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Personal Information

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Academic Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011

Fields: American Politics, Research Methodology, Political History

Dissertation: *The Party Politics of Presidential Rhetoric*

Committee: John Coleman (chair), Barry Burden, Kenneth Mayer, Byron Shafer, and Susan Webb Yackee.

*** Winner of the 2011 Founders Award for the best dissertation on the US presidency.**

M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005

M.A. in Political Science (*Summa Cum Laude*), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004.

LL.B. (Law School), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001

Academic Employment

Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor, Tenured), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, Israel, 2018-present

Israel Studies Visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022

Lecturer (U.S. equivalent Assistant Professor), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, Israel, 2012-2018

Visiting Faculty, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, Israel, 2011-2012

Books

1. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2021. *American Public Opinion toward Israel: From Consensus to Divide*. New York: Routledge.
2. Cavari, Amnon. 2017. *The Party Politics of Presidential Rhetoric*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
* **Winner of the 2018 Richard Neustadt Award for the best book on the US presidency.**
3. Cavari, Amnon, Richard Powell, and Kenneth Mayer (ed.). 2017. *The 2016 Presidential Election: The Making of a Political Earthquake*. Lanham: Lexington.
4. Cavari, Amnon, Richard Powell, and Kenneth Mayer (ed.). 2014. *The 2012 Presidential Election: Forecasts, Outcomes, and Consequences*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Articles in Refereed Journals

1. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. (online first) "Survey Non-Response and Mass Polarization: The Consequences of Declining Contact and Cooperation Rates." *American Political Science Review*.
2. Cavari, Amnon, Maoz Rosenthal, and Ilana Shpaizman. 2022. "Introducing a new Dataset: The Israeli Political Agendas Project." *Israel Studies Review*.
3. Cavari, Amnon. 2022. "Trump and Israel: Exploiting a Partisan Divide for Political Gains." *Israel Studies* 27(1): 156-181.
4. Cavari, Amnon, Benjamin Yoel, and Hannah Lowenkamp. 2021. "In the Name of the President." *American Politics Research* 49(6): 666-680.
<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1532673X211022630>
5. Canetti, Daphna, Amnon Cavari, Carmit Rapaport, Hadar Shalev and Stevan E. Hobfoll. 2021. "Individual Exposure to Terror and Political Attitudes: A Physiological and Psychological Process." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 33(5): 1055-1070.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2019.1598389>
6. Ben Levi, Raphael, Amnon Cavari, and Lesley Terris. 2019. "Taking Sides in Foreign Conflicts: Explaining Global Public Opinion toward Israel and the Palestinians in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." *Israel Affairs* 25(6): 1006-1025.
7. Cavari, Amnon. 2019. "Evaluating the President on Your Priorities." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(4): 798-826.
8. Cavari, Amnon, and Micah Ables. 2019. "Going Global: Assessing Presidential Foreign Travel." *Congress & The Presidency* 46(2): 306-329.
9. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2019. "Partisan Cues and Opinion Formation on Foreign Policy." *American Politics Research* 47(1): 29-57.
10. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2018 "Polarized Mass or Polarized Few? Assessing the Parallel Rise of Survey Non-Response and Measures of Polarization." *Journal of Politics* 80(2): 719-725.
11. Cavari, Amnon, Moran Yachi and Shira Pindyck. 2017. "Foreign News on US Media: A Longitudinal Analysis of News Coverage of Israel." *Israel Studies* 22(1): 24-49.

12. Yarchi, Moran, Cavari Amnon and Shira Pindyck. 2017. "Covering foreign news—intensity and topics: the case of the American coverage of Israel 1981–2013." *The Journal of International Communication* 23(1): 115-137.
13. Cavari, Amnon, and Elan Nyer. 2016. "Partisanship in Congressional Actions toward Israel" (in Hebrew). *Politika* 25: 235-252.
14. Cavari, Amnon, and Shir Marom Melnik. 2016. "Attitudes of American Hispanics toward Israel" (in Hebrew). *Politika* 25: 226-234.
15. Yarchi, Moran, Shira Pindyck and Amnon Cavari. 2016. "Israel in the US Press, 1981-2013" (in Hebrew). *Politika* 25: 269-282.
16. Cavari, Amnon, and Itay Gabay. 2014. "Coverage of Foreign Events on US Local Television News." *Israel Studies Review* 29(1).
17. Cavari, Amnon, and Elan Nyer. 2014. "From Bipartisanship to Dysergia: Trends in Congressional Actions toward Israel." *Israel Studies* 19(3).
18. Cavari, Amnon. 2013. "Religious Beliefs, Elite Polarization, and Public Opinion on Foreign Policy: The Partisan Gap in American Public Opinion toward Israel." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 25(1): 1-22.
19. Cavari, Amnon. 2013. "The Short-Term Effect of Going Public." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(2): 336-351.

