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EMPLOYMENT

Clemson University Department of Political Science

- Professor, August 2006-Present
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, August 2002-December 2008
- Granted tenure, May 2002
- Associate Professor, August 2001-August 2006 (pre-tenure promotion)
- Assistant Professor, August 1996-August 2001

Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion

- Visiting Research Fellow, 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
- Examination fields: American political institutions, political psychology and sociology, religion and politics
- Minor concentration: Sociology

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

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

Sabbatical, Clemson University, Fall Semester 2006

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, Excellence in Advising Award, Clemson University, 2004

Fluor Daniel Student Government Excellence in Teaching Award, Clemson University, 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, 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, 1992, 1993

Who's Who in America; Who's Who in American Education; Who's Who of American Women

RESEARCH

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

Fowler, Robert Booth, Allen D. Hertzke, Laura R. Olson, and Kevin R. den Dulk. 2010. *Religion and Politics in America: Faith, Culture, and Strategic Choices*, 4th ed. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. (Also coauthor of 2nd and 3rd 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 Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. 2010. "Environmental Concerns in Churches across States." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 10: 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: 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: 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 & Religion* 1: 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: 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: 609-621.

Olson, Laura R., Wendy Cadge, and James T. Harrison. 2006. "Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage." *Social Science Quarterly* 87: 340-360.

Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green. 2006. "'Gapology' and the Presidential Vote." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39: 443-445.

Olson, Laura R., and John C. Green. 2006. "The Religion Gap." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39: 455-459.

Djupe, Paul A., Laura R. Olson, and Christopher P. Gilbert. 2005. "Sources of

- American Presidency.” In *Religion, Race, and the American Presidency*, ed. Gastón Espinosa. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- 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. 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 Publications.
- 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 the American Experience: New Directions, New Controversies*, ed. David S. Gutterman and Andrew R. Murphy. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 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. Corvin 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. Forthcoming. Review of *From Disgust to Humanity: Sexual Orientation and Constitutional Law*, by Martha C. Nussbaum. *The Christian Century*.

Olson, Laura R. 2010. Review of *Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite*, by D. Michael Lindsay. *Sociology of Religion* 71: 129-130.

Olson, Laura R. 2007. Review of *Thy Kingdom Come: An Evangelical's Lament: How the Religious Right Distorts the Faith and Threatens America*, by Randall Balmer. *Religioni e Società* 22: 119-120.

Olson, Laura R. 2006. Review of *A Nation Under God? The ACLU and Religion in American Politics*, by Thomas L. Krannawitter and Daniel C. Palm. H-Amstady, <<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=268841144859777>>.

Olson, Laura R. 2006. Review of *Politics and Religion in the White South*, ed. by Glenn Feldman. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45: 465-466.

Olson, Laura R. 2006. Review of *Politics and Religion in the White South*, ed. by Glenn Feldman. *Religioni e Società* 21: 122-124.

Olson, Laura R. 2002. Review of *The Diminishing Divide: Religion's Changing Role in American Politics*, by Andrew L. Kohut, John C. Green, Scott Keeter, and Robert C. Toth. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 579 (January): 288-289.

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: 592-593.

Olson, Laura R. 2001. Review of *Stations of the Cross: Adorno and Christian Right Radio*, by Paul Apostolidis. *American Political Science Review* 95: 470-471.

Olson, Laura R. 1998. Review of *The Bully Pulpit: The Politics of Protestant Clergy*, by James L. Guth, John C. Green, Corwin E. Smidt, Lyman A. Kellstedt, and Margaret M. Poloma. *American Political Science Review* 92: 707-708.

Olson, Laura R. 1998. Review of *God at the Grassroots, 1996*, ed. by Mark J. Rozell and Clyde Wilcox. *Religion and Politics Newsletter*, May.

Olson, Laura R. 1997. Review of *God at the Grassroots: The Christian Right in the 1994 Elections*, ed. by Mark J. Rozell and Clyde Wilcox. *Review of Religious Research* 39: 189-190.

Olson, Laura R. 1994. Review of *Positive Neutrality*, by Stephen V. Monsma. *Review of Religious Research* 36: 91-92.

