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## Education

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### University of California, Davis

PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE

Davis, CA

2004 - 2009

### Boston College

BA COMMUNICATIONS

Chestnut Hill, MA

1997 - 2001

## Professional Experience

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- 2023- **Associate Professor**, University of Michigan, Departments of Communication and Media & Political Science
- 2023- **Faculty Associate**, University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies
- 2023- **Visiting Professor**, University of Michigan, Department of Communication and Media
- 2022 **Professor**, Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science
- 2016-2022 **Associate Professor**, Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science
- 2014-2016 **Assistant Professor**, Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science
- 2014-2022 **Faculty Affiliate**, Stony Brook University, Center for Behavioral Political Economy
- 2009-2014 **Assistant Professor**, Florida State University, Department of Political Science
- 2009-2014 **Member**, Florida State University, xs/fs Experimental Social Science Research Cluster

## Publications

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### BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

- Druckman, James N., Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2024. *Partisan Hostility and American Democracy: Explaining Political Divisions and When They Matter*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.
- Searles, Kathleen, Yanna Krupnikov, John Barry Ryan, and Hillary Style. 2023. *Constructing Political Expertise in the News*. Cambridge Elements in Politics and Communications. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Connors, Elizabeth C., Matthew T. Pietryka, and John Barry Ryan. 2022. *Examining Motivations in Interpersonal Communication Experiments*. Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Krupnikov, Yanna and John Barry Ryan. 2022. *The Other Divide: Polarization and Disengagement in American Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Ahn, T.K., Robert Huckfeldt, and John Barry Ryan. 2014. *Experts, Activists, and Democratic Politics: Are Electorates Self-Educating?* New York: Cambridge University Press.

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Claassen, Ryan L., Michael J. Ensley and John Barry Ryan. Forthcoming. "Do Fans Make Poor Referees? Exploring Citizens' Reactions to Partisan Gamesmanship." *Political Behavior*.
- Milazzo, Caitlin and John Barry Ryan. Forthcoming. "Perceived Negativity in British General Election Communications." *Electoral Studies*.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and John Barry Ryan. Forthcoming. "Biased Polls: Investigating the Pressures Survey Respondents Feel." *Acta Politica*.
- Groenendyk, Yanna Krupnikov, John Barry Ryan, and Elizabeth C. Connors. Forthcoming. "Selecting Out of 'Politics': The Self-Fulfilling Role of Conflict Expectation." *American Political Science Review*.
- Krupnikov, Yanna, Kerri Milita, John Barry Ryan, Victoria Smith, and Hillary Style. 2023. "Disseminating Research: Speaker Patterns in Research Seminars" (part of the "Gendered Dynamics of Academic Networks" Forum) *International Studies Perspectives*, 24(2):169-188.
- Ryan, John Barry, Talbot M. Andrews, Tracy Goodwin, and Yanna Krupnikov. 2022. "When Trust Matters: The Case of Gun Control." *Political Behavior*, 44(2): 725-748.
- Druckman, James N., Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2022. "(Mis-)Estimating Affective Polarization." *The Journal of Politics*, 84(2): 1106-1117.
- Andrews, Talbot M., Reuben Kline, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2022. "Too Many Ways to Help: How to Promote Climate Change Mitigation Behaviors." *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 81: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2022.101806>.
- Andrews, Talbot M. and John Barry Ryan. 2022. "Preferences for Prevention: People Assume Expensive Problems Have Expensive Solutions." *Risk Analysis*, 42(2): 370-384.
- Simas, Elizabeth N., Kerri Milita and John Barry Ryan. 2021. "Ambiguous Rhetoric and Legislative Accountability." *The Journal of Politics*, 83(4): 1695-1705.
- Kingzette, Jon, James N. Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. "How Affective Polarization Undermines Support for Democratic Norms." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 85(2): 663-677.
- Druckman, James N., Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. "How Affective Polarization Shapes Americans' Political Beliefs: A Study of Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 8(3): 223-234.
- Druckman, James N., Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. "Affective polarization, local contexts and public opinion in America." *Nature Human Behaviour*, 5(1): 28-38.
- Kraft, Patrick, Yanna Krupnikov, Kerri Milita, John Barry Ryan, and Stuart Soroka. 2020. "Social Media and the Changing Information Environment: Sentiment Differences in Read versus Re-Circulated News Content." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 84(S1): 195-215.
- Krupnikov, Yanna, Kerri Milita, John Barry Ryan, and Elizabeth C. Connors. 2020. "How Gender Affects the Efficacy of Discussion as an Information Shortcut." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 8(2): 268-284.
- Johnson, David and John Barry Ryan. 2020. "Amazon Mechanical Turk Workers Can Provide Consistent and Economically Meaningful Data." *Southern Economics Journal*, 87(1): 369-385.
- Klar, Samara, Yanna Krupnikov, John Barry Ryan, Kathleen Searles, and Yotam Shmargad. 2020. "Using Social Media to Promote Academic Research: Do the Benefits of Twitter Differ by Gender?" *PLOS ONE*, doi: [journal.pone.0229446](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0229446).
- Connors, Elizabeth C., Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2019. "How Transparency Affects Survey Responses." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 83(S1): 185-209.
- Milita, Kerri and John Barry Ryan. 2019. "Battleground States and Local Coverage of American Presidential Campaigns." *Political Research Quarterly*, 72(1): 104-116.

