

**Curriculum Vitae – Christopher Chapp**  
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**I. Personal:**

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**II. Education:**

- University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Ph.D., August 2008
  - Major fields: American politics and political theory
  - Minor field: Political psychology
- University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, M.A. in Political Science, August 2007
- University of Wisconsin – Madison, B.A. in Political Science and English (with honors), May 2002

**III. Employment and Teaching Experience:**

*Institution and position/rank*

- St. Olaf College, August 2023 – present, Professor of Political Science
- St. Olaf College, August 2022 – present, Morrison Family Director of the Institute for Freedom and Community
- St. Olaf College, Fall 2019 – June 2022, Department Chair in Political Science
- St. Olaf College, Fall 2017 – present, Associate Professor of Political Science
- St. Olaf College, Fall 2014 – Spring 2017, Assistant Professor of Political Science
- University of Wisconsin -- Whitewater, Fall 2011 – Spring 2014, Assistant Professor of Political Science
- St. Olaf College, Fall 2008 – Spring 2011, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

*Courses taught at St. Olaf*

- PSCI220: Analyzing Politics (Research methods), St. Olaf College, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022.
- PSCI 311: Congressional Campaign Communication. Fall 2020, Fall 2022.
- PSCI 311: Inequalities and American Democracy, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
- PSCI 255: Parties and Elections, St. Olaf College, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022
- PSCI 296: Political Science Research Practicum, Fall 2016, Fall 2018
- PSCI 299: Topics: Race and Politics, St. Olaf College, Interim 2010, Interim 2011
- PSCI 111: Introduction to American Politics, St. Olaf College, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2011, Fall 2015
- PSCI 211: Media and Politics, St. Olaf College, Spring 2009, Interim 2015, Interim 2016, Spring 2022.
- PSCI 311: Cooperation and Conflict in American Democracy, St. Olaf College, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2019, Fall 2021
- American Conversations 210, St. Olaf College, Fall 2019
- American Conversations 111, St. Olaf College, Spring 2020

#### **IV. Scholarly work:**

##### ***Books:***

- *Moral Issues: How Public Opinion on Abortion and Gay Rights Affects American Religion and Politics.* With Paul Goren. 2024. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- *Religious Rhetoric and American Politics: The Endurance of Civil Religion in Electoral Campaigns.* 2012. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

##### ***Journal articles:***

- "Newspapers and Political Participation: The Relationship Between Ballot Rolloff and Local Newspaper Circulation," with Peter Aehl. Spring, 2021. *Newspaper Research Journal*.
- "Frequency and Specificity of Pediatric Health Policy Discussions in Political Campaigns," with Tyler J. Benning and Grayson B. Ashby. 2020. *Journal of the American Medical Association, Pediatrics*.
- "Religion in American Presidential Campaigns, 1952-2016: Applying a New Framework for Understanding Candidate Communication," with Kevin Coe. 2019. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- "Going Vague: Ambiguity and Avoidance in Online Political Messaging," with Paul Roback, Adrian Rossing, Kendra Johnson-Tesch, and Jack Werner. 2018. *Social Science Computer Review*.

- “Moral Power: How Public Opinion on Culture War Issues Shapes Partisan Predispositions and Religious Orientations,” with Paul Goren. 2017. *American Political Science Review*.
- “Religious Rhetoric Meets the Target Audience: Narrowcasting Faith in Presidential Elections,” with Kevin Coe. 2017. *Communication Monographs*.
- “Language for Winning Hearts and Minds: Verb Aspect in U.S. Presidential Campaign speeches engages emotion,” with David A. Havas. 2016. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- “Improving Tobacco-Free Advocacy on College Campuses: A Novel Strategy to Aid in the Understanding of Student Perceptions About Policy Proposals,” with Brandi S. Niemeier and Whitney Henley. 2014. *Journal of American College Health*.

