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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 Welfare State 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, American political behavior, comparative political behavior, ideology, personality and politics, evolutionary political psychology, survey methods, measurement, panel data analysis

TEACHING INTERESTS

Public opinion, electoral behavior, quantitative methods, American political ideology, comparative political behavior, political psychology, structural equation modeling, research design

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Accpt   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)

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)

   Ironic Relationships Between Partisan Polarization and Support for Democratic Norm Violations. (with Ariel Malka)

   Questionnaire Democrats? Reconsidering the Relevance of Abstract Democracy Support. (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 Responds? How Trait Anxiety Shapes Political Responses to Economic Shocks.
   - Awarded 2nd Place Prize in the NYAAPOR/PANJAAPOR Young Public Opinion Scholars Competition [*video presentation*]

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

   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)

Honors & Awards (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

Papers

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

Posters

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

(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

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

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

2024   APSA

2023   APSA, ISPP

References

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