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Employment

Texas Christian University

- Herman Brown Chair of Political Science, August 2025-Present

Clemson University

- J. Strom Thurmond Professor of Political Science, August 2018-August 2025
- Professor, August 2006-August 2018
- Granted tenure, May 2002
- Associate Professor, August 2001-August 2006 (promoted before tenure)
- Assistant Professor, August 1996-August 2001
- Director, Ph.D. Program in Policy Studies, May 2019-August 2022
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, August 2002-December 2008
- Centennial Professor (honorary position for overall excellence), May 2013-May 2015
- Affiliated Faculty, Religious Studies Program, August 2012-2025

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar-Italy, Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, January-June 2025
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar-Italy, Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, January-June 2020
- Fulbright Finland Inter-Country Travel Grant, Åbo Akademi University and the University of Turku, February 2020

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

- Editor-in-Chief, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, January 2012-May 2017

Princeton University

- Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, September 1999-June 2000

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 1996

- Dissertation: "Filled with Spirit and Power: The Political Involvement of Protestant Clergy"
- Committee: Robert Booth Fowler, Charles O. Jones, Virginia Sapiro

- Fields: American political institutions, political psychology and sociology, religion and politics
- Minor: Sociology

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 1991

B.A., Political Science, with Departmental Honors, Northwestern University, June 1990

Honors and Awards

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant-Italy, 2025

Susanne Hoeber Rudolph Outstanding Scholar Award, American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section, 2022

Sabbatical, Clemson University, 2006, 2015, 2022

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant-Italy, 2020

Fulbright Inter-Country Travel Grant-Finland, 2020

President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2020

University Research, Scholarship, and Artistic Achievement Award, Clemson University, 2020

Award of Excellence in Student Engagement, Clemson University College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, 2020

American Institute for Foreign Study-Richmond University Rome Summer Faculty Fellowship, 2017

Senior Scholar Award of Excellence in Research, Clemson University College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, 2017

Centennial Professorship, Clemson University, 2013-2015

Elected to Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Clemson University, 2013

“Difference Maker” Award, Clemson University Housing and Residential Life, 2009-2014

William Horlick High School (Racine, WI) “Graduate of Distinction” Alumni Award, 2006

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Professor of the Year Award, Clemson University, 2005

American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, 2004

Clemson University Board of Trustees Award for Faculty Excellence, 2004

Runner-up, Student Government Excellence in Advising Award, Clemson University, 2004

Fluor Daniel Student Government Excellence in Teaching Award, Clemson University (campus-wide award), 2003

Delta Delta Delta Sorority Professor of the Year, Clemson University, 2002

Kappa Delta Sorority Professor of the Month, Clemson University, 2002

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority Professor of the Year, Clemson University, 2001

Emerging Scholar Award for Excellence in Research, Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science, 2000

Outstanding Abstract Award, Annual International Conference on Eating Disorders, with Dean D. Krahn et al., 1996

Teaching Fellow Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science (college-wide award), 1994

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Prize, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Political Science, 1992

Excellent Teaching Assistant Citation, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Political Science, 1991-1993

Research and Scholarship

Financial Support

American Academy of Religion Collaborative International Research Grant. “Democracy from behind the Altar: Social and Political Values of Clergy in the Post-Conflict Balkans.” With Marko Veković and Siniša Zrinščak, 2020.

Global Religion Research Initiative International Collaboration Grant, through the University of Notre Dame. “The Political Significance of Religious Institutions and Values in the Post-Conflict Balkans.” With Marko Veković and Siniša Zrinščak, 2020.

IMPACT Seed Grant, Clemson University College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences. “Religious Identification in Japan, India, and Nigeria.” With K. Amber Curtis, 2018.

Global Religion Research Seed Money Grant, through the University of Notre Dame. “Explaining Belonging: The Strength and Salience of Religious Identification in Turkey.” With K. Amber Curtis, 2017.

International Travel Grant, International Studies Association-Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Joint International Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2014.

Summer Research Grant, Clemson University Department of Political Science, “Liberal Clergy on the Cusp of Political Opportunity? American Religious Leaders and the Immorality of Poverty,” 2012, 2013.

Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, “Prayers in the U.S. Senate: A Pilot Study,” 2012.

Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, “The Aftermath of the August 21, 2009, Vote on Gay Clergy,” 2010.

Faculty Research Grant, Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science, “Issues at the Margins,” 2006.

Summer Stipend Grant, The Louisville Institute, “Women Clergy in Politics,” 2001.

Faculty Research Grant, Clemson University, “Two Ships Passing in the Night? National Religious Lobbyists’ Relationships with Local Clergy,” 2001.

Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, “The Political Mobilization of Clergy,” 2000.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, 1999-2000.

Books

Olson, Laura R., Ben Gaskins, and Kevin R. den Dulk. Forthcoming. *Religion and Politics in America: Faith, Culture, and Strategic Choices*, 7th ed. New York: Routledge.

Hertzke, Allen D., Laura R. Olson, Kevin R. den Dulk, and Robert Booth Fowler. 2018. *Religion and Politics in America: Faith, Culture, and Strategic Choices*, 6th ed. New York: Routledge. (Also coauthor of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th ed.)

Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green, ed. 2008. *Beyond Red State, Blue State: Electoral Gaps in the Twenty-First Century American Electorate*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson, ed. 2007. *Religious Interests in Community Conflict: Beyond the Culture Wars*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.

Olson, Laura R., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. 2005. *Women with a Mission: Religion, Gender, and the Politics of Women Clergy*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.

Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson, ed. 2003. *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. New York: Facts on File. Updated edition published 2008.

Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson, ed. 2001. *Christian Clergy in American Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Olson, Laura R. 2000. *Filled with Spirit and Power: Protestant Clergy in Politics*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Olson, Laura R., and Ted G. Jelen. 1998. *The Religious Dimension of Political Behavior: A Critical Assessment and Annotated Bibliography*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

Refereed Journal Articles

Zrinščak, Siniša, Marko Veković, and Laura R. Olson. 2026. “Religion and Politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.” *Political Theology*. DOI: 10.1080/1462317X.2026.2617781.

Milizia, Denise, and Laura R. Olson. 2025. “Transparency and Trust in the United States’ Response to and Attitudes about Climate Change.” *Iperstoria*. DOI: 10.13136/2281-4582/2025.i25.1571.

Olson, Laura R. 2025. “E Pluribus ... Pluribus? Politics, Polarization, and Prospects for Covenantal Pluralism in the United States.” *Review of Faith & International Affairs*. DOI: 10.1080/15570274.2025.2571317.

Taydas, Zeynep, Laura R. Olson, and Jeffrey A. Fine. 2025. “How Religious Affiliation and Race/Ethnicity Shape Presidential Policy Approval.” *Politics and Religion* 18(4): 467-492.

Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. 2024. “Religious Identification in a Changing Turkey.” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 39(1): 21-47.

- Pury, Cynthia L. S., Charles R. Starkey, and Laura R. Olson. 2024. "Value of Goal Predicts Accolade Courage: More Evidence that Courage is a Taking a *Worthwhile* Risk." *Journal of Positive Psychology* 19(2): 236-242.
- Olson, Laura R. 2023. "Internet Usage, YouTube, and Conspiracy-Mindedness in the United States." *Lingue, Culture, Mediazioni [Languages, Cultures, Mediation]* 10(2): 175-199.
- Taydas, Zeynep, and Laura R. Olson. 2022. "Divine Influence: Religious Foundations of American Foreign Policy Attitudes." *Social Science Quarterly* 103(4): 907-925.
- Olson, Laura R. 2020. "'One Good Schoolmaster?' What U.S. Teachers Think about Restrictions on Their Religious Expression in the Classroom." *Studi di Sociologia* 58(4): 413-428.
- Olson, Laura R., Benjamin J. Bindewald, William D. McCorkle, and Suzanne N. Rosenblith. 2020. "Public Schoolteachers' Attitudes about Religious Liberty in the Classroom." *Religion and Education* 47(1): 19-54.
- Cadge, Wendy, Laura R. Olson, and Margaret A. Clendenen. 2019. "Idiosyncratic Prophets: Personal Style in the Prayers of Congressional Chaplains, 1990-2010." *Journal of Church and State* 61(4): 680-701.
- Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. 2019. "Identification with Religion: Cross-National Evidence from a Social Psychological Perspective." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 58(4): 790-812.
- McCarthy, Angela Farizo, Laura R. Olson, and James C. Garand. 2019. "Religious Right, Religious Left, Both, or Neither? Understanding Religio-Political Identifications." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 58(3): 547-569.
- Olson, Laura R. 2016. "Movement Commitment among Progressive and Conservative Religio-Political Activists in the United States." *Politics and Religion* 9(2): 296-308.
- McCarthy, Angela Farizo, Nicholas T. Davis, James C. Garand, and Laura R. Olson. 2016. "Religion and Attitudes toward Redistributive Policies among Americans." *Political Research Quarterly* 69(1): 121-133.
- Olson, Laura R. 2013. "Pluralism, Please: A Response." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81(4): 949-953.
- Smith, Lauren Edwards, and Laura R. Olson. 2013. "Attitudes about Socio-Moral Issues among Religious and Secular Youth." *The Politics and Religion Journal* 7(2): 285-313.
- Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. 2013. "Stained-Glass Politics and Descriptive Representation: Does Associational Leadership by Women Engender Political Engagement among Women?" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 1(3): 329-348.
- Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. 2013. "Public Deliberation about Gay Rights in Religious Contexts: Commitment to Deliberative Norms and Practice in ELCA Congregations." *Journal of Public Deliberation* 9(1): Article 1.
<http://www.publicdeliberation.net/jpd/vol9/iss1/art1/>.
- Cadge, Wendy, Jennifer Girouard, Laura R. Olson, and Madison Lyleroehr. 2012. "Uncertainty in Clergy's Perspectives on Homosexuality: A Research Note." *Review of Religious Research* 54(3): 371-387.