**OTHER
PUBLICATIONS**

- Olson, Laura R. 1993. Review of *Abortion Rights as Religious Freedom*, by Peter S. Wenz. *Review of Religious Research* 35: 80-81.
- Olson, Laura R. Forthcoming. "Christian Identity." In *The Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Wade Clark Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Olson, Laura R. Forthcoming. "The Religious Right." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George T. Kurian. Washington, DC: CQ Press.
- Olson, Laura R. 2010. "Religious Nones: An Untapped Constituency." On the Social Science Research Council's *The Immanent Frame*. January 6.
<<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/01/06/an-untapped-constituency/>>.
- Cadge, Wendy, and Laura Olson. 2009. "Protestant Churches Shift Slowly toward Gay Equality." *The Boston Globe* (September 1).
- Olson, Laura R. 2008. "La Sinistra Religiosa nella Politica Americana [The Emerging Religious Left in American Politics]." *Aspenia* 42: 69-75.
- Olson, Laura R. 2008. "Community Organizing and Symbolic Electioneering." On *Religion Dispatches: Critical Analysis for the Common Good* web site. September 7.
<http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/483/community_organizing_and_symbolic_electioneering>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2008. "Is the Religious Right Dying?" On *Religion Dispatches: Critical Analysis for the Common Good* web site. April 1.
<<http://www.religiondispatches.org/Gui/Content.aspx?Page=AR&Id=157>>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2008. "Huckabee and the Religious Right." On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. February 1.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=318>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2007. "Romney, Huckabee, and Iowa's Values Voters." On PBS's *Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly* web site. December 10.
<<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/blog/2007/12/laura-olson-romney-huckabee-an.html>>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2007. "Can the GOP Count on Evangelicals in 2008?" On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. February 12.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=263>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2006. "National Unity Campaign." In *The Encyclopedia of American Parties and Elections*, ed. Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst. New York: Facts on File.
- Olson, Laura R. 2006. "Is There a Religious Left in the U.S. Today?" On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. March 23.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=190>.

- Olson, Laura R. 2006. "Religion, Politics, and Judge Alito." On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. January 30.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=165>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2005. "Just How Monolithic Are American Evangelicals?" On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. October 31.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=145>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2005. "How about Looking at the Democrats' 'Secular Problem?'" On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. September 19.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=141>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2005. "How Relevant Is Religion in the John Roberts Confirmation Process?" On Harvard University's *Nieman Watchdog* media web site. September 11.
<http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Ask_this.view&askthisid=138>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2004. "Commentary: The 2004 Election." On PBS's *Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly* web site. November 5.
<<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week810/commentary.html>>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2004. "Religious Left Faces Tough Challenge." *Newsday*, November 22.
- Olson, Laura R. 2003. "Mainline Protestant Washington Offices." In *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*, ed. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson. New York: Facts on File.
- Olson, Laura R. 2003. "Mainline Protestants." In *Religion and the 2004 Elections*, a special supplement to *Religion in the News* 6.
- Olson, Laura R., and Wendy Cadge. 2001. "Who Are the Mainline Pastors Talking To about Homosexuality?" On the Hartford Institute for Religion Research web site, ed. Scott L. Thumma.
<http://hrr.hartsem.edu/research/quick_question8.html>.
- Olson, Laura R. 2000. "Where Do Religion and Politics Merge?" On the Hartford Institute for Religion Research web site, ed. Scott L. Thumma.
<http://hrr.hartsem.edu/research/quick_question4.html>.

**ASSOCIATION
OFFICES**

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

Executive Council, Southern Political Science Association, 2005-2008

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

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

Chair, American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section, 1999-2001

Executive Council, American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section, 1998-2002

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Book review co-editor, *Politics & Religion*, 2007-Present

Guest co-editor, special edition on religion in state politics, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* (Vol. 10, No. 3, Fall 2010), 2007-2010

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

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

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

Journal of Political Science editorial board, 2005-Present

Religions editorial board, 2010-Present

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Southwestern Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section Program Chair, 2007

Southern Political Science Association Invited Panel Coordinator, 2006

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Program Chair, 2005

Eastern Sociological Society Invited Panel Coordinator, 2005

Midwest Political Science Association Political Culture Section Program Chair, 2004

Southern Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section Program Chair, 2004, 2011

American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section Program Chair, 2003

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Public Affairs Council: "Religion and Politics in the United States." Public Affairs Institute, Laguna Beach, CA, January 2011.

