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Born March 1, 1964, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

1986 **B.A., Moravian College**, political science
1990 **Ph.D., Washington University in St. Louis**, political science

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1991-present Gustavus Adolphus College

- Professor of Political Science, 2003-present
- Director, Social Studies Teaching major, 2013-present
- Chair, Political Science department, 1998-2004, 2007-08, 2014-17, 2024-26
- Dr. James McPherson Endowed Professor of American History, 2026-2029
- Co-Chair, Geography department, Fall 2013
- Associate Professor of Political Science, 1997-2003 (granted tenure 1997)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1991-1997

1991 Washington University in St. Louis

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, spring semester

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE

U.S. politics – religion and political behavior; political parties & electoral behavior; state and local politics and government; minor political parties; constitutional law; social science research methods

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

2017 Faculty Service Award, Gustavus Adolphus College (selected by faculty)

2007 Faculty Scholarly Achievement Award, Gustavus Adolphus College (selected by faculty)

2002 Finalist for Robert H. Durr Award, for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem, 2002 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (paper “The Nature of Religious Influence on Political Behavior: Perception and Reception,” co-authored with Paul A. Djupe)

1998 National Science Foundation grant SBR-9809536, "Clergy, Parishioners, and Politics: A Survey of ELCA and Episcopal Church Ministers and Parishioners." Grant period: June 1, 1998 through July 31, 2001. Amount of award: \$132,476. Awarded by Political

- Science Division, Research in Undergraduate Institutions program. Co-principal investigator: Paul Djupe, Denison University.
- 1998 American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant, "A Survey of ELCA and Episcopal Ministers." Grant period: May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999. Amount of award: \$1672. Supplement to NSF grant, awarded jointly with Paul Djupe.
- 1996 Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching, Gustavus Adolphus College (selected by faculty)
- 1994 Swenson-Bunn Award for Teaching Excellence, Gustavus Adolphus College (student-selected teaching award)
- 1991 E.E. Schattschneider Award, American Political Science Association, for best dissertation in American government and politics, 1990-1991
- 1991 Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Western Political Science Association, for best paper at 1990 Western Political Science Association annual meeting

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 "The Resurgence of Evangelical Political Strength in 2016 Minnesota Electoral Politics." Co-author with Joseph Cella and Alexander Jensen. Forthcoming in Mark Rozell, ed., *God at the Grassroots 2016*. Georgetown University Press.
- 2012 "Adding an Integrated Library Component to an Undergraduate Research Methods Course" (co-author with Julie K. Gilbert and Katherine Knutson). *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45 (1): 112-118.
- 2010 "Assessing Integrated Library Components to Enhance Information Literacy in Political Science" (co-author with Christopher Gilbert). *Collaborative Information Literacy Assessments*. Eds. Thomas Mackey and Trudi Jacobson. New York: Neal-Schuman.
- 2009 ***The Political Influence of Churches*** (co-author with Paul A. Djupe). Cambridge University Press.
- 2007 "Present but Not Accounted for? Gender Differences in Civic Resource Acquisition" (co-author with Paul A. Djupe and Anand E. Sokhey). *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (4): 906-920.
- 2006 "Minnesota: Battleground Politics in a New Setting." In John C. Green, Mark J. Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *The Values Campaign? The Christian Right and the 2004 Elections*. Georgetown University Press.
- 2006 "Representation and Legislative Power: Overcoming Rural Minnesota's Representational Deficit." *Rural Minnesota Journal* 1 (January): 79-91.

