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Research Interests

Topics: Public opinion; policy congruence; reproductive rights; state politics; survey methods.

Current Projects: Examining the alignment between state abortion policy and public opinion by developing original measures of policy–opinion congruence. This work utilizes longitudinal survey and state-level policy data to evaluate gender differences and policy feedback effects.

Education

Ph.D. in Public Affairs & Community Development 2022–Present
Rutgers University - Camden, NJ

Dissertation: *Policy Congruence and Public Opinion on Abortion in the United States (2000–2024)*

M.S. in Public Affairs 2022–2024
Rutgers University Camden, NJ

M.A. in Criminal Justice 2019–2021
Rowan University Glassboro, NJ

B.A. in Political Science 2014–2018
Rowan University Glassboro, NJ

Publications & Manuscripts

- Rossi, M. *Policy Congruence on Abortion in the United States (2000–2024)*. Manuscript in preparation (dissertation manuscript). Target journal: *Public Opinion Quarterly* or *Social Science Quarterly*. Scheduled for presentation at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September 2026.
- Rossi, M., & Scoglio, A. J. *Measuring Gender Congruence in Abortion Policy and Public Opinion in the United States, 2000–2024*. Manuscript in preparation; planned submission to *Social Science & Medicine* (April 2026).

Policy Reports & Applied Research

- Rossi, M. *Abortion Access and Public Opinion in South Jersey*. Policy report prepared for the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs. Funded by the Cory Rand Scholarship, 2024–2025 (\$5,000)

Public Scholarship

- Rossi, M. *Policy Congruence and Abortion in the United States. The Conversation*. Forthcoming.

Conference Presentations

- *Policy Congruence on Abortion in the United States (2000–2024)*. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2026. Scheduled panel presentation.
- *Shifting Landscapes: Analyzing Abortion Attitudes Across U.S. Regions*. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2025. Public Opinion panel.

Research Experience

Research conducted in interdisciplinary settings spanning public policy, urban studies, and health-related social science.

Graduate Assistant, Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs 2023–Present
Rutgers University–Camden *Camden, NJ*

- Conduct mixed-methods research on community development and criminal justice initiatives, including the *Clayton Model* evaluation.
- Code qualitative interview data, write analytic memos, and produce policy-facing deliverables.
- Streamlined data analysis workflows, improving research efficiency and consistency.

Graduate Assistant, Center for Urban Research & Education (CURE) 2023–Present
Rutgers University–Camden *Camden, NJ*

- Created and maintained a Camden school-level dataset for an education equity research project.
- Presented initial findings at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA), 2024.

Research Assistant, Department of Law & Justice 2021–2023
Rowan University *Glassboro, NJ*

- Conducted research for two criminal justice projects with forthcoming publications.
- Supervised five undergraduate researchers; improved workflow productivity by 40%.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Title IX and Gender Equity Spring 2026
Rutgers University–Camden *Camden, NJ*

- Scheduled to teach an undergraduate course on Title IX, gender equity, and institutional policy in higher education.

Lecturer, Urban Studies Spring 2025
Rutgers University–Camden *Camden, NJ*

- Designed and taught an undergraduate course emphasizing planning justice, housing equity, and gender equality.
- Supervised a teaching assistant and guided student research projects.

Methods & Technical Skills

- **Methods:** State-year panel analysis, survey analysis (GSS), multilevel modeling, policy coding.
- **Software:** Stata, R, Python, QGIS.

Grants & Awards

- **Cory Rand Scholarship** (Research Stipend), Rutgers University, 2024–2025 (\$5,000)
- **Graduate Travel & Research Support**, Rutgers University, 2023–2025 (Approx. \$2,000)

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association (APSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

References

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