

Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania
202 South 36th Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19104
✉ matthew.motta@appc.upenn.edu
🌐 www.mattmotta.com
🐦 [matt_motta](https://twitter.com/matt_motta)

Matt Motta

EMPLOYMENT

2018 - **Gloria T. and Melvin J. Chisum Postdoctoral Fellow**, *University of Pennsylvania – Annenberg Public Policy Center*, Philadelphia, PA, (Located at Yale University, New Haven, CT.).

EDUCATION

2013 - 2018 **PhD Political Science***, *University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*, Minneapolis, MN, (Expected May 2018).

2009 - 2013 **B.A. Government**, *Wesleyan University*, Middletown, CT.

FELLOWSHIPS

2017 - 2018 **Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellow**, *University of Minnesota*, Funded through 2018.

2014 - 2018 **Graduate Research Fellow**, *National Science Foundation*, Funded 2014 – 2017. Fellow 2014 – 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals (Click title to download)

2018 Motta, Matthew P. “The Enduring Effect of Scientific Interest on Trust in Climate Scientists in the U.S.” *Nature Climate Change*. doi:10.1038/s41558-018-0126-9

Motta, Matthew P., Tim Callaghan, & Steven Sylvester. “Knowing less but presuming more: Dunning-Kruger effects and the endorsement of anti-vaccine policy attitudes.” *Social Science & Medicine* doi:socscimed.2018.06.032

Motta, Matthew P. “The Polarizing Effects of the March for Science on Attitudes Toward Scientists.” *Forthcoming at PS: Political Science & Politics*

2017 Motta, Matthew P. “The Dynamics and Implications of Anti-Intellectualism in the United States.” *American Politics Research*. doi:10.1177/1532673X17719507.

Smith, Brianna, Zein Murib, Matthew Motta, Tim Callaghan, and Marissa Theys. "Gay or Homosexual? The Implications of Social Category Labels for the Structure of Mass Attitudes." *American Politics Research*. doi: 10.1177/1532673X17706560

Luttig, Matthew & Matthew P. Motta "President Obama on the Ballot: Referendum Voting and Racial Spillover in the 2014 Midterm Elections" *Accepted at Electoral Studies*.

2016 Motta, Matthew P. "What Do Interviewer Intelligence Ratings Actually Measure?" *Research & Politics*. doi: 10.1177/2053168016665136

Motta, Matthew, Timothy Callaghan, and Brianna Smith. "Looking for Answers: Identifying Search Behavior & Improving Knowledge-Based Data Quality in Online Surveys." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edw027>

Invited Pieces & Book Chapters

2017 Goren, Paul and Matthew Motta. "Values and Political Judgment: A New Approach," in *At the Forefront of Political Psychology: Essays in Honor of John L. Sullivan*. Forthcoming.

2016 Motta, Matthew. "Uninformed: Why People Seem to Know So Little about Politics and What We Can Do about it, by Arthur Lupia." *The Journal of Politics*, 78(4), E17-E18.

Motta, Matthew, and Erika Franklin Fowler. "The Content and Effect of Political Advertising in Campaigns," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

Motta, Matthew "Air War? Campaign Advertising in the 2016 Presidential Election," in *Election Analysis - US Election 2016 Analysis*

WORKING PAPERS

Selected Manuscripts in Preparation

Motta, Matthew P., Tim Callaghan, & Steven Sylvester. "Dunning Kruger Effects and the Endorsement of Anti-Vaccine Policy Attitudes." *Revise and Resubmit at Social Science and Medicine*

Motta, Matthew P. & Paul Goren. "The Origins of Symbolic Ideology: A Values Based Approach"

Lavine, Howard & Matthew Motta. "The Opinion Dynamics of Redistributive Taxation: Evidence from the 2016 Presidential Election.

Motta, Matthew P. "Cable News Coverage of Experts & Anti-Intellectual Attitude Endorsement in the U.S."

GRANTS

- Research **\$8,000**, *Presidential Faculty Fellowship (Utah Valley University)*, 2018-2020.
* with Steven Sylvester (PI), Tim Callaghan, & Kristin Lunz Trujilo
\$1,000, *Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellow Research Grant (University of Minnesota)*, 2017-2018.
\$1,000, *Center for the Study of Political Psychology Research Grant, (University of Minnesota)*, 2016-2017.
\$1,000, *Center for the Study of Political Psychology Research Grant, (University of Minnesota)*, 2015-2016.
\$1,000, *Center for the Study of Political Psychology Research Grant, (University of Minnesota)*, 2014-2015.
- Travel **\$1,000**, *Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellow Travel Grant: Conference Travel Grant (University of Minnesota)*, 2017-2018.
\$250, *Political Psychology Pre-Conference Travel Grant (American Political Science Association)*, 2017.
\$170, *Conference Travel Grant (American Political Science Association)*, 2016.
American Political Science Association: Political Psychology Pre-Conference Travel Grant (2017)
American Political Science Association: Conference Travel Grant (2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Special Project Assistant, *Larry Jacobs & Kathryn Pearson*, Summer, 2018.
Created code to build a campaign finance database for the Minnesota Transparency Project. I was also involved with training graduate research assistants and outlining the project's data release and analysis strategy.

Research Associate, *Wesleyan Media Project*, 2015 -2017.

Data management, visualization, and analysis of political advertisement content and airing data.

Survey Specialist, *Center for The Study of Political Psychology*, Fall, 2016.
Oversaw survey programming, data exporting, weighting, and codebook generation for the Center of Political Psychology at the University of Minnesota's 2016 Panel Election Study. Also worked with Survey Sampling International (SSI) to recruit and administer the study to a panel of 3,350 respondents. Data from this study have been published at journals like *Public Opinion Quarterly* and *American Politics Research*.

