

Benjamin Carter

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA

PhD, Political Science

Expected: 2022

· Advisor: Peter DeScioli

· Title: Do Citizens Understand the Benefits of Government? Experiments on Voting and Taxes

MA, Public Policy

2017

BA, Political Science

2016

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- **Small Grants Program** (\$9,600)
International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics Spring 2021
With Peter DeScioli
- **Health Policy Research Scholars Fellowship** (\$120,000)
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fall 2018 – Summer 2022
- **Professional Development Award** (\$516)
Graduate Student Employee Union, Stony Brook University Spring 2018
- **Full Tuition Scholarship**
Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University 2017 – Present
- **Undergraduate Researcher of the Month**
Stony Brook University August 2016
- **Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowship** (\$4,000)
Stony Brook University Summer 2016
With Peter DeScioli

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Barabas, J., **Carter, B.**, Shan, K. (2020). Analogical Framing: How Policy Comparisons Alter Political Support for Health Care Reform. *American Politics Research*, 48, 596-611

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- Integrating Web Applications with Popular Survey Software
With Alessandro Del Ponte (*under review*)
- Give some to get some: Do voters understand who benefits from high taxes?
With Alessandro Del Ponte & Peter DeScioli (*in preparation*)
- Voting on taxes: Is it more intuitive to only tax the rich?
With Peter DeScioli (*in progress*)
- Keep it simple, senator: Clear tax legislation promotes instrumental voting.
(*in progress*)

- Do people oppose redistribution when they believe income is based on merit?
With Peter DeScioli (*in progress*)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Give some to get some: Do voters understand who benefits from high taxes?”, with Alessandro Del Ponte and Peter DeScioli.
 - *Paper* presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in Chicago, IL April 2019, April 2021
 - *Paper* presented at the Nudge.It North virtual conference January 2021
 - *Paper* presented at the Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University March 2019
 - *Poster* presented at the 12th Annual Experimental Political Science CESS conference at NYU, New York, NY February 2019
- “Analogical Reasoning in Politics: Does Health Care Insurance \approx Car Insurance?”, with Kevin Shan and Jason Barabas.
 - *Paper* presented at the Annual APSA Conference June 2018
 - *Paper* presented at the State Politics and Policy conference. September 2018
- “Redistribution and uncertain income: An economic experiment on the size of government under majority rule”, with Peter DeScioli
 - *Poster* presented at URECA Symposium, Stony Brook University. April 2017

EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant** Sept 2017 – Present
 Department of Political Science,
 Stony Brook University
 Supervisors: Peter DeScioli; Jason Barabas
- Teaching Assistant** Fall 2016
 POL 103 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Department of Political Science,
 Stony Brook University
 Instructor: Alessandro Del Ponte
- United States Senate Intern** Fall 2014
 New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
 Melville, New York
 Supervisors: Melanie Sinesi; Deborah Tinnirello

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Web Programming: JavaScript, HTML5, CSS
- Computational Modeling: Python
- Statistics & Analysis: R, Stata, Tableau
- Writing: L^AT_EX, MS Office
- Survey Design: Qualtrics

REFERENCES

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