Aston University: "Tangled Webs: Religious Interests in Contemporary American Politics." Conference on "Does God Matter? Representing Religion in the US and EU." Birmingham, United Kingdom, November 2010.

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis: “The Rise of the Religious Right and American Exceptionalism.” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer “We the People” Institute on “The Many and the One: Religion, Pluralism, and American History,” Indianapolis, July 2010.

Winona State University: “Linked by Affinity: Religion and Political Identity in the United States.” Winona, MN, March 2010.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia: “The American Religious Marketplace” and “Religion, American Politics, and the 2008 Presidential Election.” Philadelphia, October 2008.

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life: “Virtual Event: The Religious Left in the United States.” Washington, DC, March 2008. Transcript available at <<http://pewforum.org/events/?EventID=181>>.

Public Affairs Council: “Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute, Laguna Beach, CA, January 2008.

Carthage College: “Religion and the 2008 Presidential Election.” Kenosha, WI, April 2007.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside: “Religion and Politics in America.” Kenosha, WI, April 2007.

The Interfaith Alliance: “Navigating the Intersection of Religion and Politics” Town Hall Meeting, Pittsburgh, September 2006.

South Carolina International Education Consortium: “Religion and Politics in the United States.” Religion, Ritual, and the Social Order Conference, Seabrook Island, SC, March 2006.

University of Florida: “Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage.” Accounting for Culture in Politics Symposium, Gainesville, FL, February 2006.

Claremont McKenna College: “Mainline Protestantism and the American Presidency,” with Adam L. Warber. Religion and the American Presidency Conference, Claremont, CA, April 2005.

Public Affairs Council: “Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute, Tucson, AZ, January 2005.

Trinity College: “Mainline Protestants in the 2004 Elections.” Seminar for Journalists on Covering Religious Groups in the 2004 Elections, Hartford, CT, September 2003.

University of Notre Dame: “The Concept of Leadership in the Study of Religion and Politics.” Interdisciplinary Religion and Politics Conference, South Bend, IN, June 2003.

Southern Methodist University: “Whither the Religious Left? Religiopolitical Progressivism in Twenty-First Century America.” Religion and Politics Workshop, Dallas, October 2002.

Public Affairs Council: “Religion and Politics in the United States.” Public Affairs Institute, San Diego, January 2002.

The Louisville Institute: “Women Clergy in Politics.” Winter Seminar, Louisville, KY, January 2002.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia: “Response to Preliminary Findings.” Church Rebuilding Research Project Conference, Philadelphia, January 2002.

Princeton University and the Aspen Institute: “Mainline Protestant Washington Offices and the Political Lives of Clergy.” Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project National Conference, Washington, DC, March 2001.

Colorado College: “Religion and Politics in the United States.” Department of Political Science, Colorado Springs, March 2000.

Princeton University: “Mainline Protestant Washington Offices and the Political Lives of Clergy.” Religion and Culture Workshop, Princeton, NJ, March 2000.

Princeton University: “Changing Issue Agendas of Women Clergy.” Religion and Culture Workshop, Princeton, NJ, October 1999.

University of Chicago: “Toward a Contextual Appreciation of Religion and Politics.” Public Religion Project Final Symposium, Chicago, September 1999.

Furman University: “The Impact of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status on the Political Participation of Protestant Clergy.” Political Science Symposium, Greenville, SC, April 1997.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association

- 2010 Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. “Religious Liberalism in a Gay Rights Debate: Commitment to Deliberative Values and Practice in ELCA Congregations.” Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Discussant, *Religion and American Politics: New Issues, New Directions*. Washington, D.C.
- 2008 Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. “Religion and Environmental Concerns across States.” Boston.
- 2007 Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. “Religion and the Modern Rhetorical Presidency.” Chicago.
- 2007 Chair and Discussant, *Religion and the “Culture Wars” in America*. Chicago.

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

Midwest Political Science Association

- 2010 Olson, Laura R., and Paul A. Djupe. "Does Women's Leadership Engender the Political Engagement of Women?" Chicago.

