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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Stony Brook University (expected August 2007)
Examination Fields: Political Psychology (With Distinction), Political Economy, and Methodology
Dissertation: Culture Wars as Identity Politics
Committee: Stanley Feldman (Chair), Leonie Huddy, Howard Lavine, and Bonita London
- M.A. Political Science, Stony Brook University (May 2004)
- B.A. Psychology, Canisius College. *summa cum laude*. (May 2002)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behavior: political psychology, political and social identity, emotion and political cognition, risk and threat perception, public opinion, political ideology and values, political tolerance, and political participation.

Public Policy: economic models of public policy, policy change, risk management policy, and education policy.

Gender and Politics: gender identity, gender and health, political participation, political socialization, and representation.

PUBLICATIONS

Huddy, Leonie, Feldman, Stanley and Cassese, Erin. *In press*. "Gender Differences in Response to Terrorism and War." In Stritzker, Werner (Ed.), *Terrorism and Torture: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Cambridge University Press.

Huddy, Leonie, Stanley Feldman, and Erin Cassese. *In press*. "On the Distinct Political Effects of Anxiety and Anger." In Ann Crigler, Michael MacKuen, George Marcus, and W. Russell Neuman [Eds]. The Affect Effect: The Dynamics of Emotion in Political Thinking and Behavior. Chicago, IL: Chicago University Press.

Huddy, Leonie, Erin Cassese, and Mary Kate Lizotte. *In press*. "Sources of Political Unity and Disunity Among Women: Placing the Gender Gap in Perspective." In Lois Duke Whittaker [Ed] The Gender Gap – Voting and the Sexes. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press.

Huddy, Leonie, Erin Cassese, and Mary Kate Lizotte. *In press*. "Gender, Public Opinion, and Political Reasoning." In Christina Wolbrecht, Karen Beckwith, and Lisa Baldez [Eds.] Political Women and American Democracy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Schneider, Mark and Jack Buckley with Erin Cassese. 2007. "The Evolution of School Choice in the District of Columbia". In Charter Schools: Hope or Hype?. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.

Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, and Erin Cassese. 2005. "Local School Boards as Charter School Authorizers." In William Howell [Ed] Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. 2005. (with Paul Teske and Mark Schneider).

CURRENT PROJECTS

Cassese, Erin and Stanley Feldman. "Exploring the Dynamics of Personal Threat: The Effects of Anxiety on Policy Preferences." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Political Behavior*.

"Exploring the Dynamics of Threat: The Consequences of Personality and Emotion for Threat Perception and Policy Preferences." (with Stanley Feldman)

Examining the Gender Gap in Political Efficacy – An Item Response Theory Approach. (with Nadia Khatib)

The Consequence of Emotion and Appraisal on Attitudes towards Crime. (with Chris Weber)

The Emotional Media: How Anxiety in the News Influences Public Opinion. (with Stanley Feldman, Leonie Huddy, Mary-Kate Lizotte, and Chris Weber)

AWARDS

- Time Share Experiments for the Social Sciences, Special Competition Winner. 2004. (with Stanley Feldman).
- Excellence in Teaching Award. 2006. Political Science Department. Stony Brook University.
- Dialogues Across Differences Grant Recipient. 2006. Stony Brook University's Department of Diversity and Affirmative Action. (with Leonie Huddy, Stanley Feldman, and Mary Kate Lizotte).
- Presidential Scholarship. Stony Brook University . 2002-2006
- Peiper Award. Stony Brook University. 2002.
- Presidential Scholarship. Canisius College. 1998-2002.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Emotion, Attribution, and Attitudes towards Crime” (with Christopher Weber). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

“Culture Wars as Identity Politics – A Look at Political Sophisticates.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3.

“Culture Wars as Identity Politics” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. Barcelona, Spain. July 12-15.

“Culture Wars as Identity Politics” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 20-23.

“Exploring the Dynamics of the Gender Gap in Efficacy and Participation” (with Nadia Khatib). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 20-23.

"Perceptions of Threat and Policy Preferences: Exploring the Role of Situational and Dispositional Moderating Factors" Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C, September 1-3, 2005.

“The Consequences of Affect for Threat Perception and Policy Preferences” (with Stanley Feldman). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Toronto, July 3-6, 2005.

“Exploring the Dynamics of Threat: The Consequences of Personality and Affect for Threat Perception and Policy Preferences” (with Stanley Feldman). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

“Perceived Threat and its Influence on Policy Preferences” (with Stanley Feldman). Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2004.

“The Effects of Trait Anxiety on Risk Assessment and Preferences for Risk Management Policy” (with Stanley Feldman). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychologists, Boston, MA, July 6-9, 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

- POL 535: Public Policy Analysis. Spring 2005 and Fall 2005.
- POL 359: Public Policy Analysis. Fall 2004.
- POL 347: Women and Politics. Summer 2005 and Spring 2006.

Teaching Assistant: ECPSR Summer School in Data Analysis, University of Essex, U.K.

- Logit and Probit Models. Summer, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- The International Society of Political Psychology

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editor, Junior Scholars Newsletter, International Society for Political Psychology.
- Junior Scholars Committee, International Society for Political Psychology.
- Referee for Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Science (TESS), Political Psychology, and Political Research Quarterly.
- Co-Founder, Affective Sciences Discussion Group (with Chris Weber). Stony Brook University.
- Representative – Political Science Department. Graduate Student Employee Union. Stony Brook University.
- Senator - Political Science Department. Stony Brook University Graduate Student Organization.
- Elections Committee – Stony Brook University Graduate Student Organization.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- Editorial Assistant, Political Psychology. 2005 – 2007.
- Consultant. The College Board. 2005.
- Consultant. Issues Deliberation Australia-America. 2004 – 2005.

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