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Research Interests

- 📖 American politics and comparative politics, focusing on political behavior, public opinion, and political communication. My research explores the complex relationships between citizens and the political institutions that serve them. A key aspect of my work investigates the role of citizens' attitudes and emotions in shaping political support.

Education

- 2010 – 2018 📖 **Ph.D., Political Science**, Michigan State University.
Dissertation title: *Prime ministers' popularity ratings: The impact of the environmental connection and governmental characteristics.*
Dissertation committee: Charles W. Ostrom Jr. (chair), Paul R. Abramson, Eric C.C. Chang.
Comprehensive exams: comparative politics, American politics (with distinction)
- 2007 – 2010 📖 **M.A. Political Science**, Tel Aviv University (with Honours).
Thesis title: *Political hacking.*
- 2004 – 2007 📖 **B.A. Political Science and Communication**, Tel Aviv University (with Honors).

Employment History

- 2023 – 📖 **Howard Deshong Postdoctoral Fellow**, Annenberg Center for Advanced Study in Communication at the Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2020 – 2023 📖 **Visiting Research Fellow**, School of Politics and International Relations, The Australian National University
- 2018 – 2021 📖 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Research Publications and Work in Progress

Journal Articles and Under Review Papers

- 1 **A. P. Kraitzman**, S. DeMora, and D. Albarracin, "Motivating future voters: Comparing the effects of 'I Voted' and 'I Will Vote' stickers," (Invited to Revise and Resubmit).
- 2 **A. P. Kraitzman**, T. W. Etienne, and D. Albarracin, "The effects of media exposure to Ukrainian civilian casualties on support for US foreign involvement," (Invited to Revise and Resubmit).
- 3 **A. P. Kraitzman** and J. Genauer, "The impact of security issues on government evaluation: Evidence from the Arab World," *Democratization*, vol. 30, no. 4, pp. 693–714, 2023.
- 4 **A. P. Kraitzman** and C. W. Ostrom, "The impact of governmental characteristics on prime ministers' popularity ratings: Evidence from Israel," *Political Behavior*, pp. 1–26, 2021.
- 5 C. W. Ostrom, **A. P. Kraitzman**, B. Newman, and P. R. Abramson, "Polls and elections: Terror, war, and the economy in George W. Bush's approval ratings: The importance of salience in presidential approval," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, vol. 48, no. 2, pp. 318–341, 2018.
- 6 P. R. Abramson and **A. P. Kraitzman**, "Using a gaming site to teach campaign strategies in the 2012 US presidential election," *PS: Political Science & Politics*, vol. 47, no. 2, pp. 502–508, 2014.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 1 S. DeMora, **A. P. Kraitzman**, T. Hyde, M. P. S. Chan, and D. Albarracin, "Anxiety's role in amplifying concerns with contemporary health, environmental, and social crises."
- 2 **A. P. Kraitzman**, "Perceptions of contemporary threats and political leaders' concern: A panel data analysis."
- 3 **A. P. Kraitzman** and D. Albarracin, "Virtual civic engagement and voter turnout."
- 4 **A. P. Kraitzman**, B. Fayaz-Farkhad, S. Chan, and D. Albarracin, "Violence and perceptions of contemporary threats: Examining ideological differences in risk assessment across."

Awards and Fellowships

Under Review

- 2023  **NIH Director's Pioneer Award**, Social Conversations and Inner Dialogue about Behavioral Change. Role: collaborator (PI: Albarracin, Dolores).

Awarded


- 2024  **Annenberg Conference Grant**, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018  **Graduate School Fellowship**, Michigan State University.
- 2017  **Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, Michigan State University.
- 2016  **APSA Travel Grant**, American Political Science Association.
- 2011,2012  **ICPSR Scholarship**, Michigan State University.
- 2010–2018  **Graduate Fellowship**, Michigan State University.
- 2007–2010  **Graduate Fellowship**, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2007  **Scholarship for Academic Achievements**, Tel Aviv University.
- 2006  **Department of Communication Fellowship**, Tel Aviv University.