Book Chapters

1. Cavari, Amnon. 2020. "Trump, Israel, and the Shifting Pattern of Support for a Traditional Ally," in Renshon, Stanley, and Peter Suedfeld (editors), *The Trump Doctrine and the Emerging International System*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
 2. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2019. "From Public to Publics: Assessing Group Variation in Issue Priorities in the U.S. and Israel." In Baumgartner et al. (ed.) *Comparative Agendas: Concepts, Tools and Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
 3. Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2017. "From Bipartisan Agreement to Electoral Contest: Israel in US Elections." In Cavari et al. (ed.) *The 2016 Presidential Election: The Making of a Political Earthquake*. Lanham: Lexington.
 4. Cavari, Amnon. 2014. "The Interplay of Macropartisanship and Macrohandling, and the 2012 Electoral Success of the Democratic Party." In Cavari et al. *The 2012 Presidential Election: Forecasts, Outcomes, and Consequences*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
 5. Cavari, Amnon. 2012. "Six Decades of Public Affection: Trends in American Public Attitudes toward Israel," in Robert O. Freedman (ed.), *The US and Israel: Six Decades of Relations*. Boulder: Westview Press.
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Policy Publications

- Cavari, Amnon, and Shir Marom Melnick. 2015. "Attitudes of Hispanics toward Israel. *American Public Opinion toward Israel (APOI) Project, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)*.
- Cavari, Amnon. 2015. "Congressional Support for Israel: Analyzing Trends in Congressional Legislative Action with regards to Israel." *BESA Center*.
- Cavari, Amnon, and Guy Freedman. 2015. Israeli Public Opinion toward the US: Divided Along Party Lines. *American Public Opinion toward Israel (APOI) Project, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)*.
- Cavari, Amnon. 2014. American Public Support for Israel: Assessing the Cracks in a Unique Bond. *American Public Opinion toward Israel (APOI) Project, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)*.

Academic Honors and Awards

- Israel Studies Young Scholar Achievement Award, by the *Association for Israel Studies*, 2021
- Richard Neustadt Award for the best book on the presidency (published in 2017), by the Presidency and Executive Politics Research Group of the *American Political Science Association*, 2018
- Research Award, *IDC Herzliya*, 2016
- Teaching Award, *IDC Herzliya*, 2014
- George Edwards III Award for the best dissertation on the presidency, by the Presidency Research Group of the *American Political Science Association*, 2011
- Founders Award for the best graduate student paper, by the Presidency Research Group of the *American Political Science Association*, 2010
- Nominated to the Letters and Science Teaching Fellow, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 2008
- Annual Honorary Award of Excellence, Political Science Department, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 2004

Research Grants

- Israel Science Foundation, Workshop Grant, 2021 (\$20,000), with Maoz Rosenthal and Ilana Shpaizman.
- Israel Science Foundation, Research Grant, 2018-2021 (\$250,000), with Maoz Rosenthal and Ilana Shpaizman.
- Israel Science Foundation, Research Grant, 2013-2015 (\$80,000)
- Herzl Institute, University of Haifa, Research Grant, 2014 (\$5000)
- Israel Institute, Research Grant, 2013 (\$10,000)
- BESA Center, Bar Ilan University, Research Grant, 2013 (\$10,000)

Other Academic Activities

Head, Institute for Liberty and Responsibility, Reichman University, Israel (2021-present)

Head, MA Program in Public Policy and Political Marketing, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, Israel (2017-2021)

