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## EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D., Political Science**, *Stony Brook University*.  
Fields: Political Psychology, Quantitative Methods
- 2013 **M.A., Political Science (with distinction)**, *University of Mannheim, Germany*.  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods
- 2011 **B.A., Political Science**, *University of Mannheim, Germany*.

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## DISSERTATION

- Title **Tell Me What You Think: Leveraging Open-Ended Measures in Political Psychology**
- Committee Jennifer Jerit (chair), Stanley Feldman, Yanna Krupnikov
- Abstract Verbally expressing your attitudes toward an issue is one of the most ubiquitous ways to engage in politics. Yet little research directly studies this basic feature of day-to-day political life. Building on recent advances in quantitative text analysis methods, I develop new measures to systematically examine verbatim political attitude expression. By analyzing how citizens describe their beliefs and discuss them with peers, my research advances previous theoretical insights on the role of morality in political attitudes, the nature of political sophistication, and the mechanisms underlying attitude change in political discussions.

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

political attitudes and behavior, ideology and moral reasoning, text analysis, measurement, causal inference, experimental methods

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- accepted **Measuring Morality in Political Attitude Expression**, *Journal of Politics*.
- forthcoming **Personality and Prosocial Behavior: A Multilevel Meta-Analysis**, *Political Science Research & Methods*, with Reuben Kline, Alexa Bankert, and Lindsey Levitan.
- 2017 **The General Error Correction Model in Practice**, *Research and Politics*, 4(2): 2053168017713059, with Matthew Lebo.
- 2015 **Why People ‘Don’t Trust the Evidence’: Motivated Reasoning and Scientific Beliefs**, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 658(1): 121–133, with Milton Lodge and Charles S. Taber.

## Book Chapters and Other Publications

- 2014 **Political Information Flows and Consistent Voting: Personal Conversations, Mass Media, Party Campaigns and the Quality of Voting Decisions at the 2009 German Federal Election**, in: *Voters on the Move or on the Run? Information-processing and Vote Choice in a Complex World*, ed. Bernhard Weßels / Hans Rattinger / Sigrid Roßteutscher / Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Oxford: Oxford University Press: 193–216, with Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck.
- 2013 **Helfen politische Gespräche, 'korrekt' zu wählen? Eine Analyse zur Bundestagswahl 2009**, in: *Zivile Bürgergesellschaft und Demokratie. Aktuelle Ergebnisse der empirischen Politikforschung. Festschrift für Oscar W. Gabriel zum 65. Geburtstag*, ed. Silke I. Keil / S. Isabell Thaidigsmann, Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 117–138, with Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck.
- 2012 **Correct Voting in Deutschland: Eine Analyse der Qualität individueller Wahlentscheidungen bei der Bundestagswahl 2009**, *Working Paper of the Mannheim Center for European Social Research*, 148.

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## SOFTWARE

**ArfimaMLM: Arfima-MLM Estimation For Repeated Cross-Sectional Data.** *R package version 1.3*. Links: [CRAN](#), [Github](#)

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## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- under review **When do Voters Take into Account Post-Election Bargaining Processes?**, with Lukas Stötzer.
- The Perils of Protest: Race, Civilian Complaint, and Police Retaliation**, with Benjamin J. Newman.
- in prep. **Looking for Answers: A Naive Approach for Measuring Political Sophistication.**
- The Modern Gatekeepers in Mass Media**, with John B. Ryan, Yanna Krupnikov, and Kerri Milita.

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## TEACHING

- Substantive American politics, public opinion and elections, ideology, media and politics
- Methods Research methods, probability theory, linear models, maximum-likelihood estimation, measurement, causal inference, text analysis, Bayesian statistics
- Instructor
- 2017 Political Psychology (undergraduate lecture)
- 2016–2017 Introduction to American Government (undergraduate lecture)
- 2015–2017 Math Refresher for Political Science PhD Students (graduate seminar)
- Teaching Assistant (Ph.D. level)
- 2015–2017 Recitation Session for Data Analysis II: Linear Regression (Prof. Michael Peress)
- 2014–2017 Recitation Session for Data Analysis I: Introduction to Probability Theory (Prof. Yanna Krupnikov)

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## HONORS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017 Milton Lodge Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research  
*Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University*
- Early Career Scholars Travel Award *International Society of Political Psychology*
- 2016 Distinguished Travel Award *Stony Brook University, GSO*
- POLMETH Travel Grant *National Science Foundation*
- Professional Development Award *Stony Brook University, GSEU*
- 2012–2013 Fulbright Scholarship *The Fulbright Commission*
- 2012–2013 International Travel Grant *German National Academic Foundation*
- 2011–2013 Academic Scholarship *German National Academic Foundation*

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## SELECTED COURSEWORK

- 2016 *Text as Data* (Prof. Arthur Spirling) *New York University*
- 2015 *Bayesian Data Analysis* (Prof. Andrew Gelman) *Columbia University*
- 2014 *Causal Inference* (Prof. Jason Barabas) *Stony Brook University*
- 2012 *Measurement* (Prof. Stanley Feldman) *Stony Brook University*

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## SKILLS

- Software R, Stan,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Stata, Qualtrics, Python (basics)
- Languages German (native), English (fluent)

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## SERVICE

- Reviewer American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Political Communication, Political Science Research & Methods, Research & Politics, American Politics Research, International Journal of Health Policy and Management
- Discussant MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 16–19, 2015
- Organizer Political Psychology Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2015–2017

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## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 **Looking for Answers: Measuring Political Sophistication in Open-Ended Responses**, APSA, San Francisco, CA, August 30–September 3.
- Women Also Know Stuff: Challenging the Gender Gap in Political Sophistication**, ISPP, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 29–July 2.
- Women Also Know Stuff: Challenging the Gender Gap in Political Sophistication**, EPSA, Milan, Italy, June 22–24.
- Semantic Software: Measuring the Conceptual Underpinnings of Attitudes**, MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 6–9, with Ryan Cotter and Milton Lodge.
- 2016 **Don't Just Ask Me for Facts! Measuring Political Sophistication Using Open-Ended Responses**, POLMETH, Houston, TX, July 21–23, (poster).

- The Modern Gatekeepers in Mass Media**, *MPSA*, Chicago, IL, April 7–10, with John B. Ryan, Yanna Krupnikov, and Kerri Milita.
- 2015 **When do Voters Take into Account Post-Election Bargaining Processes?**, *APSA*, San Francisco, CA, September 2–6, with Lukas Stötzer (poster).
- Moral Foundations of Political Reasoning. Investigating the Moral Underpinnings of Political Judgment**, *MPSA*, Chicago, IL, April 16–19.
- Should the Majority Rule? When Voting Leads to Suboptimal Choices**, *MPSA*, Chicago, IL, April 16–19, with Peter DeScioli.
- 2014 **Mapping the Meanings of Political Concepts**, *MPSA*, Chicago, IL, April 3–6, with Scott E. Bokemper, Milton Lodge, Yamil Velez.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

APSA, MPSA, ISPP

Stony Brook, October 25, 2017  
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