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- Taydas, Zeynep, Cigdem Kentmen, and Laura R. Olson. 2012. "Faith Matters: Religious Affiliation and Public Opinion about Barack Obama's Foreign Policy in the 'Greater' Middle East." *Social Science Quarterly* 93(4): 1218-1242.
- Olson, Laura R. 2011. "The Essentiality of 'Culture' in the Study of Religion and Politics." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50(4): 639-653.
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- Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. 2010. "Diffusion of Environmental Concerns in Congregations across U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 10(3): 270-301.
- Smith, Lauren Edwards, Laura R. Olson, and Jeffrey A. Fine. 2010. "Substantive Religious Representation in the U.S. Senate: Voting Alignment with the Family Research Council." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(1): 68-82.
- Cadge, Wendy, Laura R. Olson, and Christopher Wildeman. 2008. "How Denominational Resources Influence Debates about Homosexuality in Mainline Protestant Congregations." *Sociology of Religion* 69(2): 187-207.
- Deckman, Melissa, Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. 2008. "The Politics of Gay Rights and the Gender Gap: A Perspective on the Clergy." *Politics and Religion* 1(3): 384-410.
- Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. 2008. "Belonging, Behaving, and Believing: Assessing the Role of Religion on Presidential Approval." *Political Research Quarterly* 61(2): 192-204.
- Djupe, Paul A., Laura R. Olson, and Christopher P. Gilbert. 2006. "Whether to Adopt Statements on Homosexuality in Two Denominations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(4): 609-621.
- Olson, Laura R., Wendy Cadge, and James T. Harrison. 2006. "Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage." *Social Science Quarterly* 87(2): 340-360. *Reprinted in David A. Dulio, Erin O'Brien, and John S. Klemanski, ed., *Diversity in Contemporary American Politics and Government*. New York: Pearson Longman, 2009).
- Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green. 2006. "'Gapology' and the Presidential Vote." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39(July): 443-445.
- Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green. 2006. "The Religion Gap." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39(July): 455-459.
- Djupe, Paul A., Laura R. Olson, and Christopher P. Gilbert. 2005. "Sources of Support for Denominational Lobbying in Washington." *Review of Religious Research* 47(1): 86-99.
- Olson, Laura R. 2005. "Congregational Niche Building and Community-Based Sociopolitical Activism." *Word and World* 25(1): 34-41.
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- Olson, Laura R., Karen V. Guth, and James L. Guth. 2003. "The Lotto and the Lord: Religious Influences on the Adoption of a Lottery in South Carolina." *Sociology of Religion* 64(1): 87-110.
- Smidt, Corwin, Sue Crawford, Melissa Deckman, Donald Gray, Dan Hofrenning, Laura Olson, Sherrie Steiner, and Beau Weston. 2003. "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Mainline Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Study of Six Denominations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42(4): 515-532.
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- Olson, Laura R., Sue E. S. Crawford, and James L. Guth. 2000. "Changing Issue Agendas of Women Clergy." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 39(2): 140-153.
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Book Chapters

- Olson, Laura R. Forthcoming. "Religion, Gender, and the 2020 Presidential Election." In *Religion, Race, Gender and the American Presidency*, ed. Gastón Espinosa. New York: Routledge.
- Olson, Laura R. 2026. "The Wall of Separation: Religion and Politics in the United States." In *Considering American Government: A Reader*, 3rd ed., ed. Lydia M. Andrade and James W. Riddlesperger. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- Olson, Laura R., and Dunja Arandjelović. 2026. "Divided Loyalties: The Politics of Allegiance to the Patriarch of Moscow in Belarus and Ukraine." In *Arguing Religion and Politics: Populism, Secularism, and Church-State Relations*, ed. Marko Veković. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Arandjelović, Dunja, and Laura R. Olson. 2024. "The Religious Left in the United States: Rejecting Christian Nationalism?" In *The Routledge Handbook of Politics and Religion in Contemporary America*, ed. Jeffrey Haynes. New York: Routledge.
- Olson, Laura R. 2023. "The Coronavirus Pandemic and Political Polarization in the United States." In *L'Unione Europea tra Pandemia, Crisi e Prospettive Future [The European Union amid Pandemic, Crisis, and Future Prospects]*, ed. Denise Milizia and Alida Silletti. Milan, Italy: Edizione Universitarie di Lettere Economia Diritto.
- Olson, Laura R. 2020. "'With Friends like *That*': Understanding Euroscepticism among U.S. Citizens." In *The New European Union: Different Perspectives from Different Member States*, ed. Denise Milizia. Bari, Italy: Cacucci Editore.
- Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. 2019. "The Impact and Conceptualization of Religious Identity across Disciplinary Perspectives." In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of*

- Politics and Religion*, ed. Paul A. Djupe. New York: Oxford University Press.
DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.787.
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- Djupe, Paul A., Jacob R. Neiheisel, and Laura R. Olson. 2015. "Carriers of the Creed? The Effect of Urging Tolerance on Persuasion." In *Religion and Political Tolerance in America: Advances in the State of the Art*, ed. Paul A. Djupe. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
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- Olson, Laura R., Paul A. Djupe, and Wendy Cadge. 2011. "American Mainline Protestantism and Deliberation about Homosexuality." In *Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada and the United States*, ed. David Rayside and Clyde Wilcox. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2010. "Competing Moral Visions: Religion, Moralism, and the Culture Wars." In *New Directions in American Political Parties*, ed. Jeffrey M. Stonecash. New York: Routledge.
- Olson, Laura R. 2009. "Clergy in American Politics." In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and American Politics*, ed. Corwin E. Smidt, Lyman A. Kellstedt, and James L. Guth. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Crawford, Sue E. S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. 2008. "Culture Wars, Family Wars? The Political Mobilization of Clergy on Family Issues." In *Religion and the Family*, ed. Ronald A. Simkins and Gail S. Risch. Omaha, NE: Creighton University Press.
- Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green. 2008. "The Worship Attendance Gap." In *Beyond Red State, Blue State: Electoral Gaps in the Twenty-First Century American Electorate*, ed. Laura R. Olson and John C. Green. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. 2008. "Mainline Protestants and the American Presidency." In *Religion, Race, and the American Presidency*, ed. Gastón Espinosa. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Olson, Laura R. 2007. "Homelessness, Ecumenism, and Politics in Racine, Wisconsin." In *Religious Interests in Community Conflict: Beyond the Culture Wars*, ed. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2007. "Religious Affiliations, Political Preferences, and Ideological Alignments." In *The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*, ed. James A. Beckford and N. J. Demerath III. London: SAGE.
- Olson, Laura R. 2007. "Whither the Religious Left? Religiopolitical Progressivism in Twenty-first Century America." In *From Pews to Polling Places: Faith and Politics in the American Religious Mosaic*, ed. J. Matthew Wilson. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.
- Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. 2007. "The Mainline Protestant Vote." In *Religion and the Bush Presidency*, ed. Mark J. Rozell and Gleaves Whitney. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Olson, Laura R. 2006. "New Religious Right." In *The Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, ed. Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2006. "Research on American Religion and Politics: A Survey of the Field." In *Religion, Politics, and American Identity: New Directions, New Controversies*, ed. David S. Gutterman and Andrew R. Murphy. Lanham, MD: Lexington.
- Crawford, Sue E. S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. 2004. "Disciples of Christ." In *Pulpit and Politics: Clergy in American Politics at the Advent of the Millennium*, ed. Corwin E. Smidt. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2002. "Mainline Protestant Washington Offices and the Political Lives of Clergy." In *The Quiet Hand of God: Faith-Based Activism and the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism*, ed. Robert Wuthnow and John H. Evans. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2002. "Toward a Contextual Appreciation of Religion and Politics." In *Religion, Politics, and the American Experience: Reflections on Religion and American Public Life*, ed. Edith L. Blumhofer. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.
- Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. 2001. "Clergy as Political Actors in Urban Contexts." In *Christian Clergy in American Politics*, ed. Sue E. S. Crawford and Laura R. Olson. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Book Reviews

- Olson, Laura R. 2020. Review of *Moral Victories in the Battle for Congress: Cultural Conservatism and the House GOP*, by Marty Cohen. *Congress and the Presidency* 47(3): 391-392.
- Olson, Laura R. 2018. Review essay on *Secular Faith*, by Mark A. Smith, and *In Rome We Trust: The Rise of Catholics in American Political Life*, by Manlio Graziano. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(3): 851-853.
- Olson, Laura R. 2014. Review of *The New Evangelicals: Expanding the Vision of the Common Good*, by Marcia Pally. *Journal of Church and State* 56(3): 606-608.
- Olson, Laura R. 2013. Review of *The Blackwell Companion to Religion in America*, ed. by Philip Goff. *Church History and Religious Culture* 93(1): 154-156.
- Olson, Laura R. 2013. Review of *Church, State, and the Crisis in American Secularism*, by Bruce Ledewitz. *Insight Turkey* (Fall): 223-224.
- Olson, Laura R. 2012. Review of *American Grace: How Religion Divides Us and Unites Us*, by Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell. *Perspectives on Politics* 10(1): 103-106.
- Olson, Laura R. 2012. Review of *The Civic Life of American Religion*, ed. by Paul Lichterman and C. Brady Potts. *Journal for the American Academy of Religion* 80(4): 1144-1147.
- Olson, Laura R. 2012. Review of *Faith in Politics: Religion and Liberal Democracy*, by Bryan T. McGraw. *Perspectives on Politics* 10(1): 162-163.
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- Olson, Laura R. 2002. Review of *From Civil to Political Religion: The Intersection of Culture, Religion, and Politics*, by Marcela Cristi. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 41(3): 592-593.
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Other Publications

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Invited Public Presentations

Gordon College, June 2026

"Covenantal Pluralism in the United States," Conference on "American Independence and Identity at 250: Examining Democracy in the United States and Globally." Wenham, MA.

Association of Religion Data Archives, April 2026

Open Science and Religion Data Workshop. Lisbon, Portugal.

Lewis and Clark College, November 2025

"The Religious Left." Department of Political Science. Via videoconference.

Claremont McKenna College, October 2024

"Women, Religion, and the 2024 Election." Conference on "Religion, Race, Gender, and the 2024 Election." Via videoconference.

Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale, June 2024

"Religion and Attitudes about Renewable Energy Policy in 20 Countries." Studies on Climate Change and Environmental Discourse Interuniversity Research Centre. Naples, Italy.

University of Belgrade, April 2024

"Why Donald Trump Is Selling Bibles." Faculty of Political Science. Belgrade, Serbia.

Public Affairs Council, January 2024

"Religion and Politics Today." Public Affairs Institute. Huntington Beach, CA.