Co-Chair, The Israeli Policy Agenda Project, Reichman University and Bar Ilan University (2018-present)

Founder and Head, American Public Opinion toward Israel Research Group, Reichman University (2013-present)

Founder and Co-Chair, Center for Statistical Consulting, Reichman University (2016-2019)

Chair, International Conference on US Presidential Elections, Reichman University (2016)

Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy, Reichman University (2014-2018)

Research Fellow, Herzl Institute, University of Haifa (2014-2016)

Chair, International Conference on US Presidential Elections, Reichman University (2012)

Executive Officer, Association for Israel Studies (2007-2015)

Co-Coordinator, Political Behavior Research Group, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2007-2008)

Teaching

Advisor of the following students on their MA Thesis

Noa Grayson, *Polarized Congressional Politics: Assessing the Congressional Divide in Support for Israel* (expected 2023)

Bareket Shamai, *Caucuses as a Legislative Tool in the Israeli Parliament* (expected 2023)

Yoni Shaked, *Intersectionality of American Public Opinion and Attitudes toward Israel* (expected 2022)

Ran Rinker, *Technology Penetration to Public Opinion Surveys: The Radicalization Effect of Electronic-Based Sampling* (expected 2022)

Shaina Lidd, *Gender Differences in Issue Priorities of Americans* (2022)

Guillermo Fremd, *The Effect of Terrorism on Support for Peace Agreements* (2019) (with Assaf Moghadam)

Kirk DSouza, *Islamist Beliefs amongst Southeast Asian Muslims* (2017) (with Assaf Moghadam)

Guy Freedman, *Measuring the American Public Mood toward Israel* (2016)

Raphael Ben Levi, *Global Attitudes toward Israel: An Empirical, Multi-Level Analysis* (2015) (with Lesley Terris)

Elan Nyer, *Support for Israel in the US Congress: An Analysis of Pro-Israel Resolutions, 1973-2012* (2014)

Courses Taught

American Politics

American Presidency, Reichman University

Elections in the United States, Reichman University

Political Leadership in American Politics, Reichman University

American Government and Politics, Reichman University

American Public Opinion, Reichman University

American Foreign Policy, Reichman University

Introduction to American Politics and Government, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Israeli Politics

Public Opinion in Israel, Reichman University

Communication, Public Opinion, and Politics in Israel, Reichman University

Policy Agenda in Israeli Politics, Reichman University

Israeli Government and Politics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Research Methods

Advanced Research methods for MA students, Reichman University

Empirical Research (Advanced Statistics for BA students), Reichman University

Basic Research methods for MA students, Reichman University

Introduction to Statistics, Reichman University

Conference Presentations (partial list)

“Presidential Rhetorical References to Predecessors across Political Regimes,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, 2022.

“Assessing the President’s Policy Agenda in Occasional Remarks,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Herzliya, 2022, at the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, 2019, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2019.

“The Effect of Cabinet Characteristics on Government Legislation” (with Enrico Borghetto, Emiliano Grossman, and Ilana Shpaizman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Herzliya, 2022.

“The Strategic Use of Presidential Rhetorical References to Former Presidents,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2022.

- “Private Member’s bills in the Knesset” (with Enrico Borghetto, Maoz Rosenthal, and Ilana Shpaizman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Budapest, 2019
- “Assessing the President’s Policy Agenda in Occasional Remarks,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, 2019, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2019.
- “From Consensus to Divide: American Public Opinion toward Israel,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, 2019
- “Does Performance Matter? Individual Evaluations of the President,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2018, and at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Amsterdam, 2018.
- “Degrees of Saliency: Parties, Problems and Priorities” (with Guy Freedman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2018, and at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Amsterdam, 2018.
- “Public Agenda, Issue Diversity, and Political Stability in Israel, 1969-2016” (with Ran Rinker and Guy Freedman) paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Edinburgh, 2017.
- “From Public to Publics: Variations in Issue Priorities of Americans” (with Guy Freedman) paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Edinburgh, 2017.
- “Issue Priorities of Americans” (with Guy Freedman) paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2017.
- “Presidential Foreign Travel” (with Micah Ables), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2016, and the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2017.
- “The Polarizing Effect of Unit Response Rate” (with Guy Freedman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2016.
- “The Interplay of Macrohandling and Macropartisanship in the United States,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Geneva, 2016.
- “Presidential Leadership of the Public Agenda,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Lisbon, 2015.
- “Going Global: Comparing the Tone of Presidential Speeches in the US and Abroad,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2015.
- “Party-cues and American Public Opinion about the Arab-Israeli Conflict” (with Guy Freedman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2015.
- “Content and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, 2014.