***Chapters in edited volumes:***

- “Post-Roe Politics: Priming, Framing, and the Dynamics of Abortion Discourse in Congressional Campaigns.” 2024. With India Bock and Cali Goulet. Forthcoming with Routledge.
- “Negative Partisanship and Negative Partisan Branding: Twitter, Websites, and the 2020 Congressional Elections.” With Whitney Hua and Jorge Esparza Hernandez. 2022. In *Polarization and Party Factions in the 2020 Election*. Edited by Jennifer C. Lucas, Christopher J. Galdieri, and Tauna S. Sisco. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- “Resource Mobilization Among Religious Activists.” 2019. In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*. Oxford University Press.
- “Experienced Legislator or Career Politician? Outsider Rhetoric in the 2016 Election,” with Dan Hofrenning, Tyler Benning, and Aidan Zielske. 2018. In *Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers in the 2016 Election*, eds. Jennifer C. Lucas, Christopher J. Galdieri, and Tauna Starbuck Sisco. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- “Partisan Extremity in the 2014 Midterm Elections: How Primaries and Incumbency Influence Polarized Position-Taking on Campaign Websites,” with Kevin Parsneau. 2017. In *Political Communication and Strategy: Consequences of the 2014 Midterm Elections*. University of Akron Press.
- “Economic Appeals in Unequal Communities: Stump Speeches in the 2012 Presidential Election.” In *The American Election 2012: Contexts and Consequences*, eds. Ward Holder and Peter Josephson. New York: Palgrave.
- “The Political Psychology of Cooperation: Synthesis and Prospects,” with Sullivan, Brandon A., Mark Snyder, John L. Sullivan. 2007. In *Cooperation: The Political Psychology of Effective Human Interaction*, eds. Brandon A. Sullivan, Mark Snyder, and John L. Sullivan. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

### ***Book review:***

- *God Talk: Experimenting with the Religious Causes of Public Opinion*, by Paul A. Djupe and Brian R. Calfano.” *Politics and Religion* 8(1), 188-190, 2015.

### ***Other publications:***

- [“Civility as Strategy Meets Minnesota Nice: The 2018 Gubernatorial and Senate Debates in Minnesota.”](#) With Douglas Casson. June 2020. In *Civility in the 2018 U.S. Senate Debates: Essays on U.S. Senate Debates in Arizona, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin*. Robert Boatright, Ed. National Institute for Civil Discourse.
- [“Evangelical voters will almost surely vote for Donald Trump. Here’s why.”](#) With Paul Goren. *The Washington Post*.
- [“Piety, Politics, and Convictions.”](#) With Paul Goren. *Reflections A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry from the Yale Divinity School*.
- [“A Political Scientist Surveys the Recall Election.”](#) June 5, 2012. *Religion and Politics*.
- [“Ryan Unlikely to Win Over Wisconsin.”](#) September 28, 2012. *The Hill’s Congress Blog*.

### ***Academic presentations and conference activities:***

#### **Paper presentations:**

- “The 2020 Pledge to Vote Drive: Equitable Contact and Equitable Participation.” With Alyssa Melby and Cali Goulet. Presented at the St. Olaf College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Symposium: Recognizing Excellence, Challenges, and the Work Ahead. May 2022.
- “Negative partisanship and negative partisan branding: Twitter, websites, and the 2020 congressional elections.” With Whitney Hua. Presented at the American Elections Symposium 2021: Politics in a Time of Crisis, hosted virtually from St. Anselm College. March 2021.
- “It’s Not What You Say, It’s Where You Say It: Comparing Congressional Communication Across Platforms.” With Whitney Hua. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, PR, January 2020.
- “Moral Mandates: The Face of Culture Wars Communication Strategies, 1980 – 2018.” With Paul Goren. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, PR, January 2020.

- “Gender and Vote Choice in the 2018 House Elections.” With Logan Dancey and Kjersten Nelson. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Austin, TX, January 2019.
- “Local Parties Matter: County-Level Turnout and Investment in Direct-Contact with Voters.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA, January 2018.
- “Religious Rhetoric Meets the Target Audience: Narrowcasting Faith in Presidential Elections.” With Kevin Coe. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Religious Communication Association in Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- “Turnout in Low-Income Communities: The Role of Competitive Races and Local Government Engagement.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA, January 2016.
- “Mixed Signals: Why Some Candidates Use Ambiguity to Obscure Policy Positions, and Why It Matters.” Keynote speech at the University of Northern Iowa 23rd Annual College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in Cedar Falls, IA, April 2016.
- “Low Information Campaigns: Strategic Ambiguity on Candidate Websites.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.
- “Class Rhetoric and Attitudes about Redistribution: The Role of Subjective Socioeconomic Status.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- “Politics → Religion: Attitudes on Cultural Issues as a Cause of Religious Change.” With Paul Goren. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2014.
- “District Inequality and Congressional Candidate Communication Strategies: Middle Class Rhetoric in Unequal Districts.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “District Inequality and Congressional Candidate Communication Strategies.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2013.
- “Economic Appeals in Unequal Communities: Stump Speeches in the 2012 Presidential Election.” The American Election 2012: Contexts and Consequences in Manchester, NH, March 2013.
- “Appeals to the Middle: How Candidates Craft Class Rhetoric in Unequal Districts.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 14, 2012.