Lewis and Clark College, April 2023

“The Religious Left.” Department of Political Science. Via videoconference.

Colgate University, April 2022

“Religion, Polarization, and Politics in the U.S.” Department of Political Science. Via videoconference.

Fordham University Law School, May 2021

Panelist on “Book Club” on *Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States* by Massimo Faggioli. Via videoconference.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October-November 2020

“Fall Fridays” virtual conference replacement program:

- “Religion and Spirituality in a Frightening World: A Conversation with Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers.” Organizer, interviewer, and moderator. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NM_3yAkYvk&feature=emb_title.
- “Religion, Race, and the Struggle for Justice: A Conversation with Rev. Dr. Nichole R. Phillips.” Organizer, interviewer, and moderator. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwx3M2Fbrxk&feature=emb_title.
- “Religion and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election: A Panel Discussion.” Organizer, interviewer, and moderator. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsZnQOi_Esg&feature=emb_title.

Rice University, September 2020

“Gender and Religion at the Polls: Bridging Divides.” Virtual event in two parts. Podcast available at <https://religionunmuted.libsyn.com/thinking-beyond-elections>.

Åbo Akademi University, February 2020

Research workshop for Ph.D. students. Turku/Åbo, Finland.

Migration Institute of Finland, February 2020

“Donald Trump, Immigration, and the Politics of Identity in the United States.” Turku/Åbo, Finland.

University of Turku, February 2020

“Religion as an Instrumental Political Tool.” Turku/Åbo, Finland.

Public Affairs Council, January 2020

“Religion and Politics in the 21st Century.” Public Affairs Institute. Laguna Beach, CA.

University of Oklahoma, November 2019

“Religion and Politics in the Iowa Caucuses and South Carolina Primary.” Via videoconference.

University of Notre Dame, June 2019

Workshop on *Secular America: A New Political Fault Line?* book manuscript. South Bend, IN.

Baylor University, March 2018

“Faith and Party Realignment in America.” Washington, DC.

Richmond, the American International University, June 2017

“Explaining Belonging: The Strength and Salience of Religious Identification.” Richmond Summer Faculty Fellows Program. Rome.

Skidmore College, February 2017

“What in God’s Name? Religion and Politics in the 2016 Presidential Election.” Department of Political Science. Saratoga Springs, NY.

Public Affairs Council, January 2017

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. Laguna Beach, CA.

Presbyterian College, November 2016

“Post-Election Roundtable.” Clinton, SC.

Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, October 2016

“The History of Social Change Movements in U.S. Christianity.” Legal and Public Policy conference keynote speaker, Brigham Young University. Provo, UT.

Arizona State University, October 2016

“Religion and Conflict: Alternative Visions.” Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. Tempe, AZ.

Harvard University, June 2016

“Measuring Religion.” Summer Seminar on Religion and the Social Sciences. Cambridge, MA.

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, October 2015

“Rendering unto Caesar.” Coffee and Conversation lecture series. Richmond, VA, via videoconference.

University of Oxford, March 2015

“The Political Priorities, Attitudes, and Engagement of Religious Progressives in the United States.” Rothermere American Institute workshop on “The Strange Bedfellow Politics of Religious Alliances in America.” Oxford, United Kingdom. *I was unable to present due to the death of my mother.

University of Notre Dame, February 2015

Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy/Center for the Study of Religion and Society panel discussion of *Seeking the Promised Land: Mormons and American Politics*. South Bend, IN.

Public Affairs Council, January 2014

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. Laguna Beach, CA.

The Ohio State University, September 2013

“R & P in a Different Key: The Politics of Religiously Progressive and Unaffiliated Americans.” Center for the Study of Religion At-Large Lecture on Religion. Columbus.

The Brookings Institution, July 2013

“Faith, Values, and the Economy.” In conjunction with the Public Religion Research Institute. Washington, DC.

University of Windsor, January 2013

“Religious ‘Nones’ and the Democratic Party.” Department of Political Science Distinguished Speakers Series. Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The College of Wooster, October 2012

“The Politics of ‘Spiritual but Not Religious’ America.” Fall Academy of Religion. Wooster, OH.

Lander University, March 2012

“Religion and Politics.” Symposium on “The Politics of Democracy Today.” Greenwood, SC.

Washington University in St. Louis, December 2011

“The Politics of ‘Spiritual but Not Religious’ America.” John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. St. Louis.

Washington University in St. Louis, December 2011

“On ‘Culture’ in the Study of Religion and Politics.” Political Theory Workshop. St. Louis.

Brigham Young University, October 2011

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Department of Sociology. Provo, UT.

Religious Newswriters Association, September 2011

“Religion and the 2012 Elections.” Durham, NC.

Public Religion Research Institute, August 2011

“Generations at Odds: The Millennial Generation and the Future of Gay and Lesbian Rights.” Teleconference for media on release of polling data.

Public Affairs Council, January 2011

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. Laguna Beach, CA.

American Enterprise Institute, November 2010

“Religion and the 2012 Presidential Election.” Washington, DC. Video available at <http://www.aei.org/event/100320>.

Social Science Research Council, September 2010

“The Politics of ‘Spiritual but Not Religious’ Americans.” Workshop on “Spirituality, Political Engagement, and Public Life.” Brooklyn, NY.

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, July 2010

“The Rise of the Religious Right and American Exceptionalism.” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute. Indianapolis.

Winona State University, March 2010

“Linked by Affinity: Religion and Political Identity in the United States.” American Democracy Project. Winona, MN.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, October 2008

“The American Religious Marketplace” and “Religion, American Politics, and the 2008 Presidential Election.” Philadelphia.

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, March 2008

“Virtual Event: The Religious Left in the United States.” Washington, DC. Transcript available at <http://pewforum.org/events/?EventID=181>.

Public Affairs Council, January 2008

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. Laguna Beach, CA.

Carthage College, April 2007

“Religion and the 2008 Presidential Election.” Kenosha, WI.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, April 2007

“Religion and Politics in America.” Kenosha, WI.

The Interfaith Alliance, September 2006

“Navigating the Intersection of Religion and Politics.” Pittsburgh.

South Carolina International Education Consortium, March 2006

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Keynote speaker, conference on “Religion, Ritual, and the Social Order.” Seabrook Island, SC.

University of Florida, February 2006

“Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage.” Department of Political Science symposium on “Accounting for Culture in Politics.” Gainesville, FL.

Public Affairs Council, January 2005

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. Tucson, AZ.

Trinity College, September 2003

“Mainline Protestants in the 2004 Elections.” Seminar for journalists on “Covering Religious Groups in the 2004 Elections.” Hartford, CT.

University of Notre Dame, June 2003

“The Concept of Leadership in the Study of Religion and Politics.” Interdisciplinary Religion and Politics seminar. South Bend, IN.

Southern Methodist University, October 2002

“Whither the Religious Left? Religiopolitical Progressivism in Twenty- First Century America.” Religion and Politics workshop. Dallas.

Public Affairs Council, January 2002

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute. San Diego.

The Louisville Institute, January 2002

“Women Clergy in Politics.” Winter Seminar. Louisville, KY.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, January 2002

“Response to Preliminary Findings.” Seminar on “Church Rebuilding Research Project.” Philadelphia.

The Aspen Institute, March 2001

“Mainline Protestant Washington Offices and the Political Lives of Clergy.” Seminar on “The Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project.” Washington, DC.

Colorado College, March 2000

“Religion and Politics in the United States.” Department of Political Science. Colorado Springs, CO.

Princeton University, March 2000

“Mainline Protestant Washington Offices and the Political Lives of Clergy.” Center for the Study of Religion “Religion and Culture Workshop.” Princeton, NJ.

Princeton University, October 1999

“Changing Issue Agendas of Women Clergy.” Center for the Study of Religion “Religion and Culture Workshop.” Princeton, NJ.

University of Chicago, September 1999

“Toward a Contextual Appreciation of Religion and Politics.” Public Religion Project Final Symposium. Chicago.

Furman University, April 1997

“The Impact of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status on the Political Participation of Protestant Clergy.” Political Science Symposium. Greenville, SC.

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association

2023 Chair, *Religious Elites, Political Cues, and Political Attitudes*.

2018 Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. “Explaining Belonging: The Strength and Salience of Religious Identification.”

Roundtable participant, *In Memoriam: Professor Ted G. Jelen*.

2017 Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. “Explaining Variation in Strength of Identification with Religion.”

Roundtable participant, *Robert Bellah’s “Civil Religion in America” at 50*.

2016 Olson, Laura R., Daniel H. Frost, Suzanne N. Rosenblith, William D. McCorkle, and Benjamin J. Bindewald. “Teacher Attitudes about the Limits of Religious Free Exercise in the Classroom.”

2015 Discussant, *Religion in Public Space and in the Public Sector*.

2014 Chair, *How to Exercise Political Control over Religion*.

2012 Neiheisel, Jacob R., Paul A. Djupe, and Laura R. Olson. “The Effect of Urging Tolerance on Persuasion.” *Conference was canceled because of Hurricane Isaac.

2010 Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. “Religious Liberalism in a Gay Rights Debate: Commitment to Deliberative Values and Practice in ELCA Congregations.”

Discussant, *Religion and American Politics: New Issues, New Directions*.

- 2008** Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. "Religion and Environmental Concerns across States."
- 2007** Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religion and the Modern Rhetorical Presidency."
Chair and Discussant, *Religion and the "Culture Wars" in America*.
- 2006** Crawford, Sue E. S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. "Cleavages, Camps, and Parties: Interest Group Affiliation in the Mass Public."
Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religion and the Public Presidency."
- 2005** Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Presidential Approval and the God Gap."
Chair, *Religion, Gay Marriage, and the Family*.
- 2004** Olson, Laura R. "The Effect of September 11 on Religion and Politics in America."
Discussant, *Religious Organizations in the Generation of Civic Resources*.
- 2003** Chair, *Religion, Politics, and the American Experience: Facing Forward and Looking Back*.
- 2002** Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "Clergy as Political Mobilizers: Does Gender Matter?"
Chair, *Religious Groups and Politics after September 11*.
- 2001** Deckman, Melissa M., Laura R. Olson, and Sue E. S. Crawford. "Social Theology and Political Engagement among Disciples of Christ Clergy in the Election of 2000."
- 2000** Chair, *Religion and Political Mobilization*.
- 1999** Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "When Can She Walk the Talk?"
- 1998** Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, Melissa M. Deckman, and Christi J. Braun. "Issue and Action Agendas of Women Clergy in Politics."
- 1997** Discussant, *Clergy and Parishioners: The Implications of Church Contexts*.
- 1995** Olson, Laura R. "Filled with Spirit and Power: The Significance of Issue Framing among Protestant Clergy."
- 1992** Olson, Laura R. "The United States Supreme Court and the Christian Right: A Diminishing Animosity?"