- 2006 "The Resourceful Believer: Generating Civic Skills in Church" (co-author with Paul A. Djupe). *Journal of Politics* 68 (1): 116-127.
- 2006 "Whether to Adopt Statements on Homosexuality in Two Denominations" (co-author with Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45 (4): 609-621..
- 2005 "Sources of Clergy Support for Denominational Lobbying in Washington" (co-author with Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson). *Review of Religious Research* 47: 86-99.
- 2003 ***The Prophetic Pulpit: Clergy, Churches, and Communities in American Politics*** (co-author with Paul A. Djupe). Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2003 "Strong Bark, Weak Bite: The Strengths and Liabilities of the Christian Right in Minnesota Politics" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson). In John Green, Mark Rozell, and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *The Christian Right in America: Marching Toward the Millennium*. Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2002 "The Political Voice of Clergy" (co-author with Paul A. Djupe). *Journal of Politics* 64 (2): 596-609.
- 2001 "Structural Constraints on Perot Voting Patterns: The Effects of Religious Adherence" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson, Timothy R. Johnson, and Paul A. Djupe). Chapter 6 in Ted G. Jelen, ed., *Ross for Boss: The Perot Phenomenon and Beyond*. State University of New York Press.
- 2001 "From Ross the Boss to Jesse the Body: Did the Perot Phenomenon Spawn the Ventura Victory?" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson). Chapter 8 in Ted G. Jelen, ed., *Ross for Boss: The Perot Phenomenon and Beyond*. State University of New York Press.
- 1999 ***Religious Institutions and Minor Parties in the United States*** (co-author with David A.M. Peterson, Timothy R. Johnson, and Paul A. Djupe). Praeger Publishers.
- 1999 "Minnesota 1998: Christian Conservatives and the Body Politic" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson). In Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *Prayers in the Precincts: The Christian Right in the 1998 Elections*. Georgetown University Press.
- 1997 "Minnesota: Onward Quistian Soldiers? Christian Conservatives Confront Their Limitations" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson). In Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *God at the Grassroots, 1996: The Christian Right in the American Elections*. Rowman and Littlefield.
- 1995 "The Religious Roots of Third Candidate Voting: A Comparison of Anderson, Perot, and Wallace Voters" (co-author with David A.M. Peterson and Timothy R. Johnson). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34: 4 (December): 470-484.

- 1995 "The Christian Right and Minnesota Politics, 1994" (co-author with David Peterson). In Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *God at the Grassroots: The Christian Right in the 1994 Elections*. Rowman and Littlefield.
- 1995 "Christians and Quistians in Minnesota Politics, 1994." *PS: Political Science & Politics* (March).
- 1993 *The Impact of Churches on Political Behavior: An Empirical Study*. Greenwood Press.
- 1991 "Neighborhoods, Religious Environments, and Partisan Behavior." *Political Geography Quarterly*.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- *Professional memberships*: American Political Science Association (APSA), including Religion & Politics Organized Section; Midwest Political Science Association; Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honor society
- *Conference participation*: over 50 paper presentations at professional meetings and symposia, national and regional, 1988-present; service as panel chair and/or discussant numerous times
- APSA Religion & Politics Organized Section: 1997 Annual Meeting Program Chair; Newsletter editor, Executive Board member, section web site manager, all 1995-1999
- Educational Testing Service Advanced Placement Program: Faculty consultant/AP exam grader in Government and Politics, 1995-2006; Table Leader, 2002-2006
- National Science Foundation: proposal reviewer, Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement program, 1999-2007; Social and Behavioral Sciences research grants, 2006-2008
- Morningside College Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award, outside evaluator, 2005-2008 and 2011-2014
- Referee/reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, Johns Hopkins University Press, State University of New York Press, Addison-Wesley-Longman Press, Houghton Mifflin, Cengage Learning, Temple University Press
- Debate moderator and panelist, 1992 (Minnesota 2nd Congressional district general election, Minnesota State House District 24B general election, both at Gustavus),

1995 (LeSueur County commissioner, LeCenter MN), 2000 (Minnesota DFL U.S. Senate pre-caucus forum, St. Paul), 2002 (Minnesota DFL gubernatorial primary election, University of Minnesota)

- Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota; 1995-96 Policy Fellow – one of 30 participants in monthly public affairs seminars; invited to moderate two institute conferences (1999, 2001); invited participant in Policy Forum 2002 Post-Election Analysis, November 6, 2002 (simulcast on Minnesota Public Radio)
- Minnesota Compact Steering Committee, 1997-2000; advisor to state group working for campaign reform
- Pollster and campaign consultant, reelection campaign of U.S. Rep. David Minge, 2000
- Conducted 30 interviews with national and state media (television, radio, newspapers) during and following 1998 Minnesota gubernatorial election, including *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, CNN, NBC “Today Show,” CBS television, ABC radio
- Conducted 20 interviews with national and state media during 2002 Minnesota U.S. Senate race, including *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*
- Frequent political analyst for Minnesota Public Radio, WCCO-AM radio, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *St. Paul Pioneer-Press*, KEYC-TV (Mankato, MN), other local and national media outlets; discuss national politics, Minnesota politics, religion and politics; 1992-2010

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Courses regularly taught

- U.S. Government and Politics (introductory), Analyzing Politics (research methods), Political Parties & Elections, State and Local Politics Challenge Seminar, Religion and Politics in America, U.S. Constitutional Law and Constitutional Politics, Race and Racism in the U.S.

Major faculty service positions

- Academic Operations Committee: at-large member and chair, 2005-2008, directed review of college honor code and internship program
- Curriculum Committee: Social Science Division representative and chair, 2002-03, led successful general education reform initiative; at-large member, 1993-96, chair 1995-96
- Faculty Senate: at-large member, 1996-97 and 1999-2000
- Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Steering Committee: committee co-chair and college self-study lead author, 2010-2013

- Kendall Center for Engaged Learning (faculty development), Faculty Associate for Research, Scholarship, and Creativity, 2016-17

Campus service to students, faculty, community

- Academic advisor to 20 students (political science majors, social studies teaching majors)
- Faculty representative for Washington Internship Institute program
- Pre-tenure review committee member for colleagues in several departments
- Invited speaker, Faculty Forum (dinner series), Faculty Shop Talk, New Faculty Orientation, colleagues' classes, First-Year Student Orientation banquet, Parents' Weekend banquet, Alumni Office events on and off campus, Admission Office events on and off campus, Christ Chapel daily chapel
- Partners in Education program: present workshops on religion and public affairs for adult education classes in ELCA congregations, 1991-2006
- Participant in ELCA sponsored conference, "The Vocation of a Lutheran College," 1995

GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCES, HONORS

- *Doctoral dissertation:* **Religious Environments and Political Actors** (committee: John Sprague, chair; Robert Salisbury, James W. Davis, William Lowry, Wayne Fields, Marvin Cummins)
- *Fellowships, honors:* 1986-87, University Fellowship; 1987-88, 1990, Teaching Assistantship; 1988-89, Research Assistantship; 1988, political science comprehensive examination honors in American Politics, Comparative Politics, Methodology; 1989-90, University Dissertation Fellowship; 1986-90, Tuition Scholarship
- *Courses taught:* Institutions and Politics in Soviet-Type Societies (team-taught); Introduction to U.S. Government; The Media and Politics; Political Parties in the Presidency, Congress, and the Electorate
- *Research experience:* Research Assistant, The Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, MO, 1990-91 – research and analysis of U.S. public education policy areas; 1987-1989, Research Assistant to Professor James W. Davis – conducted research on national security and defense policy topics, staff assistant to Washington University Trustees Subcommittee on South African Investments; 1987-90, Editorial Assistant, Senator Thomas F. Eagleton – editing and research for *Issues in Business and Government* (published by Prentice Hall, 1991).

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

- *Swarthmore College:* National scholarship, 1982-83 and 1983-84; Men's Golf team most valuable player, 1984

- *Moravian College*: Alumni Prize in Social Sciences (outstanding graduate), 1986; Ronald J. Stupak Prize in Political Science (outstanding senior major), 1986; Faculty Scholarship, 1984-1986; Dean's List 1984-86

Professional references available upon request