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- Piston, Spencer, Yanna Krupnikov, Kerri Milita, and John Barry Ryan. 2018. "Clear as Black and White: The Effects of Ambiguous Rhetoric Depend on Candidate Race." *The Journal of Politics*, 80(2): 662-674.
- Krupnikov, Yanna and John Barry Ryan. 2017. "Choice vs. Action: Candidate Ambiguity and Voter Decision Making." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 12(4): 479-505.
- Milita, Kerri, Elizabeth N. Simas, John Barry Ryan and Yanna Krupnikov. 2017. "The Effects of Ambiguous Rhetorical Strategy in Congressional Elections" *Electoral Studies*, 46: 48-63.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and John Barry Ryan. 2016. "Social Desirability, Hidden Biases, and Support for Hillary Clinton." *PS*, 49(4): 730-735.
- Johnson, David Blake and John Barry Ryan. 2015. "The Interrogation Game: Using Coercion and Rewards to Elicit Information from Groups." *Journal of Peace Research*, 52(6): 822-837.
- Ahn, T.K. and John Barry Ryan. 2015. "The Overvaluing of Expertise in Discussion Partner Choice." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 27(3): 380-400.
- Ryan, John Barry and Caitlin Milazzo. 2015. "The South, the Suburbs, and the Vatican Too: Explaining Partisan Change among Catholics" *Political Behavior*, 37(2): 441-463.
- Milita, Kerri, John Barry Ryan, and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2014. "Nothing to Hide, Nowhere to Run, or Nothing to Lose: Candidate Position Taking in Congressional Elections" *Political Behavior*, 36(2): 427-449.
- Ahn, T.K., Robert Huckfeldt, Alexander K. Mayer, and John Barry Ryan. 2013. "Expertise and Bias in Political Communication Networks." *American Journal of Political Science*, 57(2): 357-373.
- Ryan, John Barry. 2013. "An Experimental Study of Persuasive Communication." *Political Communication*, 30(1): 100-116.
- Ryan, John Barry. 2011. "Social Networks as a Shortcut to Correct Voting." *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(4): 753-766.
- Ryan, John Barry. 2011. "Accuracy and Bias in Perceptions of Political Knowledge." *Political Behavior*, 33(2): 335-356.
- Ahn, T.K., Robert Huckfeldt and John Barry Ryan. 2010. "Communication, Influence, and Informational Asymmetries Among Voters." *Political Psychology*, 31(5): 763-787.
- Ryan, John Barry. 2010. "The Effects of Network Expertise and Biases on Vote Choice." *Political Communication*, 27(1): 44-58.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Del Ponte, Alessandro, Reuben Kline, and John Ryan. 2020. "Behavioral Analysis in the Study of Politics: The Conflict Laboratory" In David Redlawsk (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making*.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Matthew T. Pietryka and John B. Ryan. 2017. "Networks, Context, and the Process of Political Influence." In Justin Fisher, Edward Fieldhouse, Mark N. Franklin, Rachel Gibson, Marta Cantijoch, and Christopher Wlezien (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Elections, Voting Behavior, and Public Opinion*. New York: Routledge.
- Ahn, T.K., Robert Huckfeldt, Alex Mayer and John Barry Ryan. 2010. "Politics, Expertise, and Interdependence within Electorates." In Jan Leighley (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Buttice, Matthew, Robert Huckfeldt, and John Barry Ryan. 2009. "Polarization, Attribution and Communication Networks in the 2006 Congressional Elections." In Jeffery J. Mondak and Donna-Gene Mitchell (eds.), *Fault Lines: Why the Republicans Lost Congress*. New York: Routledge, 42-60.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Ryan, John Barry. "When the Media Accuses Candidates of Ambiguous Position-Taking." (under review at *Journal of Communication*)