Midwest Political Science Association

- 2026** Arandjelović, Dunja, and Laura R. Olson. "Attitudes about Socio-moral Issues among Religious and Secular Youth."
Olson, Laura R., Vaiva Kalesnikaite, and Zeynep Taydas. "Religion and Attitudes about Energy Policy Alternatives in 20 Countries."
Chair and Discussant, *Religious Dimensions of Public Opinion*.
Discussant, *Measuring Christian Nationalism*.

- 2023** Olson, Laura R. "Are There White Working-Class Democrats in the U.S.? Religious Disaffiliation as a Predictor of Partisanship."
Olson, Laura R., Vaiva Kalesnikaite, and Jenny Presgraves. "Religion and Public Opinion about Energy Policy Alternatives in 20 Countries."
Discussant, *Religious Institutions and Beliefs: Explaining Religiously Implicated Issue Attitudes*.
- 2022** Arandjelović, Dunja, and Laura R. Olson. "Divided Loyalties: How Political Divisions among Ukrainians Are Shaped by Allegiance to the Russian Orthodox Church versus the Orthodox Church of Ukraine."
Discussant, *Accommodating (Non)Religion in the Political Sphere*.
Discussant, *Crisis, Governance, and Response in Post-Communist States*.
- 2021** Discussant, *Religion, (Un)Democratic Commitments, and the State in Comparative Perspective*.
- 2020** Allard, Grant, and Laura R. Olson. "'It's Those Crazy Liberal Universities': Political Context, Educational Infrastructure, and Party Identification." *Conference was canceled because of COVID-19 pandemic.
Hall, Spencer C., and Laura R. Olson. "Public Opinion and Policy Representation within a Religious Denomination: The United Methodist Church on Sexuality." *Conference was canceled because of COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2019** Bryda, Lindsay L., and Laura R. Olson. "Identifying Religious 'Nones': Implications of Different Measurement Strategies."
Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. "Explaining Belonging: The Strength and Salience of Religious Identification."
Discussant, *Let's Talk about Elite Influence in Religion and Politics*.
- 2017** Curtis, K. Amber, and Laura R. Olson. "Explaining Variation in Strength of Identification with Religion."
Roundtable participant, *Religion and the 2016 Presidential Election: An Analysis of PRRI Data*.
Discussant, *Religious Thought, Foreign Policy, and Human Rights*.
- 2016** Olson, Laura R., Morgan E. Winkler, Daniel H. Frost, Suzanne N. Rosenblith, and William D. McCorkle. "Private Citizens or Agents of the State? Public Schoolteachers' Attitudes about the Limits of Religious Free Exercise in the Classroom."
Discussant, *Evangelicals' Evolving Politics*.
- 2015** Olson, Laura R., and Perry F. Austin. "Where You Stand Depends on Where You Live: Religion, Geographic Location, and 2012 Presidential Vote Choice." *I was unable to present due to the deaths of my parents.
Discussant, Junior Scholar Symposium: Religion, Political Communication, and Public Opinion in America. *I was unable to participate due to the deaths of my parents.

Chair, Secularization and Politics. *I was unable to participate due to the deaths of my parents.

- 2014** Austin, Perry F., Jeffrey A. Fine, and Laura R. Olson. "Religion, Candidate Perception, and the 'Pharisee Effect' in Campaign Advertising."
Farizo, Angela, Nicholas Davis, James C. Garand, and Laura R. Olson. "Religious Orientation and Attitudes about Income Inequality."
Chair and Discussant, *Islam and Public Opinion*.
- 2013** Cornwall, Marie, and Laura R. Olson. "Understanding Political Diversity among American Mormons."
Roundtable Participant, *Religion and Values in the 2012 Elections Roundtable: A Post-Election Analysis of the Public Religion Research Institute's American Values Survey*.
Chair, *Contemporary Assessment of the Christian Right*.
- 2012** Smith, Lauren Edwards, and Laura R. Olson. "Attitudes about Abortion and Same-Sex Marriage among Religious and Secular Youth."
Chair and Discussant, *Religion and Electoral Behavior*.
- 2011** Olson, Laura R. "The Politics of 'Spiritual But Not Religious' America."
Discussant, *Religion, Leadership, and Political Preferences in America*.
Chair, *Religion and Contentious Issues in America*.
- 2010** Olson, Laura R., and Paul A. Djupe. "Does Women's Leadership Engender the Political Engagement of Women?"
Chair and Discussant, *Clergy and Politics*.
- 2008** Discussant, *Religion in the Electoral Experience*.
- 2007** Olson, Laura R. "Is There a Protestant Left on the Ground?"
Discussant, *Religion and U.S. Elections*.
- 2006** Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religious Rhetoric and the American Presidency."
Discussant, *Contemporary Issues in Evangelical Politics*.
- 2005** Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "The Politics of Gay Rights: A Clergy Perspective."
- 2004** Olson, Laura R., John C. Green, Sue E. S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. "The Role of Gender in the Politics of Female and Male Protestant Clergy."
Chair, *A Roundtable Discussion of Richard Merelman's Pluralism at Yale*.
- 2003** Olson, Laura R., John C. Green, Sue E. S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. "Clergy and the Politics of Gender: Women, Opportunity, and Feminism in Protestant Churches."
- 2002** Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "Culture Wars, Family Wars: Clergy Mobilization on Family Values."

Discussant, *Religion, Identity, and Political Activism*.

- 2001** Deckman, Melissa M., Laura R. Olson, and Sue E. S. Crawford. "Discerning Voices: How Religious Traditions, Denominations, and Congregations Impact the Political Choices of Women Clergy."
- Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. "Fighting the Battle of Jericho: Clergy Support for Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies."
- 2000** Olson, Laura R. "Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies: Making a Difference or Generating Indifference?"
- Chair and Discussant, *Religious Denominations and Politics*.
- 1999** Olson, Laura R., Sue E. S. Crawford, and James L. Guth. "Changing Issue Agendas of Women Clergy."
- Discussant, *Religion and Political Behavior in the United States*.
- 1998** Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. "Clergy as Political Actors in Urban Contexts."
- 1997** Olson, Laura R. "Bill Clinton's Strategic Use of Religious and Family Rhetoric: The Co-optation of Partisan Symbolism."
- Olson, Laura R. "The Impact of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status on the Political Participation of Protestant Clergy."
- 1995** Olson, Laura R. "Compromise versus Absolutism: Issue Framing among Protestant Clergy."
- 1993** Olson, Laura R. "Ronald Reagan's Rhetorical Appeal to the Christian Right."

Southern Political Science Association

- 2024** Roundtable Participant, *How Might Religion Affect the 2024 U.S. Elections?*
- 2016** Olson, Laura R. "Multiple Religious Belonging and American Politics."
- Olson, Laura R., Zeynep Taydas, and Cigdem Kentmen Cin. "Religious Attitudes about Unilateral and Multilateral Foreign Policy Tools."
- Roundtable Participant, *Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of Christian Clergy in American Politics*, ed. by Sue E. S. Crawford and Laura R. Olson.
- Roundtable Participant, *Discussing Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans? Party Activists, Party Capture and the "God Gap,"* by Ryan Claassen.
- 2015** McCarthy, Angela Farizo, James C. Garand, Nicholas Davis, and Laura R. Olson, "Religious Right, Religious Left, Both, or Neither? Understanding Religious Ideological Identification."
- Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: Seeking the Promised Land*, by David E. Campbell, John C. Green, and J. Quin Monson.
- Chair, *The Impact of Civil Rights 50 Years Later*.
- 2013** Roundtable Participant, *What's Next in Religion and Public Opinion Research?*
- Chair and Discussant, *Religion and Opinion Formation in the U.S.*

- 2012** Smith, Lauren Edwards, and Laura R. Olson. "Attitudes about Abortion and Same-Sex Marriage among Religious and Secular Youth."
Taydas, Zeynep, Cigdem Kentmen, and Laura R. Olson. "The Faith Factor: The Impact of Religious Attachments on Foreign Policy Attitudes."
Discussant, *Religion and Tolerance*.
- 2010** Chair and Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: The Political Influence of Church*, by Paul A. Djupe and Christopher P. Gilbert.
Chair and Roundtable Participant, *Coping in an Era of Budget Cuts*.
- 2009** Roundtable Participant, *Religion in the 2008 American Presidential Election*.
Discussant, *Religion and American Political Elites*.
Chair and Roundtable Participant, *The Rocky Road to Tenure*.
Chair, *Getting and Keeping a Job*.
- 2007** Olson, Laura R. "Characterizing the Protestant Left at the Mass Level."
Roundtable Participant, *Parties, Religion, and Values Voters in the 2006 and 2008 Elections*.
Chair and Discussant, *Religion, Public Opinion, and Political Behavior*.
- 2006** Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. "Liberal Religious Commitment and Politics."
Roundtable Participant, *Voting Gaps in American Politics*.
Chair and Discussant, *New Directions in Religion and Politics*.
Chair, *A Roundtable on American Electoral Gaps*.
- 2005** Chair and Discussant, *Religion, Politics, and Institutional Dynamics*.
- 2004** Olson, Laura R. "Homelessness, Ecumenism, and Politics in a Small Midwestern City."
- 2001** Chair, *Clergy and Politics: The Political Activities of Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000*.
- 1997** Olson, Laura R. "The Making of an Issue: Elite Responses to Southern Church Burnings."

Western Political Science Association

- 2013** Cornwall, Marie, and Laura R. Olson. "Understanding Political Diversity among American Mormons."
Olson, Laura R., Cigdem Kentmen, and Zeynep Taydas. "Attitudes about Multilateralism among American Evangelical Protestants."

International Studies Association

- 2024** Olson, Laura R., Zeynep Taydas, and Dunja Arandjelović. "Explaining Religious Cleavages in U.S. Foreign Policy Attitudes." CEEISA-International Studies Association International Conference, Rijeka, Croatia.