- 2010 Chair and Discussant, *Clergy and Politics*. Chicago.
- 2008 Discussant, *Religion in the Electoral Experience*. Chicago.
- 2007 Olson, Laura R. "Is There a Protestant Left on the Ground?" Chicago.
- 2007 Discussant, *Religion and U.S. Elections*. Chicago.
- 2006 Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religious Rhetoric and the American Presidency."
- 2006 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." Chicago.
- 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." Chicago.
- 2004 Convener, *A Roundtable Discussion of Richard Merelman's Pluralism at Yale*. Chicago.
- 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." Chicago.
- 2002 Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "Culture Wars, Family Wars: Clergy Mobilization on Family Values." Chicago.
- 2002 Discussant, *Religion, Identity, and Political Activism*. Chicago.
- 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." Chicago.
- 2001 Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. "Fighting the Battle of Jericho: Clergy Support for Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies." Chicago.
- 2000 Olson, Laura R. "Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies: Making a Difference or Generating Indifference?" Chicago.
- 2000 Chair and Discussant, *Religious Denominations and Politics*. Chicago.
- 1999 Olson, Laura R., Sue E. S. Crawford, and James L. Guth. "Changing Issue Agendas of Women Clergy." Chicago.
- 1999 Discussant, *Religion and Political Behavior in the United States*. Chicago.
- 1998 Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. "Clergy as Political Actors in Urban Contexts." Chicago.

- 1997 Olson, Laura R. "Bill Clinton's Strategic Use of Religious and Family Rhetoric: The Co-optation of Partisan Symbolism." Chicago.
- 1997 Olson, Laura R. "The Impact of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status on the Political Participation of Protestant Clergy." Chicago.
- 1995 Olson, Laura R. "Compromise versus Absolutism: Issue Framing among Protestant Clergy." Chicago.
- 1993 Olson, Laura R. "Ronald Reagan's Rhetorical Appeal to the Christian Right." Chicago.

Southern Political Science Association

- 2010 Chair and roundtable participant, "Author Meets Critics: *The Political Influence of Church*." Atlanta.
- 2010 Chair and roundtable participant, "Coping in an Era of Budget Cuts." Atlanta.
- 2009 Roundtable participant, *Religion in the 2008 American Presidential Election*. New Orleans.
- 2009 Discussant, *Religion and American Political Elites*. New Orleans.
- 2009 Chair and roundtable participant, *The Rocky Road to Tenure*. New Orleans.
- 2009 Chair, *Getting and Keeping a Job*. New Orleans.
- 2007 Olson, Laura R. "Characterizing the Protestant Left at the Mass Level." New Orleans.
- 2007 Roundtable participant, *Parties, Religion, and Values Voters in the 2006 and 2008 Elections*. New Orleans.
- 2007 Chair and Discussant, *Religion, Public Opinion, and Political Behavior*. New Orleans.
- 2006 Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson. "Liberal Religious Commitment and Politics." Atlanta.
- 2006 Roundtable participant, *Voting Gaps in American Politics*. Atlanta.
- 2006 Chair and Discussant, *New Directions in Religion and Politics*. Atlanta.
- 2006 Chair, *A Roundtable on American Electoral Gaps*. Atlanta.
- 2005 Chair and Discussant, *Religion, Politics, and Institutional Dynamics*. New Orleans.

- 2004 Olson, Laura R. "Homelessness, Ecumenism, and Politics in a Small Midwestern City." New Orleans.
- 2001 Chair, *Clergy and Politics: The Political Activities of Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000*. Atlanta.
- 1997 Olson, Laura R. "The Making of an Issue: Elite Responses to Southern Church Burnings." Norfolk, VA.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association