Harry Applestein, Yanna Krupnikov, Caitlin Milazzo, Lauren Palladino, and John Barry Ryan. "Polarization and Involvement in the United Kingdom."

Ryan L. Claassen and Michael Ensley. "The Voting Wars: Public Opinion about Battles Over Voting Rules."

Duggan, Alan, Caitlin Milazzo, Harry Applestein, and John Barry Ryan. "Personal, Policy, and Partisanship: Understanding Voter Reactions to Campaign Negativity."

Galina, Carlos, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. "Beliefs about Support for Political Violence."

## Awards, & Grants

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2024	<b>Eager Grant: "RDSV: Collaborative Design of Data and AI Systems for Science and Society."</b> , National Science Foundation, Senior Personnel with Jing Liu (PI) and H.V. Jagadish (Co-PI).	\$232,087
2024	<b>PODS Grant: "Distributing Expert Attention in Complementary Systems."</b> , Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society, Co-PI with Sabina Tomkins (PI), Ariel Hasell (Co-PI), Grant Schoenebeck (Co-PI), Derek Van Berkel (Co-PI).	\$70,000
2022	<b>Rapid Grant: "Comparative Study of Rally Effects During the Ukraine War."</b> , National Science Foundation, Co-PI with Yanna Krupnikov (PI), Patrick Kraft (Senior Personnel), and Yotam Shmargad (Senior Personnel).	\$149,246
2022	<b>Best Article</b> , <i>Risk Analysis</i> with Talbot Andrews	
2022	<b>Best Article with Pre-Registration</b> , <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> with James N. Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and Matthew Levendusky	
2021	<b>Frank Meyers Undergraduate Teaching Award</b> , Stony Brook University Department of Political Science	
2020	<b>Grant: "Expertise is What You See: Increasing Women Sources in News."</b> , Democracy Fund with Yanna Krupnikov and Kathleen Searles	\$76,966
2015	<b>Grant: "Does Transparency Affect Survey Research"</b> , Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences	\$16,500
2010	<b>First Year Assistant Professor Grant</b> , Florida State University	\$17,000
2008	<b>Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant</b> , National Science Foundation	\$6,232
2008	<b>Dissertation Fellowship</b> , University of California, Davis Department of Political Science	\$9,150
2007	<b>Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award</b> , American Political Science Association Organized Section on Political Communication with T.K. Ahn and Robert Huckfeldt	
2007	<b>Hewitt Fellowship</b> , University of California, Davis Department of Political Science	\$300
2006	<b>ICPSR Award</b> , University of California, Davis Department of Political Science	\$1,000
2005	<b>Summer Collaboration Award</b> , University of California, Davis Department of Political Science with Robert Huckfeldt	\$4,500