- 2023** Taydas, Zeynep, and Laura R. Olson. "Religious Foundations of American Foreign Policy Attitudes."
- 2021** Taydas, Zeynep, Jeffrey A. Fine, and Laura R. Olson. "Divine Influence: Religious Foundations of American Foreign Policy."
- 2017** Olson, Laura R., Zeynep Taydas, and Cigdem Kentmen Cin. "The 'Sword of the Spirit' or 'The Shield of Faith?' The Religious Cleavage in U.S. Foreign Policy Attitudes."
- 2016** Taydas, Zeynep, Cigdem Kentmen Cin, and Laura R. Olson. "The 'Sword of the Spirit' or the 'Shield of Faith?' Religion and Foreign Policy Attitudes among Americans."
- 2014** Olson, Laura R., Cigdem Kentmen, and Zeynep Taydas. "Religion and Public Opinion about Foreign Policy Tools among Americans." International Studies Association-Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Joint International Conference, Buenos Aires.
- 2014** Olson, Laura R., Cigdem Kentmen, and Zeynep Taydas. "Religion and Attitudes about Multilateralism in the United States."
- 2012** Taydas, Zeynep, Cigdem Kentmen, and Laura R. Olson. "Exploring the Determinants of American Public Opinion: The Role of Religion."
- 2011** Taydas, Zeynep, Cigdem Kentmen, and Laura R. Olson. "The Faith Factor: The Impact of Religious Attachments on Foreign Policy Attitudes."

International Society of Political Psychology

- 2014** Olson, Laura R. "Partisanship, Religion, and the Psychology of Virtue: A Cross-National Application of Moral Foundations Theory."
Chair, Religion, Values, and Political Participation.

Southwestern Social Science Association

- 2016** Roundtable Participant, *Meet the Editors: Publishing in Political Science.*

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association

- 2026** Arandjelović, Dunja, and Laura R. Olson. "Attitudes about Socio-moral Issues among Religious and Secular Youth."

Olson, Laura R., Marko Veković, and Siniša Zrinščak. "Religion and Authoritarian Attitudes in Today's Balkans."

Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: Understanding Christian Nationalism: Perspectives on the Political Religion of Trump's America, ed. Rhys H. Williams and Mark Silk.*
- 2023** Olson, Laura R., Dunja Arandjelović, and Marko Veković. "Divided Loyalties: Allegiance to Orthodox Patriarchs and Political Division in Pre-war Ukraine."

Olson, Laura R., Vaiva Kalesnikaite, and Jenny Presgraves. "Religion and Attitudes about Renewable Energy in 20 Countries."

- 2022** Olson, Laura R., Dunja Arandjelović, and Marko Veković. “Divided Loyalties: Religion, Democracy, and Values in Ukraine.”
- 2020** Roebuck, Hannah J., and Laura R. Olson. “And a Woman Shall Lead Them? Religion, Gender, and Attitudes about Political Leadership in Western Europe.” *Conference was canceled because of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: American Blindspot: Race, Class, Religion, and the Trump Presidency*, by Gerardo Martí. *Conference was canceled because of COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2019** Clyburn, Rachel, and Laura R. Olson. “Gender and Political Diversity among Latter-day Saints.”
- Convener, *Denominationalism, Faith, and Politics*.
- 2017** McCorkle, William D., and Laura R. Olson. “The Perspective of Teachers of Minority Faiths on Religion in the Classroom.”
- Olson, Laura R., Daniel H. Frost, and Suzanne N. Rosenblith. “Secularism among Public Schoolteachers: Implications for Attitudes about Religious Free Exercise.”
- 2016** McCorkle, William D., and Laura R. Olson. “When the Values of Nationalism and Religious Liberty Collide.”
- Olson, Laura R., Suzanne N. Rosenblith, and Daniel H. Frost. “Teacher Attitudes about the Limits of Religious Free Exercise in the Classroom.”
- Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: Pastors and Public Life: The Changing Face of American Protestant Clergy*, by Corwin E. Smidt.
- Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: The Purposeful Graduate: Why Colleges Must Talk to Students about Vocation*, by Tim Clydesdale.
- Roundtable Participant, *Writing, Publishing, and Reviewing: Advice from Journal Editors*.
- 2015** Roundtable Participant, *The Path to Publication: Advice from Journal Editors to Authors and Reviewers*.
- Roundtable Participant, *Publishing Visual Research on Religion*.
- 2014** Olson, Laura R. “Biblical and Political Orientations among Contemporary Americans.”
- Olson, Laura R., and Perry F. Austin. “Where You Stand Depends on Where You Live: Religion, Geographic Location, and 2012 Presidential Vote Choice.”
- 2013** Clendenen, Margaret, Laura R. Olson, and Wendy Cadge. “God and the Founding Fathers: Images from Prayers in the U.S. Senate.”
- Cornwall, Marie, and Laura R. Olson. “Understanding Political Diversity among Mormons.”
- Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: Religion, Politics, and Polarization: How Religiopolitical Conflict Is Changing Congress and American Democracy*, by William V. D’Antonio, Steven A. Tuch, and Josiah R. Baker.
- Convener, *Relationships among Communities, Religious and Other*

- 2012** Convener, *Religion and Politics II*.
- 2011** Roundtable Participant, *Author Meets Critics: The Disappearing God Gap? Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election*, by Corwin E. Smidt et al.
Roundtable Participant, *Celebrating 50 Years: JSSR and the Multi-Disciplinary Study of Religion*.
- 2009** Djupe, Paul A., Jacob R. Neiheisel, and Laura R. Olson, "The Tolerant Clergy: Does Urging Tolerance Help or Hurt Attempts at Persuasion on Immigration?"
Olson, Laura R., and Sue E. S. Crawford, "Change and Continuity in the Political Activity of Protestant Clergy."
Convener, *Religious Attitudes and Activism about Same-Sex Marriage*.
- 2007** Convener and Roundtable Participant, *A Roundtable on Religion in the 2006 and 2008 Elections*.
Convener, *The Religious Factor in Contemporary American Political Conflict*.
Convener, *Tensions within Denominations*.
- 2006** Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. "Preaching in a Different Voice? Gendered Clergy Effects on Public Opinion."
Olson, Laura R. "Mapping the Protestant Left at the Elite Level: Interest Groups and Social Movement Organizations."
Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religion and the Strategic Presidency."
Convener, *Religion and Politics*.
- 2005** Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Presidential Approval and the God Gap."
Convener, *Issues in Religious Leadership*.
- 2004** Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, and Melissa M. Deckman. "Cleavages, Camps, and Parties: Political and Religious Boundaries in Clergy Advocacy."
Djupe, Paul A., Laura R. Olson, and Christopher P. Gilbert. "The Gay Rights Debate in Action: How Clergy and Laity View Statements on Homosexuality in Two Denominations."
- 2003** Olson, Laura R. "Evaluating George W. Bush after 9/11: The Role of Religion."
Convener, *Faith-Based Initiatives*.
- 2002** Jensen, Benjamin R., and Laura R. Olson. "Are Mormons Culture Warriors? Mormon Participation in Local Political Debate over Gay Marriage."
Convener, *Religion and Politics*.
- 2001** Crawford, Sue E. S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. "The Political Activities of Disciples of Christ Clergy in the Election of 2000."
Convener, *Religion and Politics*.
- 2000** Olson, Laura R. "Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies: Making a Difference or Generating Indifference?"

Olson, Laura R., and Wendy Cadge. "Talking about Homosexuality: The Views of Mainline Protestant Clergy."

- 1998** Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, Melissa M. Deckman, and Christi J. Braun. "The Issue and Action Agendas of Women Clergy."
- 1995** Olson, Laura R. "Issues of Activism among Protestant Clergy: The Curious Case of Abortion."

Association for the Sociology of Religion

- 2015** Clendenen, Margaret, Wendy Cadge, and Laura R. Olson. "May the People of this Nation Grow in Patriotism and Give You the Glory: Congressional Chaplains' Prayers about the United States, 1990-2010."
- 2013** Cadge, Wendy, Margaret Clendenen, and Laura R. Olson. "Prayers in the U.S. Senate: Shifting Norms and Roles for Senate Chaplains."
- 2012** Roundtable Participant, *Publishing Your Work: A Panel with Current and Former Journal Editors*.
- 2002** Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "Clergy as Political Mobilizers: Does Gender Matter?"
- 2001** Olson, Laura R., Karen V. Guth, and James L. Guth. "The Lotto and the Lord: Religious

European Consortium for Political Research

- 2026** Olson, Laura R., Marko Veković, and Siniša Zrinščak. "Religion and Authoritarian Attitudes in Today's Balkans."
Chair and Discussant, *The Authoritarian Use of Religion*.
- 2024** Olson, Laura R., Zeynep Taydas, and Dunja Arandjelović. "Explaining Religious Cleavages in Foreign Policy Attitudes."
Discussant, *Politics, Religion and Gender, and Sexual Orientation*.

Eastern Sociological Society

- 2005** Cadge, Wendy, Laura R. Olson, and James Harrison. "Religion and Public Opinion about Gay Marriage: A Systematic Examination."
Djupe, Paul A., Laura R. Olson, and Christopher P. Gilbert. "Statements on Homosexuality in Two Denominations."
Convener, *Religion and the 2004 Elections*.

American Academy of Religion

- 2003** Presider, *Religion in the 2004 Election*.

American Historical Association

- 2012** Respondent, *Protestant Catholicity: The Hidden Reformation of American Christian Communities*.

South Carolina Political Science Association

- 2024** Arandjelović, Dunja, and Laura R. Olson. "Roe v. Wade: Between Faith and Sexism."
- 2009** Roundtable Participant, *Presidential Elections, Church Rhetoric, and Politics: The Wright and Warren Examples*.

Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics

- 2016** Jelen, Ted G., Laura R. Olson, and Joseph E. Stewart, Jr. "Where Is that Mason-Dixon Line? An Analysis of Competing Operational Definitions of the South."
- 2014** Austin, Perry F., Jeffrey A. Fine, and Laura R. Olson. "Religion, Candidate Perception, and the 'Pharisee Effect' in Campaign Advertising.
Discussant, *Undergraduate Research on Policy and Elections*.
- 2012** Discussant, *Ideological and Partisan Dynamics in Southern Politics*.
- 2010** Discussant, *Southern States and the 2008 Elections*.
- 2008** Discussant, *Southern Distinctiveness*.
- 2006** Discussant, *Southern Political Culture*.
- 2002** Discussant, *Southern Distinctiveness Examined*.
- 1998** Olson, Laura R., John P. Smith, and William Patterson. "Church Arson and the Politics of Lists."
Discussant, *Religion and Political Activism in the South*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics.

Politology of Religion Biannual Conference

- 2025** Olson, Laura R., Dunja Arandjelović, and Marko Veković. "Divided Loyalties: The Politics of Allegiance to the Patriarch of Moscow in Belarus and Ukraine."
Chair, Book Talk: *Constitutional Intolerance: The Fashioning of the Other in Europe's Constitutional Repertoires* by Marietta van der Tol.
- 2023** Olson, Laura R. "Are There White Working-Class Democrats in the United States? Religious Disaffiliation as a Predictor of Partisanship."
- 2018** Olson, Laura R. "Religious and Political Identification in Turkey."

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (Italian Political Science Society)

- 2026** Olson, Laura R., Marko Veković, and Siniša Zrinščak. "Religion and Authoritarian Attitudes in Today's Balkans"

- 2023** Olson, Laura R., and Jenny Presgraves. "Playing God at the Dinner Table: Religion and Attitudes about Genetically Modified Foods in 20 Countries."

Calvin College Symposium on Religion and Politics

- 2013** Olson, Laura R., Cigdem Kentmen, and Zeynep Taydas. "Attitudes about Multilateralism among American Evangelical Protestants."
Chair and Discussant, *Clergy and American Politics*.
- 2006** Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. "The Religion Gap and Presidential Approval."
Discussant, *Religion and American Mass Politics*. Calvin College Symposium on Religion and Politics.
- 2004** Olson, Laura R., John C. Green, Sue E. S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. "The Role of Gender in the Politics of Female and Male Protestant Clergy."
- 2002** Olson, Laura R., Melissa M. Deckman, and Sue E. S. Crawford. "Disciples of Christ Clergy in the 2000 Election."
Smidt, Corwin E., Sherrie Steiner-Aeschelman, Donald Gray, Laura R. Olson, Melissa M. Deckman, Sue E. S. Crawford, Daniel J. B. Hofrenning, and Beau Weston. "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Mainline Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000."

Social Science History Association

- 1995** Olson, Laura R. "Filled with Spirit and Power: Political Activism among Protestant Clergy."
- 1994** Olson, Laura R. "The Implications of Issue Definition among Politically Active Protestant Groups."
Discussant, *Religion and the Arts: The Controversy over the National Endowment for the Arts*.

CLAVIER (Corpus and Language Variation in English Research)

- 2025** Milizia, Denise, and Laura R. Olson. "'There Has to Be a Fairness in the Air Here': Climate Transparency in the United States"
- 2023** Milizia, Denise, and Laura R. Olson. "Communicating Climate Change: Political Statements and Public Opinion in the U.S."

Other Conferences

- 2026** Olson, Laura R., Marko Veković, and Siniša Zrinščak. "Religion and Authoritarian Attitudes in Today's Balkans." Annual meeting of the European Academy of Religion. Rome.
- 2025** Olson, Laura R., Marko Veković, and Dunja Arandjelović. "Religion and Preference for Nondemocratic Government among Christian Ukrainians after the Crimean Incursion." Annual meeting of the Swedish Political Science Association. Växjö, Sweden.

- 2024** Olson, Laura R. "Non-Christian Christian Nationalists in Contemporary U.S. Politics." Annual meeting of the Serbian Political Science Association. Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2023** Milizia, Denise, and Laura R. Olson. "Comparing Political Leaders' Statements and Tweets to Public Opinion: The Climate Change Challenge in the U.S. and Italy." Annual meeting of the Associazione Italiana di Anglistica (Italian Association for English Studies). Cosenza, Italy.
- Olson, Laura R. "Was There a Calm before the Storm? Political and Social Preconditions in Europe and the U.S. ahead of the Covid-19 Pandemic." 6th International Conference of the Polish Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality. University of Gdańsk. Gdańsk, Poland.
- 2022** Olson, Laura R. "The Coronavirus Pandemic and Political Polarization in the United States." Conference on "L'Unione Europea tra Pandemia: Nuove Crisi e Nuove Prospettive" ["The European Union amid the Pandemic: New Crises and New Perspectives"]. Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro. Bari, Italy.
- Olson, Laura R. "Social Media Usage and Conspiracy-Mindedness in the United States." Conference on "LinC: I Linguaggi della Crisi" ["The Languages of the Crisis"]. Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro. Bari, Italy.
- 2021** Olson, Laura R. "Was There a Calm before the Storm? Political and Social Preconditions in Europe and the U.S. ahead of the Covid-19 Pandemic." Online conference on "Il Discorso Politico post-Brexit in Tempo di Pandemia" ["Post-Brexit Political Discourse in a Pandemic"]. Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro. Online.
- 2017** Olson, Laura R. "An Opium for Impoverished Classrooms?" Salzburg Conference in Interdisciplinary Poverty Research: Religion and Poverty. University of Salzburg. Salzburg, Austria.
- Olson, Laura R. "Secularism among Public Schoolteachers: Implications for Attitudes about Religious Free Exercise." Kripke Center Conference on Secularism. Creighton University. Omaha, NE.
- Pury, Cindy L. S., Laura R. Olson, et al. "Accolade Courage as a Reflection of the Observer's Values." World Congress on Positive Psychology. Montreal.
- 2016** Olson, Laura R. "U.S. Public Schoolteachers and Religious Free Exercise in the Classroom." Nordic Conference in the Sociology of Religion. University of Helsinki. Helsinki, Finland.
- Pury, Cynthia L. S., Laura R. Olson, Charles B. Starkey, Emily A. Burnett, Noah R. Wisch, Natalie Vanelli, Katie Erin Clancy, Lucy E. Russell, and Kathleen R. Gonzalez. "Awards for Bravery: Accolade Courage and Meaning." Biennial International Meaning Conference, Toronto.
- 2014** Olson, Laura R. "Biblical and Political Orientations among Contemporary Americans." Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture conference on "The Bible in American Life." Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

- 2012** Olson, Laura R. “Conflicting Gender Gaps? Women, Religion, and the 2012 Presidential Election.” Conference on “Global to Local: How Faith Influences Politics in the United States.” Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles.
- 2011** Olson, Laura R. “Tangled Webs: The Religious Left in Contemporary American Politics.” Conference on “Does God Matter? Representing Religion in the European Union and the United States.” Aston University. Birmingham, United Kingdom.
- 2005** Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. “Mainline Protestantism and the American Presidency.” Conference on “Religion and the American Presidency.” Claremont McKenna College. Claremont, CA.
- 2004** Discussant, *Religion and Political Discourse*. University of Illinois-Chicago Pre-APSA Conference on Political Communication. Chicago.
- 2001** Crawford, Sue E. S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. “Culture Wars, Family Wars: Clergy Mobilization on Family Politics.” Creighton University Center for the Study of Religion and Society Conference on “Religion and the Family.” Omaha, NE.
- 2000** Olson, Laura R. “Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies: Making a Difference or Generating Indifference?” Princeton University Conference on “The Public Role of Mainline Protestantism.” Princeton, NJ.
- 1998** Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. “Clergy as Political Actors in Urban Contexts.” Creighton University Center for the Study of Religion and Society Conference on “Clergy in Politics: Choices and Consequences.” Omaha, NE.
- 1997** Olson, Laura R. “Filled with Spirit and Power: The Impact of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status on the Political Involvement of Protestant Clergy.” Furman University Conference on “The Christian Mind in Politics and Political Science.” Greenville, SC.
- 1995** Krahn, Dean D., Douglas Piper, Monica King, Laura Olson, Candace Kurth, and D. Paul Moberg. “Dieting in Sixth Grade Predicts Alcohol Use in Ninth Grade.” International Conference on Eating Disorders. New York.

Other Research Activities

Member, Bridging Voices Network, British Council USA, 2018-Present

Member, Dis4Change Studies on Climate Change and Environmental Discourse Interuniversity Research Centre, Italy, 2024-Present

Co-organizer, Dis4Change Biennial International Conference, University of Bari Aldo Moro, 2025

Affiliated Scholar, Public Religion Research Institute, 2012-2020

Member, Social Science Research Council “Spirituality, Political Engagement, and Public Life” research project (funded by the Ford Foundation), 2009-2012

Member, Calvin College “Clergy and the 2008 Election” research project, 2008-2009

Consultant, Princeton University “The Scientific Study of Prayer Using Cognitive and Textual Methods” research project (funded by the John Templeton Foundation), 2007

Member, Brandeis University “Religious Leaders’ Opinions about Social Issues” research project (funded by the Gill Foundation), 2007

Consultant, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, 2004, 2006, 2008

Consultant, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill/University of Notre Dame “Religion in an Age of Terrorism” research project (funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Louisville Institute), 2001-2003

Consultant, American Academy of Religion “Media Coverage of Religion” research project (funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts), 2001

Consultant, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia “Church Rebuilding” research project (funded by the Lilly Endowment), 2000-2002

Member, Calvin College “Clergy and the 2000 Election” research project, 1999-2001

Member, Princeton University “Public Role of Mainline Protestantism” research project (funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts), 1999-2001

Co-organizer, Creighton University Center for the Study of Religion and Society Conference on “Clergy in Politics: Choices and Consequences” (funded by the Nebraska Humanities Council, Creighton University, and Clemson University), 1998

Consultant, Wisconsin State Bar Association, 1994-1996

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin Medical School Department of Psychiatry, 1994-1996

Research Assistant, Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1994

Memberships

American Political Science Association (and Religion & Politics Section)

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

International Studies Association

American Academy of Religion

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (Italian Political Science Association)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Religious Research Association

Association for the Sociology of Religion

European Consortium for Political Research (and Standing Group on Religion & Politics)

Associazione Italiana di Anglistica (Italian Association of English Studies)

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

Teaching

Financial Support

Global Religion Curriculum Development Grant, through the University of Notre Dame, “Religion in World Politics” and “Religion and Culture in International Context,” 2017

