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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

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

M.A. in Political Science (*Summa Cum Laude*), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004
Thesis title: *Bounded by the Constitutional Logic: Patterns of Judicial Review in Comparative Perspective*.
Advisor: Menachem Hofnung

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

Publications

Cavari, Amnon. 2012. "The Short-Term Effect of Going Public," *Political Research Quarterly* (available online; forthcoming in print).

Cavari, Amnon. 2012. "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* (available online; forthcoming in print).

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).

Work in Publication Process

The Party Politics of Presidential Rhetoric (Book Manuscript accepted for review at Cambridge University Press). *Winner of the APSA Presidency Research Group's Award for the best dissertation on the Presidency, 2011.*

"Presidential Rhetoric and the Economic Policy Image of the Parties." *Winner of the APSA Presidency Research Group's Founders Award for the best graduate student paper presented in 2009-10.*

"Local Television News Coverage of Foreign Events," with Itay Gabay (Revise and Resubmit).

"The Effect of Presidential Rhetoric on the Attentive Audience."

"Public Funding and Electoral Competition in State Elections," with Kenneth Mayer.

"Cohort Analysis of Attitudes about Foreign Policy," with Shlomo Egoz.

Book Reviews

Cavari, Amnon. 2012. "Review of *Going Local: Presidential Leadership in the Post-Broadcast Age* by Jeffrey Cohen, 2010." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 42:1.

Cavari, Amnon. 2012. "Review of *The Myth of Presidential Representation* by Wood B. Dan, 2009." *The Forum* 9:4.

Cavari, Amnon. 2010. "Review of *Judicial Power and National Politics: Courts and Gender in the Religious-Secular Conflict in Israel*, by Woods, Patricia J., 2008" *Israel Studies Review* 25:2.

Honors and Awards

- American Political Science Association Presidency Research Group's George Edwards III Award for the best dissertation on the presidency, 2011
- American Political Science Association Presidency Research Group's Founders Award for the best graduate student paper, 2010
- Vilas Research Award, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008-2010
- Robert Berman Graduate Research Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009
- Nominated to the Letters and Science Teaching Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008
- Mazurski Graduate Research Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006-2007
- Annual Honorary Award of Excellence, Political Science Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004
- Gilo Center for Citizenship, Democracy and Civic Education Research Grant, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2003

Conference Presentations

- "Elite Polarization toward Israel: A Study of the 109th Congress" (with Elan Nyer), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Haifa, 2012.
- "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," 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.
- "The Party Politics of Presidential Rhetoric on Immigration Reform," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 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.

Public Lectures

- “Six Decades of Public Affection: Trends in American Public Attitudes toward Israel,” at Johns Hopkins University, Lavy Colloquium titled: “Six Decades of US-Israeli Relations.” October 10, 2010.
- “Governing the Nation, Leading the Party: The Party Politics of Presidential Actions,” at the Massachusetts School of Law, Andover conference titled: “Chasing Success or Courting Failure? An In-Depth Look at the Attributes an American President Must Have for Success,” April 26-27, 2008.

Research Experience

- Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010-2011: Research Assistant in the project on state campaign finance, with Professor Kenneth Mayer.
- LaFollette School of Public Affairs and the Law School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008-2010: Research Assistant in the Federal Rulemaking Project, with Professors Susan Webb Yackee and Jason Webb Yackee.
- Advertising Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007-2008: Research Assistant in the Judicial Elections Project, with Professor Kenneth Goldstein.
- News Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005-2007: Research Assistant in the project on local television coverage of national and international events, with Professor Kenneth Goldstein.
- Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, 2003-2004: Research Assistant for the forthcoming textbook on Israeli politics and society, with Professor Itzhak Galnoor.
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 2001-2003: Research Assistant in the project on politicization of the judicial system in Israel, with Professor Menachem Hofnung.

Teaching

American Foreign Policy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Public Opinion in the United States, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Research methods for MA students, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Introduction to Statistics, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

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

Israeli Government and Politics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Other Professional Activities

Executive Officer, Association for Israel Studies, 2007-present

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

Advocate and coordinator of the *Constitution by Compromise* project, Israel Democracy Institute, 2003-2004

Legal internship, Legislation Department, the Israeli Ministry of Justice, 2002-2003