americans' expression of an American identity relates to anti-immigration attitudes.
- Presented findings at the 2024 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting.

Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies

May 2023 – December 2023

Research Assistant, Dr. Dan J. Hopkins

University of Pennsylvania

- Conducted research on the nationalization of politics across high-income democracies.

- Cleaned and analyzed public opinion data in R, producing statistical figures and maps.
- Coded and analyzed open-ended survey responses in Spanish for content analysis.
- Reviewed literature on political efficacy, symbolic politics, and racial representation for ongoing research.
- Presented findings on Quebec election polls using R-based data visualizations.

CHILD USA

January 2023 – May 2023

Fox Research and Service Fellow

University of Pennsylvania

- Conducted comparative analysis of state-level child sex abuse legislation across the U.S.
- Coordinated with district courts, law firms, and media outlets to monitor and document litigation filed under child sex abuse revival windows.
- Developed and maintained a searchable database of over 10,000 legal and research documents originally compiled by CHILD founder Rita Swan.
- Reviewed academic and policy literature on youth mental health and social media for organizational reports.

PRESENTATIONS

Political Psychology Research Group – Paper Presentation	2025
Midwest Political Science Association Conference - Poster Presentation	2025
Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference - Paper Presentation	2025
Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference - Paper Presentation	2024
American Political Science Association Conference - Poster Presentation	2024

HONORS & AWARDS

APSA Fall Diversity Fellowship	2026 - 2027
Robert A. Fox Leadership Award	2025
Turner Schulman Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$1,500)	2024
PORES Hackathon - Most Interesting Find	2023
Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society	2023
Cipactli Latinx Honor Society	2023
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship	2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

R Tutor, Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies	
• PSCI 1800: Intro to Data Science	Fall 2024 & Spring 2025
• PSCI 3800: Applied Data Science	Spring 2025
• PSCI 3802: Political Polling	Fall 2024

LEADERSHIP

Model Congress at Penn <i>President</i>	2021 - 2025
Penn Political Review <i>Business Director</i>	2022 - 2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NBC News

Philadelphia, PA

Intern, Decision Desk

September 2024 - December 2024

- Developed visual boards and data visualizations for exit poll results used by analysts throughout live election night analysis and reporting.
- Assisted in drafting real-time analyses of Latino voter responses to national and state-level exit polls on election night.
- Helped draft and review Spanish-language versions of exit poll questionnaires.

White House Internship Program

Washington, D.C.

Intern, Office of Public Engagement

January 2024 - May 2024

- Facilitated engagement with key White House stakeholders including civil rights advocates, community leaders, and business/non-profit executives.
- Drafted memos and briefing documents in support of White House events coordinated by the Office of Public Engagement, including Latino Engagement events.
- Balanced and prioritized daily tasks such as scheduling requests, research, and recurring meetings.