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INTERESTS: comparative politics, political behavior and communication, migration, methods
GOOGLE SCHOLAR: N cites > 1,590, h-index = 15

Academic Appointments

2021-24   **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow**, University of Oxford
Spring 2024: Research Visiting Fellow, Amsterdam School of Communication Research
2022-24: Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow, Nuffield College
2021-24: Non-Stipendiary Teaching Fellow in Politics, St John's College

2020-21   **Career Development Teaching Fellow** in Politics, St John's College
2018-21   **Researcher**, Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford
2018-20   **Fellow by Examination in Political & Development Studies**, Magdalen College
2012-18   **Research Officer**, The Migration Observatory, University of Oxford

Education

2019   **DPhil Politics**, University of Oxford
Messaging Migration: Media Agenda-Setting, Immigration Attitudes, and the Effects of Evidence on Perceptions and Policy Preferences
• *2020 Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award, Political Communication Section, APSA*
• *2020 Lord Bryce Dissertation Prize for Comparative Politics, UK Political Studies Association*

2011   **MPhil Development Studies**, University of Oxford
2009   **BA Social Policy and Economics** (summa cum laude), minor in Music, Alma College, USA

Research

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES (22)

A.22   **Allen, William** and Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij. Worst of the Bunch: Visual Comparative Benchmarks Change Voter Evaluations of Government Performance. Conditionally accepted at *Comparative Political Studies*

A.21 (2024)   **Allen, William**, Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij, Heather Rolfe, and Johnny Runge. Communicating Economic Evidence About Immigration Changes Attitudes and Policy Preferences. *International Migration Review*, 58(1): 266-295.
• Blog: LSE British Politics and Policy

A.20 (2024)   **Allen, William**, Isabel Ruiz, and Carlos Vargas-Silva. Policy Preferences in Response to Large Forced Migration Inflows. *World Development*, 174: 1-13.

A.19 (2024)   **Allen, William**, Justyna Bandola-Gill, and Sotiria Grek. Next Slide Please: The Politics of Visualization During COVID-19 Press Briefings. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 33(1): 729-755
• Blog: LSE Impact of Social Science

A.18 (2024) Jhoti, Anya and **William Allen**. Visual Bordering: How Refugee-Serving Organizations Represent Refugees on Instagram. *New Media & Society*: 1-25.
• Blog: Media@LSE

A.17 (2023) Ahlstrom-Vij, Kristoffer and **William Allen**. As We Like It: Did the UK's 2016 EU Referendum Reveal the Will of the People? *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 56(4): 560-565

A.16 (2023) **Allen, William**. The Conventions and Politics of Migration Data Visualizations. *New Media & Society*, 25(6): 1313–1334

A.15 (2023) Xiang, Biao, **William Allen**, Shahram Khosravi, Mukta Naik, Yasmin Ortiga, Karen Anne S Liao, Hélène Kringelbach, Jorge Cuéllar, Lamea Momen, and Priya Deshingkar. Shock Mobilities During Moments of Acute Uncertainty. *Geopolitics*, 28(4): 1632-1657

A.14 (2022) **Allen, William** and Evan Easton-Calabria. Combining Computational and Archival Methods to Study International Organizations: Refugees and the International Labour Organization, 1919-2015. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(3): sqac044

A.13 (2022) Broadhead, Jacqueline and **William Allen**. How Universities Facilitate City Network Socialization Through Knowledge Exchange on Immigrant Integration. *Global Networks*, 22(3): 430-446

A.12 (2022) Landis, Benjamin Till and **William Allen**. Cascading Activation Revisited: How Audiences Contribute to News Agendas Using Social Media. *Digital Journalism*, 10(4): 537-555
• Blog: Media@LSE

A.11 (2018) **Allen, William** and Scott Blinder. Media Independence Through Routine Press-State Relations: Immigration and Government Statistics in the British Press. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 23(2): 202-226

A.10 (2018) **Allen, William**. Visual Brokerage: Communicating Data and Research Through Visualisation. *Public Understanding of Science*, 27(8): 906-922

A.9 (2018) **Allen, William**, Bridget Anderson, Nicholas Van Hear, Madeleine Sumption, Franck Düvell, Jennifer Hough, Lena Rose, Rachel Humphris, and Sarah Walker. Who Counts in Crises? The New Geopolitics of International Migration and Refugee Governance. *Geopolitics*, 23(1): 217-243

