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Education:

Ph.D, Political Science, Stony Brook University, August 2015

M.A, Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2012

B.A., Political Science and Psychology, Union College, 2007

Grants, Awards and Honors:

\$750 from College of Charleston's Deans Discretionary Fund for Ideology as a Social Identity Project
\$1,667 from College of Charleston for The Southern Accent as a Heuristic in Campaigns and Elections
(with Gibbs Knotts, Chris Cooper and Claire Wofford)

SBU President's Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student 2014

Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award 2014

Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award (Honorable Mention) 2013

Research Interests:

Political Behavior and Public Opinion (ideology, polarization, partisanship, participation, voting)

Political Psychology (political cognition, emotions and political identity)

Media and Political Communication (advertising, framing, priming, agenda setting, bias)

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

"A Tale of Two Democrats: How Authoritarianism Shaped the Democratic Primary"- with Julie Wronski, Alexa Bankert, April Johnson and Lindsey Levitan Accepted at the *Journal of Politics*

"Do People Assimilate and Contrast the Ideological Location of Candidates? An Experimental Test of the Projection Hypothesis" Accepted at the *Journal of Experimental Political Science*

"The Southern Accent as a Heuristic in Campaigns and Elections". 2018. with Gibbs Knotts, Chris Cooper and Claire Wofford *Forthcoming at American Politics Research*

Amira, K. The Decision Not to Furl the Confederate Flag in My Classroom. 2017. *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Seltzer, Nicholas A., Johnson, April A. and Karyn A. Amira. 2013. "Revisiting Dynamic Social Impact Theory: Extensions and Applications for Political Science." *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*

Revise and Resubmit

"Allies or Adversaries? Donald Trump's Republican Support in Congress" with Jordan Ragusa, Lauren Johnson and Deon McCray

Under Review

"Does Negative Information Moderate Symbolic Ideology? An Experimental Test"

“In-Group Love vs. Out-Group Hate: Can Partisans be Moved to Denigrate Out-Partisans Rather than Protect In-Partisans?” with Jenn Wright and Daniela Tocchetto

Unpublished Manuscripts:

“Priming, Cognitive Dissonance, Social Reciprocity and Voting: Using Classic Social Psychology to Increase Voter Turnout in a Field Experiment” with Lindsey Levitan *Unpublished Manuscript*

Conference Participation:

Southern Political Science Association 2018

“Does Negative Information Moderate Ideological Identity? An Experimental Test”

Discussant: In-Groups and Out-Groups

Midwest Political Science Association 2017

“Does Negative Information Moderate Ideological Identity? An Experimental Test”

Discussant: Candidate Evaluations

Midwest Political Science Association 2016

“Do People Assimilate and Contrast the Ideological Location of Candidates? An Experimental Test of the Projection Hypothesis”

Midwest Political Science Association 2015

“Left Shift: An Experimental Test: Does the Public Perceive Democrats to be More Extreme than Equally Ideological Republicans?”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2014

“Priming, Cognitive Dissonance, Social Reciprocity and Voting: Using Classic Social Psychology to Increase Voter Turnout in a Field Experiment” with Lindsey Levitan

South West Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2014

“Broken Vows, Broken Democracy: The Political Consequences of Divorce” with April Johnson

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2013

“Social Welfare Attitudes, Racial Attitudes and Economic Locus of Control” with David Martin

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2012

“Revisiting Dynamic Social Impact Theory: Extensions and Applications for Political Science” with Nick Seltzer and April Johnson

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2012

“The Decline in Microfinance Loans to Women: What is To Blame? A Look at Commercialization and Economic Indicators”

On Campus Presentations:

2016 Election Postmortem Panelist

Media Attention:

Channel 2 news on the SC Republican primary: <http://www.counton2.com/news/local-news/how-allegiance-with-president-trump-influenced-arringtonsanford-primary-election/1237261379>

Atlanta Journal Constitution: Will High School Activists Make a Difference in the Gun Debate?
<https://www.myajc.com/news/crime--law/will-high-school-activists-make-difference-gun-debate/7rgTRGawDKBZhhNceEivWI/>

Article coverage at PsyPost: <http://www.psypost.org/2018/03/candidates-southern-accent-viewed-negatively-even-south-50867>

Article coverage by the Post and Courier: https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/dang-it-politicians-with-southern-accent-less-honest-less-intelligent/article_b34fd4a4-3ce9-11e8-8de0-cfc414f8e023.html

Teaching Experience:

POL 405: Capstone Seminar: The 2016 Election in Hindsight (Spring 2018)

POL 327: Political Parties (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

POL 205: Doing Research in Politics (Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

POL 367: Media and Politics (Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Fall 2013)

POL 346: Political Psychology (Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2014)

POL 344: Political Ideology and Public Opinion (Fall 2014)

New Teaching Assistant Orientation Panelist (Summer 2014)

Additional Teaching Interests: *UG=Undergrad, G=Graduate*

Introduction to American Politics (UG)

Campaigns and Elections (UG/G)

Voting Behavior and Political Participation (UG/G)

Race in American Politics (UG/G)

Political Cognition and Decision Making (UG/G)

Service:

Department of Political Science Assessor

Gen Ed Assessment Committee

Department of Political Science New Faculty Search Committee

College of Charleston IT Liaison Committee

Award Committee Member: Fisher Parker and HSS Travel Abroad Award

Award Committee Member: NEH Summer Stipend Award

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *Politics and Gender*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Political Science Education*

Independent Blogger, Huffington Post Education

Advisor for Academic Magnate High School Senior Research Thesis 2016, 2017

Mentoring Matters Program Faculty Mentor 2016, 2017

Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association
Heterodox Academy Member

References:

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