- 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?" Denver.
- 2009 Olson, Laura R., and Sue E. S. Crawford, "Change and Continuity in the Political Activity of Protestant Clergy." Denver.
- 2009 Convener, *Religious Attitudes and Activism about Same-Sex Marriage*.
- 2007 Convener and Participant, *A Roundtable on Religion in the 2006 and 2008 Elections*. Tampa.
- 2007 Convener, *The Religious Factor in Contemporary American Political Conflict*. Tampa.
- 2007 Convener, *Tensions within Denominations*. Tampa.
- 2006 Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson. "Preaching in a Different Voice? Gendered Clergy Effects on Public Opinion." Portland, OR.
- 2006 Olson, Laura R. "Mapping the Protestant Left at the Elite Level: Interest Groups and Social Movement Organizations." Portland, OR.
- 2006 Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Religion and the Strategic Presidency." Portland, OR.
- 2006 Convener, *Religion and Politics*. Portland, OR.
- 2005 Warber, Adam L., and Laura R. Olson. "Presidential Approval and the God Gap." Rochester, NY.
- 2005 Convener, *Issues in Religious Leadership*. Rochester, NY.
- 2004 Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, and Melissa M. Deckman. "Cleavages, Camps, and Parties: Political and Religious Boundaries in Clergy Advocacy." Kansas City.
- 2004 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." Kansas City.

- 2003 Olson, Laura R. "Evaluating George W. Bush after 9/11: The Role of Religion." Norfolk, VA.
- 2003 Convener, *Faith-Based Initiatives*. Norfolk, VA.
- 2002 Jensen, Benjamin R., and Laura R. Olson. "Are Mormons Culture Warriors? Mormon Participation in Local Political Debate over Gay Marriage." Salt Lake City.
- 2002 Convener, *Religion and Politics*. Salt Lake City.
- 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." Columbus, OH.
- 2001 Convener, *Religion and Politics*. Columbus, OH.
- 2000 Olson, Laura R. "Mainline Protestant Washington Lobbies: Making a Difference or Generating Indifference?" Houston.
- 2000 Olson, Laura R., and Wendy Cadge. "Talking about Homosexuality: The Views of Mainline Protestant Clergy." Houston.
- 1998 Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, Melissa M. Deckman, and Christi J. Braun. "The Issue and Action Agendas of Women Clergy." Montreal.
- 1995 Olson, Laura R. "Issues of Activism among Protestant Clergy: The Curious Case of Abortion." St. Louis.

Eastern Sociological Society

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

American Academy of Religion

- 2003 Presider, Special Topics Forum, *Religion in the 2004 Election*. Atlanta.

Association for the Sociology of Religion

- 2002 Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E. S. Crawford, and Laura R. Olson. "Clergy as

- Political Mobilizers: Does Gender Matter?" Chicago.
- 2001 Olson, Laura R., Karen V. Guth, and James L. Guth. "The Lotto and the Lord: Religious Beliefs, Clergy Cues, and the Lottery in South Carolina." Anaheim.

Social Science History Association

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

Other Conferences

- 2010 Discussant, *Southern States and the 2008 Elections*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.
- 2009 Roundtable Participant, *Presidential Elections, Church Rhetoric, and Politics: The Wright and Warren Examples*. South Carolina Political Science Association, Greenville, SC.
- 2008 Discussant, *Southern Distinctiveness*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.
- 2006 Olson, Laura R., and Adam L. Warber. "The Religion Gap and Presidential Approval." Calvin College Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2006 Discussant, *Religion and American Mass Politics*. Calvin College Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2006 Discussant, *Southern Political Culture*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.
- 2004 Discussant, *Religion and Political Discourse*. University of Illinois-Chicago Pre-APSA Conference on Political Communication, Chicago.
- 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." Calvin College Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2004 Discussant, *Southern Distinctiveness Examined*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.

- 2002 Olson, Laura R., Melissa M. Deckman, and Sue E. S. Crawford. "Disciples of Christ Clergy in the 2000 Election." Calvin College Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2002 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." Calvin College Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 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.
- 1998 Olson, Laura R., John P. Smith, and William Patterson. "Church Arson and the Politics of Lists." Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.
- 1998 Discussant, *Religion and Political Activism in the South*. Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.
- 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

Consultant, Social Science Research Council "Spirituality, Political Engagement, and Public Life" research project (funded by the Ford Foundation), 2009-Present

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

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

Consultant, Brandeis University "Religious Leaders' Opinions about Social Issues" research project (funded by the Gill Foundation), 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Co-organizer (with Sue E. S. Crawford), 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

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

Consultant, Wisconsin State Bar Association, 1994-1996

Research assistant, Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1994

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Tenure/Promotion/Reappointment reviewer: Calvin College, Creighton University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Indiana University Northwest, Iowa State University, Macon State College, Pennsylvania State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Maine, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Grant reviewer: Louisville Institute, National Science Foundation, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Article reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *American Sociological Review*, *Gender & Politics*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Media and Religion*, *Journal of Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Politics and Policy*, *Politics & Religion*, *Polity*, *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociology of Religion*, *State and Local Government Review*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Women's Studies International Forum*