- “Who Supports Suicide Attacks in the Muslim World? An Examination across Time and Space” (with Assaf Moghadam and Jason Berman), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Political Science Association, Toronto, 2014, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, 2014.
- “Presidential Rhetoric and Party Reputations,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014
- “Polarizing on Israel: Support for Israel among Members of Congress,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014
- “Leading the Party: Presidential Rhetoric, Party Reputations, and Party Attachments,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago 2013.
- “Mediating the Dynamics of Party Identification,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Herzliya, 2013.
- “Presidential Rhetoric and Attitudes about the Political Parties,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012.
- “Mediating the Dynamics of Party Identification,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012.
- “Cohort Analysis of American Attitudes toward Israel” (with Shlomo Egoz), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2011 and at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Brandeis, 2011.
- “The Short-Term Effect of Going Public,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., 2010, and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2011.
- “The Polarization of American Public Opinion toward Israel,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Toronto, Canada, 2010.
- “The Conditional Effect of Going Public,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2010.
- “From Images to Votes: Understanding the Dynamics of Issue Evolution,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, 2009; and Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2010.
- “Presidential Rhetoric and the Economic Policy Image of the Parties,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, 2009.
- “The Partisan Gap: American Public Attitudes toward Israel,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Beer Sheva, Israel, 2009.
- “Economic Leadership of the Party: Presidential Rhetoric and the Party Image,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.
- “From Shaking Hands to Buying Air Time: Political Advertising in the 2008 Judicial Races” (with Matthew Holleque and Jacob Neiheisel), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.

- “Governing the Nation, Leading the Party: The Party Politics of President Bush’s Actions on Stem Cell Research,” paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2008; Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008; and Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2008.
- “Constitution by Compromise: Justiciability and Democracy in Israeli Constitutionalism” (with Howard Schweber), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Israel Law and Society Association, Jerusalem, Israel, 2008.
- “Israel’s Road to a Constitution: The Politics of Constitutional Design in a Diverse Society” (with Ofer Kenig), paper presented at the Meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research, Rennes, France, 2008.
- “Mediating Public Attitudes of Foreign Policy through the Israeli Prism” (with Joshua M. Cowen), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008.
- “Television News Coverage of the Second Lebanon War” (with Itay Gabay), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, New Orleans, 2008.
- “From Shaking Hands to Buying Air Time: Television Advertising in State Supreme Court Races,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007.
- “Television News Coverage of the Disengagement from Gaza and the Palestinian Elections” (with Inbal Unger-Cavari), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Banff, Canada, 2006.
- “The Local Gap: Television News Coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Decisions,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, 2006.
- “Writing a Constitution: A Catalyst for Bridging Gaps in Israeli Society” (with Ofer Kenig and Guy Lurie), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Tucson, 2005.
- “The Judicial Review Pattern: A Question of Constitutional Logic,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, 2004.

Invited Talks

- “Survey Nonresponse and Mass Polarization in the United States – What we can (and cannot) infer from survey data today,” Institute for Political Science, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence, June 2022.
- “The Rhetorical Policy Agenda of Presidents,” University of Texas at Austin, March 2022
- “Toward a Goal Based Theory of Public Opinion on Foreign Policy,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2022
- “Political Polarization in US Politics,” Center for US Politics, Tel Aviv University, December 2021.

“From Consensus to Divide: American Public Opinion toward Israel,” Center for US Politics,
Tel Aviv University, May 2021

“Assessing the President’s Policy Agenda,” University of Texas at Austin, January 2019

“The Party Politics of Presidential Rhetoric,” Tel Aviv University, December 2017

“Going Global: Presidential Foreign Travel,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2017

“The Polarization of American Public Opinion toward Israel,” University of Nebraska-Lincoln,
April 2015