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EDUCATION

Ph.D. State University of New York at Stony Brook, Political Science Expected Spring 2026

Dissertation: "The Emotional Roots of Public Support for Social Welfare Programs"

Committee: Stanley Feldman (chair), Andrew W. Delton, Andrew Engelhardt, Kevin Arceneaux (Sciences Po)

B.A. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Political Science 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political psychology; public opinion; political behavior; redistribution; economic policy; ideology; personality; experimental design; survey methods; measurement; panel data models and inference; latent variable models

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forth Americans' Responses to COVID-19 and the Conditional Role of Needs for Security: A Replication and Extension.
Public Opinion Quarterly (with Trent Ollerenshaw and Joseph A. Vitriol)
- 2025 Polarized Attitudes and Anti-Democratic Orientation: Evidence for Paradoxical Relationships Among American Partisans.
Political Studies (with Ariel Malka, Christopher M. Federico, and Thomas H. Costello)
- 2025 Informed or Overwhelmed? Disentangling the Effects of Cognitive Ability and Information on Public Opinion.
British Journal of Political Science
- 2025 Why Anxious People Lean to the Left on Economic Policy: Personality, Social Exclusion, and Redistribution.
British Journal of Political Science (with Andrew W. Delton)
 - Coverage in PsyPost (January 6, 2026)
- 2024 The Neurobiology of Political Ideology: Theories, Findings, and Future Directions.
Social and Personality Psychology Compass (with H. Hannah Nam)
- 2023 Big five personality and COVID-19 beliefs, behaviors, and vaccine intentions: The mediating role of political ideology.
Social and Personality Psychology Compass (with Steven G. Ludeke and Joseph A. Vitriol)

UNDER REVIEW

- R&R Authoritarianism, Redistribution, and Ethnic Diversity.
Invited to Revise & Resubmit at the American Journal of Political Science (with Stanley Feldman)
- R&R Questionnaire Democrats? Reconsidering the Relevance of Abstract Democracy Support.
Invited to Revise & Resubmit at Political Behavior (with Ariel Malka)
- Ironic Relationships Between Partisan Polarization and Support for Democratic Norm Violations. (with Ariel Malka)
- Do Agree-Disagree Rating Scales Reduce Self-Report Measurement Quality? Four Preregistered Survey Experiments.
(with Ariel Malka, Christopher J. Soto, and Ricardo Primi)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Job Market Paper: Who Wants Help? How Anxiety Shapes the Demand for Insurance After Economic Shocks.

- Awarded 2nd Place Prize in the NYAAPOR/PANJAAPOR Young Public Opinion Scholars Competition

Rethinking the Cross Lagged Regression Model: Limitations and Alternatives in Panel Analysis (with Chris Weber, Stanley Feldman, and Bang Q. Zheng)

Welfare State Characteristics and Citizens' Reactions to Economic Shocks: The Role of Anxiety

Anxiety and the Moral Politics of Harm. (with Andrew W. Delton)

HONORS & AWARDS

External

- 2025 Young Public Opinion Scholar | **American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)** | \$500
- 2023 Annual Meeting Travel Grant | **American Political Science Association** | \$150
- 2021 Summer Collaboration Fellowship | **Rapaport Family Foundation** | \$4,000 (with Joseph A. Vitriol)

Internal

- 2024 Frank Myers Graduate Teaching Award | \$500
- 2023 Milton Lodge Graduate Research Scholarship | \$500
- 2023 Fine Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Grant | \$3,360 (with Andrew W. Delton)
- 2023 Fine Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Grant | \$3,500 (with Stanley Feldman)
- 2023 Distinguished Travel Award | **Stony Brook University Graduate Student Organization** | \$1,372
- 2023 Professional Development Award | **Stony Brook University Graduate Student Employees Union** | \$355
- 2020 Cowart Research and Travel Funds | \$2,000