- “Priming Civil Religion: How Campaign Rhetoric Activates Religious Considerations in Political Campaigns.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 4, 2011.
- “Holier Than Thy Opponent? Religious Rhetoric and the Politics of Identity.” Invited speaker at the Political Science Roundtable Discussion, Gustavus Adolphus College, November 16, 2007.
- “Religious Campaign Rhetoric: The Consequences of Religious Language on Presidential Candidate Evaluations.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007.
- “Religious Rhetoric: Understanding the Mechanisms Linking Religious Language and Political Preference.” International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting in Portland, OR, July 4 – 7, 2007.
- “Affect, Identity and Image in the Religious Rhetoric of Presidential Candidates.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 12, 2007.
- “Testing Theories of Religious Rhetoric and Political Preference Formation.” University of Minnesota Proseminar in Political Psychology, November 2006.
- “Introduction to Hierarchical Linear (and Nonlinear) Models: Applications and Overview.” With Michael Parkin. University of Minnesota Proseminar in Political Psychology, November 2005.
- “Trust, Norms, and Bar-B-Q’s: Structural Antecedents of Trust Judgments and Community Attitudes,” University of Minnesota Proseminar in Political Psychology, December 2004.

#### **Other Selected Conference Activities:**

- Attended the Citizens and Scholars “College Presidents for Civic Preparedness” faculty institute. June, 2024.
- Invited panelist, “
- Attended UC event
- Discussant on “Parties and Geographic Change in 2020” at the American Elections Symposium 2021: Politics in a Time of Crisis, hosted virtually from St. Anselm College.
- Discussant and chair on “Who Votes?” at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.

- Discussant on “Candidates, Issues and Choices of Election Participants” and “Partisanship and Ideology in the United States” at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.
- Panelist, “Mentoring Student Research,” University of Minnesota Political Science Teaching Conference, July 25, 2014
- Panel organizer, “Teaching Quantitative Articles in the Political Science classroom,” University of Minnesota Political Science Teaching Conference, July 25, 2014
- Discussant on “Political Communication: Contemporary Issues and Events” panel at Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 14, 2012
- Discussant on “Political Attitudes and Religion” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2, 2009.
- Discussant on “Methodological Variety in Political Psychology” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.
- Discussant on “Group-based appeals in political communication” panel at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting in Portland, OR, July 4 – 7, 2007.

***Honors, awards, and grants:***

- Leraas Endowment grant in support of the 2018 Midterm Elections Conference, St. Olaf College
- Winner of the Religious Communication Association’s “Article of the Year” award, for “Religious Rhetoric Meets the Target Audience: Narrowcasting Faith in Presidential Elections,” with Kevin Coe.
- Co-recipient of an Associated Colleges of the Midwest FaCE grant. 2016. “Using Cognitive Science to Bridge the Gaps Between Disciplines.” With Jeremy Loebach, Jessica Petok, David Castro, Louis Epstein, and Jason Marsh.
- SPARK mini-grant (Funded by the American Lung Association). With Whitney Henley and Brandi Niemeier.
- Campus Election Engagement Project impact grant (Sponsored by the Wisconsin Campus Compact).
- University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Faculty Publication Grant, co-sponsored by the College of Letters and Sciences and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 2011
- St. Olaf College, Faculty Development Grant, 2009

- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota Graduate School, 2007 – 2008

***Professional memberships:***

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

***Professional service:***

- Reviewer, W.W. Norton and Co.
- Reviewer, American Journal of Political Science
- Reviewer, Communication Monographs
- Reviewer, Journal of Politics
- Reviewer, Political Behavior
- Reviewer, Political Psychology
- Reviewer, Public Opinion Quarterly
- Reviewer, Political Research Quarterly
- Reviewer, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Reviewer, Politics and Religion
- Reviewer, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