Creative Inquiry Research Team, Clemson University, “The Limits of Free Exercise: Teacher Attitudes about Religious Expression in Public Schools,” 2015-2017

Creative Inquiry Research Team, Clemson University, “Preaching from the Bully Pulpit: Religious Themes in Presidential Rhetoric,” 2006-2014

Honors College Seminar Development Grant, Clemson University, “Clergy as Leaders in American Public Life,” 2000

Publication

Olson, Laura R. 1999. *Instructor’s Resource Manual with Test Items to Accompany American Politics*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Courses Taught

Texas Christian University

Herman Brown Professor of Political Science (2025-Present)

- Religion and U.S. Politics
- Religion and World Politics

Clemson University

Thurmond Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor of Political Science (1996-2025)

- U.S. National Government (including Honors sections)
- Introduction to Political Science/Foundations of Political Science
- Religion and U.S. Politics
- Religion and World Politics (original course)
- Religious Liberty and the U.S. Constitution
- Interest Groups and Social Movements (original course)
- Political Parties and Elections
- The United States Congress
- Political Leadership
- Politics and Film
- Professional Development in Political Science (undergraduate; original course)
- Professional Development for Policy Scholars (graduate; original course)
- Graduate seminar on Collective Action (original course)
- Graduate seminar on U.S. National Government

- Graduate seminar on “Religion, Politics, and Public Life” (original course)
- Honors seminar on “The 1960s: A Decade of Change” (original course)
- Honors seminar on “Clergy in American Public Life” (original course)
- Honors seminar on “Religion and Politics in Context: How 1979 Changed Everything” (original course)

Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro

Fulbright U.S. Scholar-Italy (2020, 2025)

- Religion and World Politics
- Religion and the Politics of Inclusion

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lecturer in Political Science (1992-1994)

- Introduction to U.S. Politics
- Laboratory in Political Research

Political Science Teaching Assistant (1991-1993)

- Introduction to U.S. Politics
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Religion and Politics

Northwestern University

National High School Institute Instructor (1989-1990)

- Politics, Science, and Technology

Ph.D. Advisees (* indicates committee chair)

Tate, Andrew G. “Religion As Political Influence: Representation, Rhetoric, and Advocacy in American Politics.” Ph.D., Policy Studies, Clemson University, 2026.

* Williams, Holly. “Policy Solutions for Juvenile Cyber-Deviant Behaviors: Insights from Criminological Theory.” Ph.D., Policy Studies, Clemson University, 2024.

Tahsin, Farah. “An Examination of Neurodevelopmental Outcomes, Healthcare Utilization, and Stigmatizing Language in Populations with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).” Ph.D., Policy Studies, Clemson University, 2023.

Presgraves, Jenny. “Allegories and Alleles: A Narrative Policy Framework Analysis of the Debate over Animal Bioengineering.” Ph.D., Policy Studies, Clemson University, 2022.

Lawrimore, Donald C. Jr. “School-Based Instructional Leadership and Problem Solving: Principals’ Descriptions of Shared Issue Resolution.” Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Clemson University, 2020.

Searcy, David. “Religious Movements in the United States: An Alternative Methodology for Religious Belonging.” Ph.D., Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2019.

- McCarthy, Angela Farizo. "The Religious Impact: Understanding the Influence of Religiosity on Policy Issues." Ph.D., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2019.
- McMasters, Christin E. "Evangelicals, Perceived Marginalization, and Expressive Mobilization." Ph.D., Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2018.
- McCorkle, William D., "The Awareness and Attitudes of Teachers towards Educational Restrictions for Immigrant Students." Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction, Clemson University, 2018.
- Velez, Robert W. "When Church Becomes State: Clergy as Political Candidates." Ph.D., Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2017.
- Kim, Christine Chu-Ning. "Three Papers on the Political Attitudes of Evangelical Protestants at the Beginning of the New Millennium." Ph.D., Political Science, Georgetown University, 2017.
- Smith, Lauren Edwards. "How Much Do Groups Still Matter to Politics? An Examination of Group Influences on Public Opinion." Ph.D., Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2014.
- Bindewald, Benjamin. "Public School Credits for Devotional Courses in Religion: The Evangelical Reconceptualization of Released Time." Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction, Clemson University, 2014.
- Bennett, Daniel. "Organizations, Religion, and Legal Mobilization: The Case of Christian Conservative Legal Advocacy." Ph.D., Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2013.
- Milton, Pearly M. "Educational Leadership and School Culture: A Study of the Perceptions of Effective Leadership." Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Clemson University, 2011.
- Tanner, Allison J. "Engaging the Inner Prophet: How American Baptist Pastors Preach on Social Issues in an Age of Tolerance and Schism." Ph.D., Sociology, Graduate Theological Union, 2011.
- Young, Amy Gregory. "A Structural Equation Model of Leader Attributes in the Principalship." Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Clemson University, 2010.
- Fowler, Julie Gore. "An Investigation of the Factors Influencing Special Education Directors in South Carolina in the Implementation of Policy." Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Clemson University, 2009.
- Sprouse, Fay Simpson. "School District Superintendents' Response to Ethical Dilemmas: A Grounded Theory." Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Clemson University, 2009.

Other Teaching and Advising

Clemson University

Freshman Academic Success Program Advisor, 2003-2009
 Senior Fellow, Dixon Fellows Program, Honors College, 2001-2003
 Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations, 1997-1998

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Tutor, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1994-1996

Instructor, College of Letters and Science Teaching Assistant Training Workshop, 1994
Teaching Assistant Orientation Leader, Department of Political Science, 1992-1994

Service

Professional Service

Editorial Positions

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2012-2017

Guest co-editor, special issue on the COVID-19 crisis, *Lingue, Culture, Mediazioni* [*Languages, Cultures, Mediation*] (Italy), Vol. 10, No. 2, 2023

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion editorial board, 2003-2011, 2019-Present

Co-editor, University Press of Kansas book series on American religion, politics, and law, 2018-Present

Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion editorial board, 2004-Present

Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation editorial board, 2011-Present

Palgrave Studies in Religion, Politics, and Policy book series editorial board, 2012-Present

Zarytheus (undergraduate journal on politics and religion) editorial board, 2013-Present

Social Science Quarterly editorial board, 2018-Present

Religions editorial board, 2010-2015

Georgetown University Press Religion and Politics book series editorial board, 2002-2011

Book Review co-editor, *Politics and Religion*, 2007-2011

Guest co-editor, special issue on religion and state politics, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 3, Fall 2010

Journal of Political Science editorial board, 2005-2010

Topic reviewer for *Religion, The Social Issues Collection: A Routledge/University Readers Custom Library for Teaching*, 2008

Executive Positions

President-Elect, President, Past President (in succession), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2018-2021

Public Religion Research Institute Board of Directors, 2011-2018

Religious Research Association Executive Board, 2011-2015

President, Vice President, Secretary (in succession), Women's Caucus for Political Science-South, 2007-2010

Southern Political Science Association Executive Council, 2005-2008

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Executive Council, 2005-2008

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section Executive Council, 1998-2002 (Chair, 1999-2001)

Conference Program Committees

Politology of Religion Biannual Conference, University of Belgrade, 2025

Southwestern Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section, 2007

Southern Political Science Association invited panel coordinator, 2006

Program Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2005

Eastern Sociological Society invited panel coordinator, 2005

Southern Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section, 2004, 2011, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association Political Culture Section, 2004

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section, 2003

Program Reviewer

James Madison University Department of Political Science

North Carolina State University Department of Political Science

Texas Christian University Department of Political Science

Tenure/Promotion/Reappointment Reviewer

Brigham Young University, Calvin College, Chapman University, College of Charleston, Creighton University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana University Northwest, Iowa State University, Lake Forest College, Macon State College, Pennsylvania State University, Providence College, Purdue University, St. Olaf College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, University of Central Florida, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Maine, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, University of North Texas, University of Oklahoma, University of the South, University of Texas at Austin, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, Wheaton College (MA)

Grant Reviewer

Fulbright Italy, Global Religion Research Initiative, Louisville Institute, National Science Foundation-Political Science, National Science Foundation-Sociology, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Article Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science; American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; American Review of Politics; American Sociological Review; Asian Journal of Peacebuilding; Congress and the Presidency; Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society; Critical Research on Religion; Environmental Politics; European Political Science Review; Geoforum; Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion; Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Journal of

Feminist Studies in Religion; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Media and Religion; Journal of Politics; Journal of Religion and Society; Law and Society Review; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; Political Studies; Politics; Politics and Gender; Politics and Policy; Politics and Religion; Politics and Religion Journal; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Polity; PS: Political Science and Politics; Representation; Religions; Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion; Review of Religious Research; Social Currents; Social Forces; Social Problems; Social Science Journal; Social Science Quarterly; Social Science Research; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Quarterly; Sociology of Religion; State and Local Government Review; State Politics and Policy Quarterly; Urban Affairs Review; Women's Studies International Forum; Zeitschrift für Religion, Gesellschaft und Politik

Book Manuscript/Proposal Reviewer

Ashgate, Atomic Dog Publishing, Baylor University Press, Blackwell, Bloomsbury Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Concordia Publishing House, Cornell University Press, CQ Press, Georgetown University Press, Greenwood, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Praeger, Prentice Hall, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, Rutgers University Press, State University of New York Press, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Notre Dame Press, University Press of Kansas, University Press of Kentucky, Temple University Press, Wadsworth, Wayne State University Press, Westview Press

Professional Committees

Fulbright U.S. Student Program National Screening Committee for the United Kingdom, 2025

Fulbright U.S. Student Program National Screening Committee for Italy and Portugal, 2023-2024

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2002, 2026

Association for the Sociology of Religion Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, 2023-Present (Chair, 2026)

Southern Political Science Association *Journal of Politics* Editor Search Committee, 2023-2024

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section Susanne Hoeber Rudolph Outstanding Scholar Award Committee, 2023

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Strategic Plan Committee, 2019-2022

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Nominations Committee, 2021

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Executive Officer Search Committee, 2021

Southern Political Science Association Membership Development Committee, 2007-2020

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Nominating Committee, 2008-2010, 2019

Religious Research Association Publications Committee, 2013-2016

Southern Political Science Association Nominating Committee, 2013-2015

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section Best Conference Paper Award Committee, 1997, 1999, 2014

