MOLLY GAHAGEN

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EDUCATION

Princeton University — Princeton, NJ *2026—*

PhD in Politics
Subfields: American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods

The Johns Hopkins University — Baltimore, MD *May 2024*
B.A. (Honors) in Political Science and International Studies, Minor in History
Senior Honors Thesis: "Don't Say Climate Change?: The Influence of Local Accountability and Framing Effects on Climate Change Policymaking in Florida," advised by Professor Steven Teles, Department of Political Science.

RESEARCH

Revise and Resubmit

Jerit, Jennifer, Jason Barabas, Scott May, Hwayong Shin, and **Molly Gahagen**. 2026. "Harnessing the Warm Glow: A Field Experiment on Community Participation in Green Energy." (R&R at *Political Psychology)*

Working Papers

Gothreau, Claire, **Molly Gahagen**, and Jason Barabas. 2026. "Communicating Uncertainty with Election Polls: Evidence from a Vignette Experiment."

Barabas, Jason and **Molly Gahagen**. 2025. "The Effects of Incentives, Reminders, and Messaging on Survey Participation in New Hampshire Pre-Election Polling."

Original Data Collections

The Dartmouth Poll New Jersey Poll: 2025 General Election *October 2025*
Large (n=60,000) registration-based random sample with probability-proportional-to-size (PPS) oversample (with Jason Barabas and Claire Gothreau).

The Dartmouth Poll Virginia Poll: 2025 General Election *October 2025*
Large (n=60,000) registration-based random sample with probability-proportional-to-size (PPS) oversample (with Jason Barabas and Claire Gothreau).

The Dartmouth Poll New Hampshire Poll: 2028 Primary Elections *September 2025*
Large (n=69,134) registration-based random sample (with Jason Barabas and Claire Gothreau).

The Dartmouth Poll New Hampshire Poll: 2024 General Election *October 2024*
Large (n=100,000), multiwave registration-based random sample (with Jason Barabas and Benjamin Carter).

Selected Other Writing

Shelton, Shania, Ethan Cohen, **Molly Gahagen**, and Melissa Holzberg DePalo. 2023. "GOP Gov. Tate Reeves Will Win Reelection in Mississippi, CNN Projects." CNN, November 8, 2023.

Gahagen, Molly. 2023. "2022 Data Shows Pandemic Shifted Americans Toward Voting by Mail." CNN, July 20, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

Barabas, Jason, and **Molly Gahagen**. 2025. "The Effects of Incentives, Reminders, and Messaging on Survey Participation in New Hampshire Pre-Election Polling." New England Political Science Association (April), Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

Gahagen, Molly. 2025. "Don't Say Climate Change?: The Influence of Local Accountability and Framing Effects on Climate Change Policymaking in Florida." New England Political Science Association (April), Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

Gahagen, Molly. 2025. "Don't Say Climate Change?: The Influence of Local Accountability and Framing Effects on Climate Change Policymaking in Florida." Midwest Political Science Association (April), Chicago, Illinois.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dartmouth College

Course Assistant, Introduction to Public Policy (Jason Barabas)	*Spring 2026*
Course Assistant, Rockefeller Republicans (Jason Barabas)	*Winter 2026*
Course Assistant, Election Polling (Jason Barabas)	*Fall 2025*
Course Assistant, Introduction to Public Policy (Jason Barabas)	*Spring 2025*
Course Assistant, The Politics of Climate Change (Jennifer Jerit)	*Fall 2024*
Course Assistant, Election Polling (Jason Barabas)	*Fall 2024*

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

Dartmouth College

Linear Algebra with Applications (Audit)	*Summer 2025*
Quantitative Political Analysis (Audit)	*Winter 2025*

University of Michigan

Pathways to Graduate Training in Survey and Data Science	*Fall 2025*
ICPSR-MIDAS Social Data Science Summer Academy	*Summer 2024*
Summer Institute: Writing Questions for Surveys	*Summer 2024*
Summer Institute: Introduction to Survey Methodology	*Summer 2024*

AWARDS

Julius Turner Award for Most Distinguished Senior Thesis, JHU Political Science	*2023–2024*
Louis Azrael Fellowship in Communications, JHU Writing Seminars	*2022–2023*
Dean's List, Johns Hopkins University	*2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Dartmouth College

Predoctoral Research Associate, Government Department *2024–2026*

CNN

Political Unit Intern *2023*

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

R, Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics, LexisNexis, ProQuest, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud

English (Native), French (Intermediate)