

# Karyn Amira

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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:**

\$500 from College of Charleston's Deans Discretionary Fund for the Celebrityization of Congressional Candidates Project

\$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:**

6. "Allies or Adversaries? Donald Trump's Republican Support in Congress" with Jordan Ragusa, Lauren Johnson and Deon McCray. Forthcoming at *Perspectives on Politics*

5. "A Tale of Two Democrats: How Authoritarianism Shaped the Democratic Primary". 2018. With Julie Wronski, Alexa Bankert, April Johnson and Lindsey Levitan *The Journal of Politics*

4. "Do People Assimilate and Contrast the Ideological Location of Candidates? An Experimental Test of the Projection Hypothesis". 2018. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*

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

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

1. 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**

"Does Negative Information Moderate Symbolic Ideology? An Experimental Test" at *Social Science Quarterly*

“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 at *Political Behavior*

## **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*

## **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 Heterodox Academy:

<https://heterodoxacademy.org/podcast-hhh-36-julie-wronski/>

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-accents-less-honest-less-intelligent/article\\_b34fd4a4-3ce9-11e8-8de0-cfc414f8e023.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/dang-it-politicians-with-southern-accents-less-honest-less-intelligent/article_b34fd4a4-3ce9-11e8-8de0-cfc414f8e023.html)

## **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

2018 Midterm Postmortem Panelist

### **Teaching Experience:**

POL 405: Capstone Seminar: The 2016 Election in Hindsight

POL 327: Political Parties

POL 205: Doing Research in Politics

POL 367: Media and Politics

POL 346: Political Psychology

POL 344: Political Ideology and Public Opinion

New Teaching Assistant Orientation Panelist (Summer 2014)

### **Additional Teaching Interests:**

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:**

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

Advisor to the Political Science Club

Department of Political Science Assessor

Gen Ed Assessment Committee

College of Charleston IT Liaison Committee  
Award Committee Member: Fisher Parker and HSS Travel Abroad Award  
Award Committee Member: NEH Summer Stipend Award  
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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