A.8 (2018) **Allen, William** and Bastian Vollmer. Clean Skins: Making the e-Border Security Assemblage. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 36(1): 23-39

A.7 (2017) **Allen, William**. Making Corpus Data Visible: Visualising Text With Research Intermediaries. *Corpora*, 12(3): 459-482

A.6 (2017) **Allen, William**. Factors that Impact How Civil Society Intermediaries Perceive Evidence. *Evidence & Policy*, 13(2): 183-200
• *2016 Carol Weiss Prize for Best Early-Career Paper in Evidence & Policy*

A.5 (2016) Kennedy, Helen, Rosemary Lucy Hill, **William Allen**, and Andy Kirk. Engaging with (Big) Data Visualizations: Factors That Affect Engagement and Resulting New Definitions of Effectiveness. *First Monday*, 21(11)

A.4 (2016) Kennedy, Helen, Rosemary Lucy Hill, Giorgia Aiello, and **William Allen**. The Work That Visualisation Conventions Do. *Information, Communication & Society*, 19(6): 715-735

A.3 (2016) Blinder, Scott, and **William Allen**. Constructing Immigrants: Portrayals of Migrant Groups in British National Newspapers, 2010-2012. *International Migration Review*, 50(1): 3-40

A.2 (2015) **Allen, William**. 'We Are Sitting on a Time Bomb': A Multiperspectival Approach to International Development at an East African Border. *Geopolitics*, 20(2): 381-403

A.1 (2013) **Allen, William**. 'I am From Busia!': Everyday Trading and Health Service Provision at the Kenya-Uganda Border as Place-Making Activities. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 28(3): 291-306

Under Review **Allen, William**, Matthew D. Bird, Luisa Freier, Isabel Ruiz, and Carlos-Vargas Silva. Migration Policy Preferences and Forms of Trust in Contexts of Limited State Capacity.

Under Review **Allen, William** and Jacqueline Broadhead. The Roles of Action Planning and Case-Making in Municipal Policymaking on Immigrant Integration.

In prep. **Allen, William**, Mariña Fernández-Reino, and Isabel Ruiz. Occupational Essentialness During COVID-19 and Attitudes Towards Labor Migration.

In prep. Ahlstrom-Vij, Kristoffer and **William Allen**. The More You Know, the More You Want? How Information on Immigration Relates to Attitudes and Policy Preferences.

In prep. **Allen, William**. Visualization Choices About Refugee Inflows Have Delimited Impacts Along Partisan Lines

In prep. **Allen, William** and Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij. The Forms, Correlates, and Consequences of Knowledge about Migration Across Seven European Countries.

SPECIAL ISSUE AND EDITED VOLUME

SI.1 (2022) Nash, Kathryn, Verity Trott, and **William Allen** (eds.), Special issue on 'Data Visualization and Policy'. *Convergence*, 28(1): 3-169
• *Peer-reviewed introduction essay: The Politics of Data Visualisation and Policymaking, pp.3-12*

EV.1 (Contr.) **Allen, William** and Carlos Vargas-Silva (eds.), *Handbook of Research Methods in Migration, 2nd ed.*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (7)

C.7 (2023) Easton-Calabria, Evan and **William Allen**. 'Connecting computational text analysis with archival methods: an iterative approach', in F. Badache, L. R. Kimber, and L. Maeterns (eds.), *International Organization and Research Methods: An Introduction*, Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, pp. 285-291

C.6 (2022) **Allen, William**. 'Applying computational linguistic and text analysis to media content about migration', in A. A. Salah, E. E. Korkmaz, and T. Bircan (eds.), *Data Science for Migration and Mobility Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 352-365

C.5 (2021) **Allen, William**. 'The practice and politics of migration data visualization', in M. McAuliffe (ed.), *Handbook on Migration and Technology*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 50-69

C.4 (2021) Kennedy, Helen, **William Allen**, Martin Engebretsen, Rosemary Lucy Hill, Andy Kirk, and Wibke Weber. 'Data visualisations: Newsroom trends and everyday engagements', in J. Gray and L. Bounegru (eds.), *The Data Journalism Handbook 2: Towards a Critical Data Practice*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp. 162-173

C.3 (2020) **Allen, William**. 'Mobility, media, and data politics', in K. Smets, K. Leurs, M. Georgiou, S. Witteborn, and R. Gajjala (eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Media and Migration*, London: SAGE, pp. 180-191