Book manuscript reviewer: Atomic Dog Publishing, Baylor University Press, Blackwell Publishers, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Concordia Publishing House, Cornell University Press, CQ Press, Georgetown

University Press, Greenwood Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Praeger Publishers, Prentice Hall, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Rutgers University Press, State University of New York Press, University Press of Kentucky, Wadsworth Publishing, Wayne State University Press, Westview Press

Membership Development Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2007-Present

Marian Irish Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2010

Nominations Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2008-2010

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

Publications Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2007-2009 (duties included selecting a new editor for the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; Chair, 2008)

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

Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee member, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2006-2007

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

Journalism Awards juror, American Academy of Religion, 2002

Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award Committee member, American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section, 2002

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

Distinguished Book Award Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2000-2001 (Chair, 2001)

Best Paper Award Committee member, American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section, 1997, 1999

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 APSA Religion and Politics Section
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Southern Political Science Association
 American Sociological Association
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 Religious Research Association
 Association for the Sociology of Religion

American Academy of Religion
 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
 Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society

TEACHING

- FINANCIAL SUPPORT** Creative Inquiry Research Team, Clemson University, “Preaching from the Bully Pulpit” (with Adam L. Warber), 2006-Present
- Calhoun 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**
- Clemson University**
Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor of Political Science (1996-Present):
- American National Government
 - Introduction to Political Science/Foundations of Political Science
 - The United States Congress
 - Religion and American Politics
 - Interest Groups and Social Movements (original course)
 - Political Parties and Elections
 - Political Leadership
 - Professional Development in Political Science
 - MPA Program Graduate Seminar on American National Government
 - Honors Seminar on “The 1960s: A Decade of Change” (original course)
 - Honors Seminar on “Clergy in American Public Life” (original course)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Lecturer in Political Science (1992-1994):
- Introduction to American Politics
 - Laboratory in Political Research
- Political Science Teaching Assistant (1991-1993):*
- Introduction to American Politics
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - Religion and Politics
- Northwestern University**
National High School Institute Instructor (1989-1990):
- Politics, Science, and Technology
- OTHER TEACHING & ADVISING** Freshman Academic Success Program advisor, Clemson University, 2003-2005, 2007-2009
- Senior Fellow, Joseph E. and Caroline G. Dixon Fellows Program, Clemson University, 2001-2003

Faculty advisor, Clemson University Model United Nations, 1997-1998

Associate Academic Skills Specialist/Tutor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1994-1996

Faculty Associate/Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters
and Science Teaching Assistant Training Workshop, 1994

Teaching assistant orientation leader, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department
of Political Science, 1992-1994

SERVICE

ACTIVITIES

Chair, Search Subcommittee for new department chair, Clemson University
Department of Political Science, 2009-2010

Curriculum Liaison, Clemson University Calhoun Honors College, 2009-Present

Assessment Coordinator, Clemson University Department of Political Science,
2009-Present

Faculty Consultant/Table Leader, College Board Advanced Placement Examination
in U.S. Government and Politics, 2004-2007, 2009

Faculty Consultant/Reader, College Board Advanced Placement Examination in
U.S. Government and Politics, 1997-2003

Consultant/Reviewer, College Board Advanced Placement Course Review, U.S.
Government and Politics, 2007

Multiple-choice question writer, College Board Advanced Placement Examination in
U.S. Government and Politics, 2001

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

MASS MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Newspapers: *The Akron (OH) Beacon Journal*, *The Anderson (SC) Independent*, *The Anderson (SC) Journal*, *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *The Arkansas Times*, *The Athens (GA) Banner-Herald*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Attleboro (MA) Sun Chronicle*, *The Augusta (GA) Chronicle*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Beaufort (SC) Gazette*, *The Boca Raton (FL) News*, *The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *The Chattanooga Free Press*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Christian Daily (Denmark)*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, *The Concord (NH) Monitor*, *The Dallas Morning Star*, *The Delaware News Journal*, *The Denver Post*, *The Desert Morning News*, *The Detroit News*, *The Greenville (SC) News*, *The Guardian (U.K.)*, *The Harrisburg Patriot-News*, *The Hilton Head Island Packet*, *The Hill*, *The Johnson City (TN) Press*, *The Kalamazoo Gazette*, *The Kansas City Star*, *The Kenosha (WI) News*, *Le Monde*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger*, *The New York Times*, *The North Jersey Herald & News*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *The Racine (WI) Journal Times*, *The Reading (PA)*

