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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 equations (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

### **Stanley Feldman, PhD**

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