Conferences Participation

Invited Talks

- June 2024  **Pacific International Politics Conference - PIPCOSS.**
Presentation: "The effects of media exposure to Ukrainian civilian casualties on support for US foreign involvement."
- June 2022  **SchoPES Seminar**, University of Canberra, Australia.
Presentation: "The impact of security issues on government popularity."
- February 2022  **Pollitik Trajectory Talk**, Georgia State University, virtual.
Presentation: "Government popularity in the Arab World."
- September 2020  **SPIR Research Seminar Series**, Australian National University, Australia.
Presentation: "Reducing uncertainty in government evaluation."



Conference Presentations

- September 2024  **American Political Science Association, Pre-Conference in Political Communication, Philadelphia PA.**
"How media coverage of civilian war casualties impacts support for US involvement in foreign wars."

Conferences Participation (continued)

- April 2024  **Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.**
"How does media coverage of civilian war casualties in an allied country impact public support for foreign involvement? Insights from US attitudes toward the Ukraine war."
- January 2024  **Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans LA.**
"How does media coverage of civilian war casualties in an allied country impact public support for foreign involvement? Insights from US attitudes toward the Ukraine war."
- April 2019  **Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.**
"The impact of governmental characteristics on prime ministers' popularity ratings: evidence from Israel."
- January 2019  **Southern Political Science Association, Austin TX.**
"Popularity ratings, vote intentions and their mutual dependence."
- September 2017  **American Political Science Association, San Francisco CA.**
"Explaining approval for Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama."
- August 2016  **American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA.**
"The language of leaders and public opinion."
 **American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA.**
"Putting economic popularity in context: How government polarization influences prime ministers."
- January 2016  **Southern Political Science Association, San Juan PR.**
"Explaining approval for Clinton, Bush-43, and Obama: Addressing three puzzles."
- September 2015  **American Political Science Association, San Francisco CA.**
"Terror, war, and the economy in the approval ratings of George W. Bush and Barack Obama."
- April 2015  **Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.**
"Winning the perpetual popularity contest: How institutions influence government popularity."
- August 2014  **American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.**
"The effects of low-level wars, high-level terror attacks, and the economy on the presidency of George W. Bush."
- April 2014  **Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.**
"Uncovering cross-national dynamics of government popularity."

Service

- 2024 – 2025  **Committee member**, Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award Committee.
- May, 2023  **Media Publication**, Resolving political uncertainty: A new approach to evaluating government in the Arab world, theacademic.com
- 2020 – Present  **Country Data Leader**, The Executive Approval Project (EAP).
- 2014 – 2015  **Editorial Assistant**, International Interactions.
- 2008 – 2010  **Editorial Assistant**, The Public Sphere Journal (in Hebrew).
 **Reviewer**, American Politics Research; Electoral Studies; International Interactions; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Political Behavior; Public Opinion Quarterly.

Teaching Experience

2022	Comparative Political Institutions (in-person class), Australian National University
2020	Risk and Society (online teaching), Michigan State University
2019-2020	Comparative Executive Politics (online teaching), Michigan State University
2018-2021	Introduction to Comparative Politics (online teaching), Michigan State University
2016-2019	Middle East Politics (online teaching), Michigan State University
2014; 2020	Campaigns and Elections (in-person class & online teaching), Michigan State University
2009	Topics in Israeli Politics (in-person class), Tel Aviv University

Additional Training

2023	📖 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy , Australian National University.
2012	📖 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program , University of Michigan: Time series analysis, Maximum likelihood estimation.
2011	📖 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program , University of Michigan: Causal inference for the social sciences, Introduction to matrix algebra

Skills

Statistical Software	📖 R, STATA, SPSS, Excel
Word Processing	📖 \LaTeX , Microsoft Word
Other	📖 Survey Methodology, Experimental Methods, Advanced Econometric Methods, Conjoint Analysis, Difference in Difference Approach
Languages	📖 English, Hebrew (native).

Professional Membership

Midwest Political Science Association	American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association	

References

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