C.2 (2019) **Allen, William**, Scott Blinder, and Robert McNeil. 'Informing realities: Research, public opinion, and media reports on migration', in J. Palme, M. Ruhs, and K. Tamas (eds.), *Bridging the Gaps: Linking Research to Public Debates and Policymaking on Migration and Integration*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 50-65

C.1 (2017) Kennedy, Helen and **William Allen**. 'Data visualisation as an emerging tool for online research', in N.G. Fielding, R.M. Lee and G. Blank (eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Online Research Methods, 2nd ed.*, London: SAGE, pp. 307-326

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

E.1 (Contr.)   **Allen, William** and Eedan Amit-Danhi. 'Infographics', in A. Nai (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

OTHER WORKING PAPERS, REPORTS, AND BRIEFINGS (SELECTED)

2022   **Allen, William**, Isabel Ruiz, and Carlos Vargas-Silva. Policy Preferences in Response to Large Migration Inflows. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series: Washington, D.C.

2021   **Allen, William**. Public Attitudes to Labour Migrants in the Pandemic: Dynamics During 2021. Migration Observatory: University of Oxford

2017   **Allen, William**, Scott Blinder, and Robert McNeil. Media Reporting on Migrants and Migration. *World Migration Report 2018*. Geneva: International Organization for Migration

2016   **Allen, William**. A Decade of Migration in the British Press. Migration Observatory: University of Oxford
• Print media: *The Financial Times*

2013   **Allen, William** and Scott Blinder. Migration in the News: National UK Press Coverage of Immigrants, Migrants, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees from 2010 to 2012. Migration Observatory: University of Oxford
• Print media: *The Economist*, *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *New Statesman*, *The Press Gazette*

Funding

2023-24   **Allen, William (PI)** and Isabel Ruiz (Co-I). Comparative Perspectives on Migration Attitudes and Behaviours: Causes, Consequences, Interventions. British Academy, Conferences Scheme, £19,908 (18/73 funded)

2020-21   Knowledge Frontiers Symposium Seed Fund Grants (x3). British Academy, £11,800

2018   Festival of Social Sciences Grant. UK Economic and Social Research Council, £800

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AS PRINCIPAL (PI) OR CO-INVESTIGATOR (CO-I), £63,070

2023-24   **Allen, William (PI)**. Looking at Evidence about Migration Through Polarized Lenses. John Fell Fund, University of Oxford, £10,000

2020-21   Ruiz, Isabel, **William Allen (Co-I)**, Luisa Feline Freier (Research Partner) and Matthew Bird (Research Partner). Latin American Attitudes and Policy Preferences in Response to South-South Migration. John Fell Fund, University of Oxford, £45,600; Universidad del Pacífico, £12,000

2019-21   **Allen, William (PI)**. How Data Visualizations Impact Immigration Attitudes and Preferences. John Fell Fund, University of Oxford, £7,470

OTHER INTERNAL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, IMPACT, AND KNOWLEGE EXCHANGE, £14,495

2023   Fixed-Term Researcher Support Fund, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford, £500

2023   Research Support Fund Grant, Department of Politics and International Relations, £2,500

2021   Developing the Knowledge and Capacity of Researchers to Produce Short and Impactful Videos. Departmental Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund Award, University of Oxford, £4,000

2019-21   Public Engagement with Research Fellowship. University of Oxford, £5,000

2018   Knowledge Exchange Dialogue Award. University of Oxford, £2,495

Awards

ACADEMIC PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS (SELECTED)

2020   Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award, Political Communication Section, APSA

2020   Lord Bryce Dissertation Prize for Comparative Politics, UK Political Studies Association

2018   Fellowship by Examination, Magdalen College, Oxford (0.8% successful, 4/523 applicants)

2016   Carol Weiss Prize for Best Early-Career Paper in *Evidence & Policy*

2015   First Prize in Data Visualisation, Oxford Teaching and Learning with New Technologies

SCHOLARSHIPS (SELECTED)

2017-19   Mann Senior Scholarship, Hertford College, Oxford (£5,000 p.a., 8% successful, 7/86 applicants)

2015-18   ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods Studentship (overseas fees and living costs, c. £38,125 p.a.)

