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## Academic Appointments

University of Connecticut, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
(2012-present)

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2012

Examination Fields: *American Politics, Methodology, Political Psychology (with Distinction)*

Dissertation: *Realistic Cultural Threat and Opposition to Immigration in the U.S.*

Committee: Charles S. Taber (Chair), Howard Lavine, Matt Lebo, and Jack Citrin

M.A., Political Psychology (Interdisciplinary), Hutchings Institute for Public Policy Studies & Community Action, California State University at Sonoma, 2007

- Visiting Graduate Study, Department of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, Spring 2006 - Fall 2007.
- Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2006

B.A., Political Science, California State University at Sonoma, 2005

## Research and Teaching Interests

Public Opinion and Intergroup Relations  
Immigration Policy and Cultural Politics  
Race, Class, Gender, and Groups in American Politics  
Political Participation and Electoral Behavior  
Citizen Activism, Protest Politics, and Social Movements  
Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Policy Making  
State and Local Politics & Policy  
Political Ideology and Critical Theory  
Quantitative, Survey, and Experimental Research Methods

## Peer Reviewed Publications

- Newman, Benjamin J. "Acculturating Contexts and Anglo Opposition to Immigration in the U.S." *American Journal of Political Science* (Forthcoming)
- Newman, Benjamin J., Todd K. Hartman, and Charles S. Taber. "Social Dominance and the Cultural Politics of Immigration." *Political Psychology* (Forthcoming)
- Newman, Benjamin J., and Joshua Johnson. "Ethnic Change, Concern over Immigration, and Approval of State Government." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (Forthcoming)
- Newman, Benjamin J., Todd K. Hartman, and Charles S. Taber. 2012. "Foreign Language Exposure, Cultural Threat, and Opposition to Immigration." *Political Psychology* 33(5): 635-657.
- Newman, Benjamin J., Christopher D. Johnston, April Strickland, and Jack Citrin. 2012. "Immigration Crackdown in the American Workplace: Explaining Variation in E-Verify Policy Adoption across the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 12(2): 160-180.
- Newman, Benjamin J., and Brandon L. Bartels. 2011. "Politics at the Checkout Line: Explaining Political Consumerism in the U.S." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4): 803-817.

## Under Review

- Hartman, Todd K., Benjamin J. Newman, and Charles S. Bell. "Decoding Prejudice toward Hispanics: Group Cues and Public Reactions to Threatening Immigrant Behavior."
- Johnston, Christopher D., Benjamin J. Newman, and Yamil Velez. "Ethnic Change, Personality, and Polarization over Immigration in the American Public."
- Newman, Benjamin J., and Yamil Velez. "Group Size vs. Change? Assessing Americans' Perception of Local Immigration."
- Newman, Benjamin J., Joshua Johnson, and Patrick L. Lown. "The 'Daily Grind' and its Impact on Political Participation."
- Newman, Benjamin J., Todd K. Hartman, Patrick Lown, and Stanley Feldman. "Easing the Heavy Hand: Humanitarian Concern, Empathy, and Opinion on Immigration."
- Newman, Benjamin J. "Unfamiliar Others: Contact with Unassimilated Immigrants, Cultural Threat, and Opinion on Immigration."
- Newman, Benjamin J., Yamil Velez, Todd K. Hartman, and Alexa Bankert. "Are Citizens 'Receiving the Treatment'? Assessing a Key Link in Contextual Theories of Public Opinion and Political Behavior."

Johnston, Christopher D., and Benjamin J. Newman. "Local Income Inequality and Public Support for Redistribution."