Southern Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, 2008-2009

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Publications Committee, 2007-2009 (Chair, 2008)

Southwestern Political Science Association Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, 2007

American Political Science Association Religion & Politics Section Distinguished Publication Award Committee, 2003-2005

American Academy of Religion Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, 2002-2004

American Academy of Religion Journalism Awards Committee, 2002

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Grant Committee, 2001-2003

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award Committee, 2000-2001

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Multiple-choice writer, AP Examination in U.S. Government and Politics, 2001, 2013, 2014

Table Leader, AP Examination in U.S. Government and Politics, 2004-2011

Consultant, AP Course Review, U.S. Government and Politics, 2007

Reader, AP Examination in U.S. Government and Politics, 1997-2003

University Service

Texas Christian University

University Traffic Committee, 2026-2029

AddRan College Advisory Committee, 2026-2027

University Post-Tenure Review Policy Committee, 2025-2026

Department of Political Science Curriculum Committee, 2025-Present

Chair, Department of Political Science Internships Committee, 2026

Department of Political Science Early Tenure Policy Committee, 2026

Department of Political Science Search Evaluation Rubric Committee, 2025

Clemson University

College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences Student Awards Committee, 2023-2025

Chair, Department of Political Science Scholarship and Awards, 2023-2025

Department of Political Science Graduate Committee, 2024-2025
 University Graduate Fellowships Committee, 2021-2024
 College of Arts and Humanities Distinguished Professorship Search Committee, 2024
 Georgia A. Callahan '73 Endowed Professorship in Women's Leadership Nomination Committee, College of Arts and Humanities, 2022-2023
 College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences Inclusive Excellence Committee, 2023
 Chair, Department of Political Science Methods Search Subcommittee, 2023
 Department of Political Science Sabbatical Subcommittee, 2023
 Director, Ph.D. Program in Policy Studies, 2019-2021
 Department of Political Science Public Administration Search Subcommittee, 2021
 Assessment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2009-2019
 College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2016-2019 (Secretary, 2016-2019)
 Department of Political Science Public Law Junior Search Subcommittee, 2018-2019
 Chair, University Social Science General Education Subcommittee, 2009-2018
 University Assessment Committee, 2017-2018
 Department of Political Science American Politics Junior Search Subcommittee, 2017-2018
 J. Wilson Newman Chair of Economics Search Committee, 2018
 Department of Communication Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, 2017
 College of Business and Behavioral Science Curriculum Committee, 2002-2016 (Secretary, 2008-2016)
 College of Business and Behavioral Science Internationalization Committee, 2013-2016
 Writing across the Curriculum Faculty Fellow, 2014-2016
 Honors College Executive Committee, 2009-2014
 Honors College Admission Appeals Committee, 2011, 2013, 2014
 Faculty Senate Grievance Board, 2013-2014
 National Scholars Program Selection Committee, 2005, 2014
 University Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee, 2011-2013
 University Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Team, 2011-2013
 Department of Political Science International Relations Junior Search Subcommittee, 2011-2013
 Chair, Political Science Chair Reappointment Review Committee, 2013
 Eugene T. Moore College of Education Distinguished Professor Review Committee, 2013
 Honors College Admissions Review Committee, 2011-2012
 Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars Program Selection Committee, College of Business and Behavioral Science, 2012
 College of Business and Behavioral Science Research Committee, 2001-2011

College of Business and Behavioral Science Dean's Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, 2007-2011

Curriculum Liaison, Honors College, 2009-2011

College of Business and Behavioral Science Associate Dean Reappointment Review Committee, 2011

Chair, Political Science Chair Search Subcommittee, 2009-2010

University General Education Task Force, 2009

University Distance Education Task Force, 2009

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2002-2008

University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2003-2008

Faculty Representative, Washington Semester Program at American University, 2000-2007

Duckenfield Scholarship Selection Committee, 2005, 2007

Rhodes, Marshall, Truman Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee, 1997-2006

Eugene T. Moore College of Education Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary Teacher Testing, 2002

Department of Political Science Library Representative, 2000-2001

Department of Student-Athlete Enrichment Faculty-Tutor Advisory Board, 1997-1998

Mass Media Interviews

International Newspapers

Christian Daily (Denmark), *Guardian*, *La Presse* (Montreal), *Le Monde*, *O Estado de São Paulo*, *Toronto Star*

Major U.S. Newspapers

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, *Baltimore Sun*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Christian Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Dallas Morning Star*, *Denver Post*, *Detroit News*, *The Hill*, *Kansas City Star*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Miami Herald*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *New York Times*, *Orange County Register*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Sacramento Bee*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Seattle Times*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*

Regional U.S. Newspapers

Akron (OH) Beacon Journal, *Anderson (SC) Independent*, *Anderson (SC) Journal*, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *Arkansas Times*, *Athens (GA) Banner-Herald*, *Attleboro (MA) Sun Chronicle*, *Augusta (GA) Chronicle*, *Beaufort (SC) Gazette*, *Boca Raton (FL) News*, *Charleston (SC) Post and Courier*, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, *Concord (NH) Monitor*, *Delaware News Journal*, *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, UT), *Greenville (SC) News*, *Harrisburg Patriot-News*, *Hilton Head Island Packet*, *Johnson City (TN) Press*, *Kalamazoo Gazette*, *Kenosha (WI) News*, *Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger*, *North Jersey Herald and News*, *Racine (WI) Journal Times*, *Reading (PA) Eagle*, *Rock Hill (SC) Herald*, *Seneca (SC) Daily*

Journal/Daily Messenger, Spartanburg (SC) Herald-Journal, St. Petersburg (FL) Times, The State (Columbia, SC), (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

Periodicals

The American Conservative, Campaigns and Elections, The Christian Century, Christianity Today, CQ Researcher, CQ Today, Creative Loafing, First Things, The Lutheran, Pink, Washington Post Magazine, Working Mother

Television

Al Jazeera English, BBC World News, CNN, PBS (“Carolina Business Review,” “Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly”), WHNS-TV (Fox affiliate, Greenville, SC) News, WNEG-TV (CBS affiliate, Toccoa, GA) News, WSPA-TV (CBS affiliate, Spartanburg, SC) News, WYFF-TV (NBC affiliate, Greenville, SC) News

Radio

Air America Radio Network (“The Laura Flanders Show”), BBC Radio 5 (“The Simon Mayo Show”), Delaware Talk Radio with Randy Nelson, Fairness Radio with Chuck and Patrick, KFAB Radio (Omaha: “The Good Morning Show”), KPSI Radio (Palm Springs, CA: “The Morning Show with Stan Layne”), National Public Radio (“All Things Considered”; “Tell Me More with Michel Martin”), Public Radio International/KCRW Radio (Los Angeles: “To the Point with Warren Olney”), South Carolina Educational Radio Network (“Your Day”), Wisconsin Public Radio (“Conversations with Kathleen Dunn”), WDEL Radio (Wilmington, DE: “Delaware News at Noon”), WFAE Radio (Charlotte NPR affiliate: “Charlotte Talks”), WGTD Radio (Racine, WI: “The Morning Show”), WGVU Radio (Grand Rapids, MI: “Common Threads”), WSVA Radio (Harrisonburg, VA: “Question of the Day with Mike Schikman”), WWRL Radio (New York City: “The Morning Show with Sam Greenfield and Armstrong Williams”)

Internet and Newswires

AlJazeera.com, Andrewsullivan.theatlantic.com/the_daily_dish/, Associated Baptist Press, Associated Press, Associated Press Television, BBC World Service, Beliefnet.com, Capitol News Connection, CBSNews.com, CNN.com, ColoradoConfidential.com, Copley News Service, FoxNews.com, HuffingtonPost.com, Keen News Service, McClatchy Newspapers, Patch.com, Politico.com, *Presbyweb: The Daily News for Presbyterians*, Religion News Service, Reuters, Scripps Howard News Service, Salon.com, *Sightings* (Internet journal of the University of Chicago Divinity School), Slate.com, South Carolina News Network

Campus and Local Speaking Engagements

“Religion and Attitudes about Renewable Energy in 20 Countries,” Texas Christian University Political Science Distinction Program, 2025

“My Fulbright Experience in Italy,” Clemson University Emeritus College, 2025

“About the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program,” Clemson University College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, 2023

“Bridging the Political Divide,” Atlantic Institute South Carolina, 2021

“Advice from a Journal Editor,” Clemson University College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, 2020

Clemson University Inclusive Excellence Lecture Series, 2020

Clemson (SC) United Methodist Church, 2006, 2006, 2007, 2015, 2016

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Upstate South Carolina Chapter, 2013, 2016

Clemson University Religion Club, 2003, 2016

Clemson University Religious Studies Conversation with R. Marie Griffith, 2016

Foothills Secular Humanist Society, 2015

Clemson University Lutheran Campus Ministry (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014

Clemson University Secular Student Alliance, 2014

Constitution Day panelist, Clemson University, 2014

Charlotte Clemson University Alumni Lunch ‘N Learn, 2013

Clemson University Globalization Lecture Series, 2006, 2012

Clemson University Honors College Thoughts Worth Thinking Series, 2012

Clemson University Honors College EUREKA! Program Luncheon, 2007, 2011

Clemson (SC) Area League of Women Voters, 2010

Clemson University Christian Science Organization, 2009

Clemson University Gay-Straight Alliance, 2008

Clemson University Provost’s Seminar, 2007

Clemson University Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Campus Ministry, 2006

Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science Awards Day, 2006

Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government Women’s Conference, 2006

Furman University (Greenville, SC) Learning in Retirement Panel on “Separation of Church and State,” 2005

Clemson University Panel on “Shedding Light on the Separation of Church and State Controversy,” 2004

Clemson University Eugene T. Moore College of Education Professional Development Evening, 2004

Greenville Technical College (SC) Panel on “By the People: War and National Security,” 2004

Respondent, Clemson University Strom Thurmond Institute “Religion and Politics in America” lecture by Jim Wallis, 2004

Clemson (SC) Association of Women Professionals, 2002

Clemson University Honor Society, 2002

Clemson University Quiz Bowl Tournament, 2000, 2001

Easley (SC) Rotary Club, 2000

Clemson University Model United Nations Conference, 1997

South Carolina Student Legislature General Assembly Candidate Forum, 1996