

# WILLIAM HOLTkamp

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D Candidate, Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill** *May 2025 (expected)*

Scott Duxbury (chair), Lisa Pearce, Ted Mouw,  
Kenneth (Andy) Andrews (Washington University in St. Louis),  
Steve Vaisey (Duke University), Andy Perrin (Johns Hopkins University)

**B.A. Sociology, The Ohio State University** *2014*

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Computational Methods, Social Networks, Illegal Markets, Political, Cultural, Belief Systems

## DISSERTATION

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Belief Systems, Network Locations, and Belief Change: The Effects *Expected 2025*  
and Determinants of Core and Periphery Belief Network Positions.

## REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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**Holtkamp, William**, Scott Duxbury, and Dana Haynie. *The* *Conditional Accept 2024*  
*Risk Creates the Reward: Reputational Returns to Legal and*  
*Quality Risk in Online Illegal Drug Trade.* Sociological Science.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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**Holtkamp, William**, Todd Lu, and Ken Cai Kowalski. *Work, the State,*  
*and Self Interest: Public Employment Effects on Public Opinion of State Action.*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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The Section on Mathematical Sociology's Geoffrey Tootell *2024*  
Mathematical Sociology Outstanding Dissertation-in-Progress Award.

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Holtkamp, William, and Scott Duxbury. Public Opinion and Network Structures: Core and Periphery effects on Belief Change. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. *August 2024*
- Holtkamp, William. Demographic Shifts, Belief Shifts, and Polarization of American Ideological Clusters 1972-2016. International Network of Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference. *June 2024*
- Holtkamp, William and Scott Duxbury. The Effect of Ideological Cluster Belief Network Structures on Public Opinion Change. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. *August 2023*
- Holtkamp, William. Effects of Core and Periphery Belief Network Structures on Public Opinion Change. International Network of Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference. *June 2023*
- Holtkamp, William, and Scott Duxbury. Uncertainty and Trust: the Effect of Textual Transaction Reviews on Darknet Market Outcomes. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2022. *August 2022*
- Holtkamp, William, Scott Duxbury. The influence of public discourse on market performance in online drug trade. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Section on Social Psychology Refereed Roundtables. *August 2021*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor of Record**

*Introductory Sociology (Soci 101)* *2020-2024*

- 40-48 students.
- Introduction to sociology as a discipline that includes study of differences and equality, social structures, institutions, culture, social change, individuals and populations, and social psychology.

*Political Sociology (Soci 420)* *2024-2025*

- 40 students.
- Analysis of the reciprocal influences of state and social organizations upon each other, the social bases of political authority and stability, political ideological and discursive structures, and of the processes of internal and external conflict.

### **Teaching Assistant**

Introductory Sociology, Social Movements, Economy and Society, Race and Ethnicity, Population Health. *2020-2024*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-Founder and Co-Chair UNC Computational Social Science  
Workshop

*2019-2022*

### **Professional Associations**

- American Sociological Association
- International Network of Social Network Analysis

## REFERENCES

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