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 *Who Wants Help? How Anxiety Shapes The Demand for Insurance After Economic Shocks.* 121st APSA, Vancouver, BC. September 11
- 2025 *Who Responds? Trait Anxiety Shapes Political Responses to Personal Economic Conditions.* 82nd MPSA. April 3
- 2025 *Rethinking the Cross Lagged Regression Model: Limitations and Alternatives in Panel Analysis.* 82nd MPSA. April 4 (non-presenting coauthor)
- 2024 *Authoritarianism, Redistribution, and Ethnic Diversity.* 120th APSA, Philadelphia, PA. September 6
- 2024 *Informed or overwhelmed? How cognitive ability shapes the effects of political information.* 81st MPSA. April 7
- 2024 *Authoritarianism, Redistribution, and Ethnic Diversity.* 81st MPSA. April 5
- 2023 *Personality, Social Exclusion, and Redistribution: Why Anxious People Lean to the Left on Economic Policy.* 119th APSA, Los Angeles, CA. September 10
- 2023 *How the Interplay of Ability and Information Leads to Stratified Public Opinion.* 46th ISPP, Montréal, QC. July 9
- 2023 *Anxiety, Social Exclusion, and Redistribution: Why Neurotic People Lean to the Left on Economic Policy.* 80th MPSA. April 14

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 *Who Wants Help? How Anxiety Shapes The Demand for Insurance After Economic Shocks.* APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference, Vancouver, BC. September 10
- 2025 *Who Responds? Trait Anxiety Shapes Political Responses to Personal Economic Conditions.* 3rd Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference, Stony Brook, NY. May 30
- 2023 *Informed or overwhelmed? How cognitive ability shapes the effects of political information.* APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference, Los Angeles, CA. August 30
- 2023 *The Personality Roots of Redistribution Preferences: Why Neurotic People Support Social Welfare Programs.* 2023 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, New York, NY. March 3

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 *Anxiety, Social Exclusion, and Redistribution.* Center for Evolutionary Psychology, UC Santa Barbara, CA. June 7
- 2023 *Authoritarianism and Personality.* Social Sciences Division of Harvard Extension School at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. February 27

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

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| (3x) POL 201: Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science - W 2023, W 2024, F 2024 | Stony Brook University |
| (3x) POL 344: American Political Ideology and Public Opinion - F 2023, Spr. 2024, W 2025 | Stony Brook University |
| (2x) POL 504: Research Design (MA in Political Psychology Program) - Spr. 2025, F 2025 | Stony Brook University |

Teaching Assistant

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| (1x) PSYC-E1587: Fake News and Political Misperceptions (Joe Vitriol) - Spr. 2023 | Harvard University Extension School |
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SKILLS

regression: linear regression; nonlinear regression for categorical and limited dependent variables (logit, probit, ordered probit/logit, multinomial logit; tobit; Heckman selection model, simulation-based inference)

multilevel models: multilevel linear models, multilevel logit/probit, multilevel ordered logit/probit (lme4, clmm, brms, Stan)

Bayesian estimation: multivariate models; missing data models; measurement error models (brms, Stan)

structural equation modeling: latent variables; MIMIC models; measurement invariance (lavaan, Mplus, openMX)

Item Response Theory (IRT): Rasch model; 2PL/3PL models, Polytomous Rasch models; graded response model (ltm; mirt; Mplus)

timeseries and panel data models: random intercept cross-lagged panel models (RI-CLPMs); latent change score models (LCSM); growth curve models (GCM); panel matching estimators

multiple imputation: Bayesian model-based imputation w/ brms; multiple imputation by chained quations (MICE)

causal inference: matching, covariate balancing propensity scores (CBPS), difference-in-differences; survey experiments

other: research design; \LaTeX ; Qualtrics

SERVICE

Reviewer

Political Behavior; Politics and the Life Sciences (x2); Social and Personality Psychology Compass (x2)

Discussant/Chair

2025 APSA

2024 APSA

2023 APSA, ISPP

REFERENCES

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