## Teaching Experience

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<b>Introduction to American Government</b> , Undergraduate	<i>UCD and SBU</i>
<b>Understanding Political Science Research</b> , Undergraduate	<i>UCD and FSU</i>
<b>Quantitative Skills for Communication Studies</b> , Undergraduate	<i>UM</i>
<b>Campaign Communications in US Elections</b> , Undergraduate	<i>UM</i>
<b>Media and Politics</b> , Undergraduate	<i>FSU</i>
<b>Parties and Campaigns</b> , Undergraduate	<i>FSU</i>
<b>Parties and Partisanship</b> , Undergraduate	<i>UM</i>
<b>Social Networks and Politics</b> , Undergraduate	<i>SBU and UM</i>
<b>First Year Seminar: Music and Politics</b> , Undergraduate	<i>SBU</i>
<b>Social Influence</b> , Graduate - Masters	<i>SBU</i>
<b>Core Seminar in American Government</b> , Graduate - PhD	<i>FSU and SBU</i>
<b>Applied Data Analysis 1</b> , Graduate - PhD	<i>SBU</i>
<b>Advanced Quantitative Analysis: Social Network Analysis</b> , Graduate - PhD	<i>SBU</i>
<b>Electoral Politics</b> , Graduate - PhD	<i>FSU and SBU</i>
<b>Public Opinion</b> , Graduate - PhD	<i>SBU</i>

## Mentoring

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2026	<b>Leopele Raabe</b> , Expected PhD, Communication and Media	<i>University of Michigan</i>
2021	<b>Matthew Duell</b> , PhD	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2021	<b>Breanna A. Wright</b> , PhD	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2020	<b>Talbot Andrews</b> , PhD	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2020	<b>James Cragun</b> , PhD	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
	<b>Undergraduate Honors Thesis</b> , 2 in Communication and Media and Political Science	<i>University of Michigan</i>
	<b>Undergraduate Honors Thesis</b> , 3 in Political Science	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
	<b>Undergraduate Honors Thesis</b> , 2 in Political Science	<i>Florida State University</i>

## Service

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### DISCIPLINE

2023-Present	<b>Journal of Experimental Political Science</b> , Associate Editor
2 Years	<b>National Science Foundation</b> , Panelist in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences
2020-2023	<b>Journal of Experimental Political Science</b> , Advisory Board
2019-2021	<b>APSA Division of Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior</b> , Executive Board
2017	<b>APSA Division of Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior</b> , Program Committee
2018-2019	<b>APSA Division in Political Communication</b> , Lippmann Best Paper Award Committee
2017-2020	<b>Research and Politics</b> , Editorial Board
2016-2018	<b>Political Research Quarterly</b> , Editorial Board
2015-2018	<b>Political Behavior</b> , Editorial Board
2015	<b>MPSA Political Psychology Section</b> , Program Chair
2011	<b>APSA Division in Political Communication</b> , Lazarsfeld Best Paper Committee Chair

### DEPARTMENTAL

2024-Present	<b>Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies</b> , Department of Communication and Media	University of Michigan
2023-2024	<b>Eldersveld Emerging Scholars conference Committee</b> , Department of Political Science	University of Michigan
2022-Present	<b>Undergraduate Curriculum Committee</b> , Department of Communication and Media	University of Michigan
2019	<b>Search Committee for Departmental Business Manager</b> , Department of Political Science	Stony Brook University
2017-2022	<b>Director of Undergraduate Studies</b> , Department of Political Science	Stony Brook University
2017-2020	<b>Executive Committee</b> , Department of Political Science	Stony Brook University
2016	<b>Search Committee for Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Political Science	Stony Brook University
2012-2013	<b>Executive Committee</b> , Department of Political Science	Florida State University
2012-2014	<b>Graduate Committee</b> , Department of Political Science	Florida State University
2011	<b>Search Committee for Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Economics	Florida State University
2009-2013	<b>Undergraduate Affairs Committee</b> , Department of Political Science	Florida State University

## UNIVERSITY

2021-2022	<b>At Large Faculty Senator</b> , Social and Behavioral Sciences	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2021	<b>Working Group in Critical Health Studies</b> , College of Arts and Sciences	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2020-2021	<b>Search Committee Vice-Provost for Enrollment Management</b> ,	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2019	<b>Acting Faculty Senator</b> , Department of Political Science	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2017-2018	<b>Family Accommodations Working Group</b> ,	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2016	<b>Provost Lecture Series</b> , Graduate School	<i>Stony Brook University</i>
2014-2015	<b>Graudate Council Fellowship and Awards Committee</b> , Graduate School	<i>Stony Brook University</i>