Eagle, The Rock Hill (SC) Herald, The San Antonio Express-News, The San Diego Union-Tribune, The Seattle Times, The Seneca (SC) Daily Journal/ Daily Messenger, The Spartanburg (SC) Herald-Journal, The State (Columbia, SC), The St. Petersburg (FL) Times, The Toronto Star, USA Today, The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post

Periodicals: *The American Conservative, Campaigns & Elections, The Christian Century, CQ Researcher, CQ Today, First Things, The Lutheran, Pink Magazine, The Washington Post Magazine*

Television: Al Jazeera English, CNN/CNN Headline News/CNN Airport Network, PBS (“Religion & Ethics Newsweekly”), 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, 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”), WGTD Radio (Racine, WI: “The Morning Show”), WSVB 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 News Wires: Associated Baptist Press, Associated Press, Beliefnet.com, CBSNews.com, CNN.com, ColoradoConfidential.com, Copley News Service, McClatchy Newspapers, 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), South Carolina News Network

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Curriculum Committee member, Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science, 2002-Present

Research Committee member, Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science, 2001-Present

Dean’s Promotion & Tenure Advisory Committee member, Clemson University College of Business and Behavioral Science, 2007-2008, 2009-Present

Calhoun Honors Committee, Clemson University, 2009-Present

General Education Task Force, Clemson University, 2009

Distance Education Task Force, Clemson University, 2009

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member, Clemson University, 2003, 2005-2008

Rhodes, Marshall, Truman Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee member, Clemson University, 1997-2006

Duckenfield Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee member, Clemson University, 2005, 2007

National Scholars Program Selection Committee member, Clemson University, 2005

Ad Hoc Committee (on Secondary Teacher Testing) member, Clemson University School of Education, 2002

Library Representative, Clemson University Department of Political Science, 2000-2001

Faculty-Tutor Advisory Board member, Clemson University Department of Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs, 1997-1998

PRESENTATIONS

Guest Speaker, Clemson University Christian Science Organization, October 2009

Guest Speaker, Clemson University Gay-Straight Alliance, October 2008

Guest Speaker, Lutheran Campus Ministry (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), Clemson University, September 2008

Featured Speaker, Calhoun Honors College Eureka! Program luncheon, Clemson University, July 2007

Guest Speaker, Provost's Seminar, Clemson University, February 2007

Guest Speaker, Lutheran Campus Ministry (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), Clemson University, November 2006

Guest Speaker, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Campus Ministry Group, Clemson University, October 2006

Guest Speaker, Clemson United Methodist Church, September 2006, October 2006, February 2007

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

Guest Speaker, Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government 1st Annual Women's Conference, April 2006

Guest Speaker, "Evangelicals and Politics in the United States," Roger Doost Globalism Seminar, Clemson University, January 2006

Panelist, "Separation of Church and State," Furman University, March 2005

Panelist, "Shedding Light on the Separation of Church and State Controversy," Clemson University, September 2004

Participant, School of Education Professional Development Networking Evening,
Clemson University, September 2004
Panelist, "By the People: War and National Security," Greenville Technical College
(SC), August 2004

Respondent, Strom Thurmond Institute Religion and Politics in America Lecture by
Jim Wallis, Clemson University, January 2004
Guest speaker, Religion Club, Clemson University, January 2003

Guest speaker, Clemson (SC) Association of Women Professionals, September 2002

Guest speaker, Calhoun Honor Society, Clemson University, February 2002

Guest speaker, Easley (SC) Rotary Club, October 2000

Moderator, Clemson University Quiz Bowl Tournament, September 2000,
November 2001

Keynote speaker, Clemson University Model United Nations Conference, March
1997

Moderator, South Carolina Student Legislature General Assembly Candidate Forum,
October 1996