***V. COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY***

***Contributions of service and leadership to the department***

- St. Olaf College, Chair, two IR/Comparative searches, Spring 2021
- St. Olaf College, Chair, Political Science, July 2019 - present
- St. Olaf College, Interim Department Chair, Political Science, January 2019
- St. Olaf College, Adviser for PSA (Political Science Honors Society), Fall 2014 – Spring 2020.
- UW-Whitewater Political Science Department, Fall 2013 Public Policy Search Committee
- UW-Whitewater Political Science Department, Fall 2012 Chicano Studies Search Committee
- UW-Whitewater Political Science Department, Spring 2012 – present, Scholarship and Awards Committee
- UW-Whitewater Political Science Department, Fall 2011 Chicano Studies Search Committee
- UW-Whitewater, Adviser for several Political Science majors, Fall 2012 – Spring 2014.
- University of Minnesota, Prospective Graduate Student Recruitment co-coordinator, 2006.
- University of Minnesota, Graduate Student Life Committee Peer Mentor, 2003 – 2006.
- University of Minnesota, Graduate Student Life Committee Teaching Committee member, 2003 – 2005.

***College committees and task forces***

- St. Olaf College, Chair, Student Life Committee



- St. Olaf College, member, Kinesiology search committee, Fall 2023
- St. Olaf College, Morrison Family Director of the Institute for Freedom and Community, Fall 2022 - present
- Elections and Voting Committee, Fall 2020 – present
- Curatorial Advisory Team (Flaten Art Museum), Spring 2021 – present
- Committee on Retention and Student Success, Fall 2019 – Fall 2020
- Academic Space Committee, St. Olaf College, Fall 2018 - present
- Academic Computing Policy Board, St. Olaf College, Fall 2018 – present
- Faculty Governance Committee, St. Olaf College, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
- Institute for Freedom and Community Annual Conference for Constructive Political Discourse and Inquiry, Committee Member, Fall 2016
- Social Science Conference co-chair, St. Olaf College, Spring 2015
- Assessment Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee, member, St. Olaf College, Fall 2014 – 2016

***Contributions to the wider community***

- Co-host of “Public Policy This Week,” KYMN radio, Fall 2022 – present
- Guest on KYMN, guest on the “Morning Show” with Jeff Johnson.
- Regular guest on KSTP’s “Political Insider” news broadcast, December 2015 – March 2018
- Invited lecturer, East-West Center’s 2016 Senior Journalists Seminar
- Invited lecturer, East-West Center’s 2014 Senior Journalists Seminar
- Invited speaker, Fairhaven Lecture Series, “Appeals to the middle: Social class rhetoric in congressional campaigns,” Fall 2012

***Other contributions of service and leadership to the College***

- Social science faculty panelist at admissions event for new students and their families, Spring 2020
- Social science faculty panelist at admissions event for new students and their families, Spring 2016
- Member, Institute for the Study of Socio-Economic Inequality, a Broadening the Bridge program, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
- Invited speaker, St. Olaf Political Awareness Committee, “Political Polarization,” Spring 2015
- Invited speaker, St. Olaf Political Awareness Committee, “Money in Politics,” Fall 2014
- Invited speaker, St. Olaf Political Awareness Committee, “Gerrymandering in U.S. Elections,” Fall 2014
- Co-facilitated for Truman Scholar practice interviews, St. Olaf College, Fall 2014, Spring 2016
- Co-facilitator of a brown bag lunch on race and American politics, St. Olaf College, September 19, 2014
- Member of a LEAP team focused on improving quantitative literacy on campus, UW-Whitewater, 2013
- UW-Whitewater Letters and Sciences Assessment Committee, Fall 2011 – Spring 2013

- Organizer of “Whitewater Votes” voter registration and mobilization initiative, UW-Whitewater, Fall 2012
- Invited panelist at Letters and Sciences event for prospective graduate students, UW-Whitewater, Spring 2012, Spring 2013
- Invited speaker at St. Olaf Political Awareness Committee’s opening banquet, “The Role of Religion in the 2008 Election”