2009-11   Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Award ($50,000 p.a., 5% successful, 30/632 applicants)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT RECOGNITION

2019-21   Public Engagement with Research Leader, University of Oxford

2018   Highly Commended in Early-Career Impact, University of Oxford

External Invited Talks (Selected)

2024	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL (Department of Political Science & Public Administration)
	University of Amsterdam, NL (Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR))
2023	University of Southampton, UK (Department of Politics & International Relations)
2021	Masaryk University, CZ (Department of Political Science)
	University of Edinburgh, UK (Centre for Science, Knowledge, & Policy (SKAPE))
	University of Massachusetts-Amherst, US (Department of Political Science)
	London School of Economics, UK (Department of Media and Communications)

Conference Activity, 2019-24

SELECTED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS – * PRESENTED BY CO-AUTHOR

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2021, 2022, 2023*, 2024
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (decl.)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2020, 2021, 2023
Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties Group (EPOP)	2019, 2021, 2022 (decl.)
Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS)	2023
International Communication Association (ICA)	2021, 2022, 2023

INVITED WORKSHOPS AND THEMED EVENTS (SELECTED) – * PRESENTED BY CO-AUTHOR

2024	An Interconnected World? Rethinking Citizenship and Migration, European University Institute, 9-10 May
2024*	2nd HUMANS Conference, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Washington, D.C., 14-15 March
2023*	1st Conference on European Polarisation, European Polarisation Observatory, 15 February
2022	Overcoming Prejudice against Immigrant Minorities, University of Pennsylvania, 8-9 April
2021	Affective Polarization Around the World, ECPR Joint Sessions, 19-27 May (multiple days)
2021	Barriers and Bridges to Immigrants' Integration, University of Pennsylvania, 7 May

Impact and Engagement

EXTERNAL ADVISING AND CONSULTING (SELECTED)

2021	Consultant, 'Contested Mobilities', German Development Institute
2018	Advisor, Media Monitoring in the Republic of Georgia, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

POLICY AND PRACTITIONER ENGAGEMENT (SELECTED)

2021	'Understanding Attitudes and Policy Preferences in Response to South-South Migration', UN-HCR Economist Knowledge Exchange Session (Online), 27 October
2018	'Messages Matter: How the Presence of Supporting Evidence Impacts What People Think about Migration', International Organization for Migration (Geneva, Switzerland) 4 October
2017	'Demystifying the World of Migration: Launch of the World Migration Report 2018 and the Migration Governance Indicators', International Organization for Migration (New York City, USA), 18 December

2017	Trainer, Data Visualization for Media Practitioners, Caucases Research Resource Center (Baku, Azerbaijan), 4-5 December
2014	Trainer, Migration Issues for Public Relations Officials, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (Kvareli, Republic of Georgia), 9-10 October

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT (SELECTED)

2020	'Communicating During COVID-19: What We Know So Far, and How It Matters', Estonian Integration Foundation (online), 13 November
2014	Invited Panellist, 'What is Being Done in the Academy about Data Visualisation?', The Alliance for Useful Evidence and the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (London, UK), 20 June

CREATIVE ARTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (SELECTED

2022	'Visualising Migration and Mobility: Perceptions, Practices, and Politics', Oxford Migration and Mobility Network (Virtual Roundtables), 15 & 25 February
2021	Co-curator of Im//mobility, Online Exhibition, Magdalen College, Oxford
2018	'Step Inside the Stories Behind Immigration Data', ESRC Festival of Social Science and Arts @ Old Fire Station (Oxford, UK), 8-9 November
2017	'Is Perceiving Believing? An Interactive Exploration of How We Make Sense of Information', Curiosity Carnival (Oxford, UK), 29 September

Teaching

CERTIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2022	Fellow, Higher Education Academy (FHEA)
2022	Eloquent Things: Teaching with Objects, Ashmolean Museum (Oxford, UK)
2020	PgCert Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Oxford

UNDERGRADUATE – UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD – † INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD – ‡ ONLINE

International Labour Migration (seminars, tutorials)	2014‡, 2015‡
Political Sociology (lectures, tutorials)	2019, 2020, 2021‡, 2022, 2023
Comparative Government (tutorials)	2020‡
Introduction to the Practice of Politics (tutorials)	2020‡

POSTGRADUATE – UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Politics of Migration (lectures)	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020‡
Qualitative Methods in Migration Studies (lectures)	2016, 2017, 2018
Quantitative Methods in Migration Studies (labs)	2018
†Public Opinion, Media, and Migration (lectures, seminars)	2020, 2021‡

POSTGRADUATE SHORT COURSES, WORKSHOPS

†Developing Your Visualization Literacy (lectures), University of Oxford	2018
Migration and the Media (lecture), European University Institute	2018, 2019
†Text and Content Analysis (lectures, seminars), Masaryk University (CZ)	2020‡, 2021‡
†Text and Content Analysis (lectures, seminars), University of Oxford	2021‡