### **Working Papers and Research in Progress**

"Diversity Experiences and Reactions to Contact with Unassimilated Immigrants." (In preparation for journal submission)

"Nowhere to Run: Analyzing the Interaction of Proximal and Distal Ethnic Contexts on Opinion on Immigration." With Yamil Velez and Howard Lavine. (In preparation for journal submission)

"Ethnic Change, Social Capital, and Citizenship and Engagement in the U.S." With Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. (Data Analysis)

"Shirking One's Citizen Duty and Denigrating the Dutiful: The Utilization of Negative Motive Attributions of Activists to Justify Nonparticipation." With David Perkins and Todd K. Hartman. (Data Analysis)

"The Politics of Localism: Explaining the Occurrence, Success, and Ideology of Localist Political Activism in the United States." With Christopher D. Johnston and Patrick Lown. (Book Project; Data collection)

"Immigration, Acculturation, and Social Capital in American Communities." (Data analysis)

"Intra-Coalition Cooperation in the Current Democratic Party in the Electorate" (Project Design)

### **Conference Papers**

"The 'Daily Grind' and its Impact of Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology; Chicago, IL July 2012

"Ethnic Change, Concern over Immigration, and Approval of State Government." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago, IL April 2012

"Acculturating Contexts and Opposition to Immigration in the U.S." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA September 2011.

"Coping with Electoral Defeat: Voting for a Losing Candidate and its Effect on Future Electoral Participation." With April Strickland and Christopher D. Johnston. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA September 2011.

"Immigration Crackdown in the American Workplace: Explaining Variation in E-Verify Policy Adoption and Mass Support." With Christopher D. Johnston, April Strickland, and Jack Citrin. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association;

Chicago, IL April 2011

“Uncle Sam Wants You to Speak English? Foreign Language Exposure and Opposition to Immigration.” With Todd K. Hartman and Charles S. Taber. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Washington, D.C. September 2010

“Uncle Sam Wants You to Speak English . . . ?: Foreign Language Exposure, Cultural Threat, and Opposition to Immigration.” With Todd K. Hartman and Charles S. Taber. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago, IL April 2010

“Bad Politicians or Bad Citizens? The Effect of Political Self-Discrepancies upon Citizens’ Attitude toward Politicians.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology; Dublin, Ireland July 2009.

“Negative Impacts of Competition with Mass Discount Merchandisers on Local Retail Businesses: Downtown Santa Rosa Case Study.” Presented at the Labor and Social Action Conference; California State University at Sonoma, October 2005.

## **Teaching Experience**

### *University of Connecticut-Stamford*

#### Undergraduate:

- POL 2607: “American Political Parties” (Fall 2012)

### *Stony Brook University*

#### Undergraduate:

- POL 367: “Mass Media in American Politics” (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
- POL 102: “Introduction to American Government” (Fall 2009, Fall 2011)

#### Graduate:

- POL 501: “Introduction to Statistics for Public Policy” (Spring 2012)

### *California State University, Sonoma*

- PSY 398: “The Psychology of Politics” (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

### *Sonoma State University, Teaching Assistant*

- PSY 423: “Community Psychology” Fall 2005 (with Dr. Arthur Warmoth)

## **Research Experience**

### *Stony Brook University, Research Assistant*

- Charles S. Taber, Fall 2009-Summer 2010
- Brandon L. Bartels, Spring 2009
- Helmut Norpoth, Fall 2008
- Oleg Smirnov, Spring 2008
- Milton Lodge, Fall 2007

*Sonoma State University, Research Assistant*

- Heather Smith, Department of Psychology, Spring 2007  
Project Title: “Hypocritical Citizens: Experimental Demonstration of the Effects of Inducing Hypocrisy on Political Engagement.”
- Dr. Francisco Vazquez, Hutchins Institute for Public Policy Studies & Community Action, Fall 2005-Spring 2006  
Project Title: “Negative Impacts of Competition with Mass Discount Merchandisers on Local Retail Businesses: Downtown Santa Rosa Case Study.”

**Honors and Awards**

- Full Tuition Scholarship, Stony Brook University, 2007- 2012
- Graduate Assistantship, Stony Brook University, 2007 - 2012

**Professional Service and Affiliations**

Referee/Reviewer

- *American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Political Studies, Political Behavior, Sociological Focus*

Member

Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, International Society for Political Psychology

**Work Experience**

*Skaggs Island Foundation, Rohnert Park, CA*

Project: “Sustainable Community Economics for Sonoma County”

Project Development and Research Intern, Fall 2004-Spring 2005

**References**

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