Special Project Assistant, *Dean John Coleman*, Summer, 2016.

Selected candidate articles to serve as chapters in an undergraduate course reader (textbook); Edition 8 of *The Enduring Debate* by Canon, Coleman, & Mayer.

Summer Fellow & Survey Specialist, *Minnesota Asset Building Coalition (MABC)*, Summer, 2015.

Designed, programmed, fielded, and analyzed a survey of MABC members. Results are featured in MABC's annual report, and have been used to aid lobbyists and government employees in establishing a legislative agenda.

Peer Reviewer, *Various Peer-Reviewed Journals*, 2015 - .

Ad hoc reviewer for the following journals: *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Political Science Research Methods*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 POL 3766 - The Political Psychology of Mass Behavior. (Instructor)
- 2016 Preparing Future Faculty (Student: completed 14-week course)
Guest Lecturer: Political Psychology summer course (UMN)
Guest Lecturer: Sociology Research Methods summer course (UMN)
- 2015 Guest Lecturer: Political Polarization course (Macalester College)

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 Motta, Matthew. *Rating Our Professors: America's Declining Trust in Higher Education (and what we can do about it)*. ExpandedED Lecture Series; University of California Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA.
Motta, Matthew. *Rating Our Professors: America's Declining Trust in Higher Education (and what we can do about it)*. Carleton College - Northfield, MN.
- 2016 Motta, Matthew. *Political Advertising Project: Planning Meeting Earnest Becker Foundation*. Panelist at University of Illinois - Chicago. Chicago, IL.
Motta, Matthew. *Working with Wesleyan Media Project Advertising Data Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*. Minneapolis, MN.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018 Motta, Matthew *Cable News Coverage of Experts & Anti-Intellectual Attitude Endorsement in the U.S.*. Talk presented at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

Motta, Matthew *Cable News Coverage of Experts & Anti-Intellectual Attitude Endorsement in the U.S.*. Talk presented at the 1st Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium (MPMC). Minneapolis, MN.

Motta, Matthew *Dunning-Kruger Effects and the Endorsement of Anti-Vaccine Policy Attitudes*. (with Tim Callaghan and Steven Sylvester). Talk presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Motta, Matthew *The Informative Power of Campaign Advertising*. Talk presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2017 Motta, Matthew *The Opinion Dynamics of Redistributive Taxation: Evidence from the 2016 Presidential Election* (with Howard Lavine). Talk presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Motta, Matthew. *The Psychological Origins of Anti-Intellectualism in the United States*. Pre-conference poster presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Political Psychology Pre-conference.

Motta, Matthew. *The Dynamics and Political Implications of Anti-Intellectualism in the United States*. Talk presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2016 Motta, Matthew. *Rethinking the Link between Political Knowledge, Verbal Intelligence, and Democratic Citizenship*. Talk presented at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Motta, Matthew. *Saying the Right Thing: The nature and consequences of socially desirable reporting on racial resentment items in face-to-face surveys*. Talk presented at the 74th meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Motta, Matthew, and Paul Goren. *The Origins of Symbolic Ideology: A values-based approach*. Talk presented at the 74th meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2015 Smith, Brianna. Matthew Motta, Zein Murib, Tim Callaghan, & Marissa Theys. *Gay or Homosexual? The Policy Implications of Question Wording Effects*. Talk presented at: 111th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA). San Francisco, CA.

IN THE MEDIA

Monkey Cage Republicans are increasingly antagonistic toward experts. Here's why that matters. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/08/11/republicans-are-increasingly-antagonistic-toward-experts-heres-why-that-matters/?utm_term=.0cce3e886773

Are "gay" and "homosexual" the same? Here's what we found. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/05/22/are-gay-and-homosexual-the-same-heres-what-we-found/>

Trumpism is just as popular in Denmark as the United States <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/22/trumpism-is-just-as-popular-in-denmark-as-the-united-states>

The Upshot How Marching for Science Risks Politicizing It (by, Brendan Nyhan). <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/02/upshot/how-marching-for-science-risks-politicizing-it.html>

LSE USAPP Had enough of experts? Anti-intellectualism is linked to voters' support for movements that are skeptical of experts. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2017/08/30/had-enough-of-experts-anti-intellectualism-is-linked-to-voters-support-for-movements-that-are-skeptical-of-expertise/>

Television Interview with KARE-11 (NBC, Twin Cities) about the polls in the wake of "The Comey Letter." <http://www.kare11.com/entertainment/television/programs/breaking-the-news/btn11-poll-analysis-with-u-of-m-s-matt-motta/345195979>

Interview with Detektor (Danish News Program) <https://www.dr.dk/tv/se/detektor-tv/detektor-dr2/detektor-2017-01-19>

Radio Interview with Access Minnesota about the rise of anti-intellectualism in the United States. <http://www.accessminnesotaonline.com/2017/09/21/the-rise-of-anti-intellectualism/>

METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS

- Statistical Training: Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Question Wording Methodology, Survey Sampling Methodology
- Data Mangement, Analysis, and Visualization: Stata, R (Some familiarity with SPSS and SAS)
- Survey Programming: Qualtrics
- Text Processing & Presentation Visualization: L^AT_EX, Beamer.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Joanne Miller (Chair)
Political Science
University of Minnesota

Dr. Howard Lavine
Political Science
University of Minnesota

Dr. Paul Goren
Political Science
University of Minnesota

Dr. Marco Yzer
Journalism & Mass Communication
University of Minnesota