2018-19   Benjamin Till Landis (MSc Migration Studies). *German Public Broadcasting after the 'Refugee Crisis': How Facebook Commentators Shook the Tagesschau* (A.13 in *Digital Journalism*)

2019-20   Carl Altaner (MSc Migration Studies). *The Weight of Public Opinion: Tracing the Social and Political Genealogy of the 1981 British Nationality Act* (Distinction on thesis)

2020-21   Mariri Niino (MSc Migration Studies). *Imagined Integration: How Do Local Policymakers Understand and Justify Multicultural Coexistence at the Prefectural Level in Japan?*

2021-24   Katharina Tittel, Sciences Po (External Member, PhD Monitoring Committee). *Framing Refugees: A Mixed Quantitative Approach to Understanding Racial Hierarchies in Refugee Portrayals*

Leadership, Service, Administration

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

2024–   Deputy Editor, *Migration Studies*
2021-24   Associate Editor, *Journal of Refugee Studies*
2019-24   Associate Editor, *Evidence & Policy*
         • Blog: Are There Gendered Trends in Research Authorship at *Evidence & Policy?*

EXTERNAL REVIEWING ACTIVITY (SELECTED)

2014–   Reviewer for 46 journals including: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *The Journal of Politics*. Verified record here.
2024–   Appointed Member, Peer Review College, UK Economic and Social Research Council
2022–   Appointed Member, Peer Review College, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council
2016–   Reviewer for UK research councils (ESRC, AHRC, MRC), Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), British Academy (Small Research Grants, Visiting Fellowships, Knowledge Frontiers, Official Development Assistance Interdisciplinary Projects)
2018–   Reviewer for International Communication Association annual conference
         • *2023 Outstanding Reviewer (7/476 reviewers), Political Communication Division*

FUNDING AND AWARD PANEL MEMBERSHIP (SELECTED)

2024   Panel Reviewer and Member, Impact Acceleration Awards (IAA), University of Oxford
2022   Panel Reviewer, Vice-Chancellor's Innovation and Engagement Awards, University of Oxford
2020   Panel Reviewer and Member, Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund, University of Oxford
2014   Panel Member, Communities and Culture Network Pilot Projects, EPSRC

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP (SELECTED)

2023-24   Advisory Group Member, 'Media Studies State of the Discipline Report', British Academy
2021–   Co-Chair and Representative, Social Sciences Research Staff Forum, University of Oxford
2021–   Early-Career Network Co-Convenor, Department of Politics and International Relations
2018-21   Early-Career Researcher Representative, COMPAS Management Advisory Board
2018-20   Governing Body Member and Trustee, Magdalen College, Oxford

2021	Academic Convenor, Messaging Migration and Mobility (Virtual Spring Conference of the IMIS-COE Consortium), University of Oxford, 22-23 March
2013	Immigration Politics, Text Analysis, and Public Opinion Workshop (with Scott Blinder), University of Oxford, 8-9 November

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

2023	'Embedding Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion into Scholarly Editorial Practice'. British Academy (online), 16 November
2023–	Mentor, LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program, European Political Science Association

STUDENT WELFARE EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

2020–	Graduate Advisor, Politics and Development Studies, St John's Collge, Oxford
2009-17	Trained Peer Supporter, University of Oxford Counselling Service
2010-11	Welfare Officer, Wolfson College, Oxford

Affiliations, Skills

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2024-29	UK Young Academy
2017–	European Political Science Association
2018–	International Communication Association
2019–	American Political Science Association
2019–	Political Studies Association (UK)

LANGUAGES, COMPUTING KNOWLEDGE

English (native), Spanish (intermediate)
Stata, R, NVivo, Sketch Engine, LaTeX

Professional Development

METHODS TRAINING (2021-24)

2023	*Causal Inference with Directed Acyclic Graphs*, GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology
2023	*Data Visualisation in R*, ECPR Methods Summer School
2022	*Sampling and Weighting in Survey Analysis*, GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology
2022	*Image Analysis*, NCRM/Exeter Computational Communication Spring School (Exeter, UK)
2021	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (Oxford, UK)

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

2023	*Mentoring for Development*, People and Organisational Development, University of Oxford
2023	*The Confident Manager*, People and Organisational Development, University of Oxford

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