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CURRICULUM VITAE

**Steven E. Schier**

Age 65Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science

**Education** Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison,

December 1978. Minor field: American history.

M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 1975.

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Simpson College, May 1974. Double major in political science and history.

# Professional History

1997-present Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Political analyst, KSTP Television, Minneapolis.

1983-2010 Director, Carleton in Washington Program. Responsible for administration and seminar instruction of a ten-week Carleton term on national politics and policy in Washington, DC.

2001-2007 Member, Board of Directors, Dirksen Center for Congressional Studies, Pekin, Illinois.

1995-2001, 2003 Chair, Department of Political Science, Carleton College.

1987-2000 Instructor, Summer Teaching Institute, Carleton College. Annually conducted a one-week intensive teaching seminar for high school teachers of Advanced Placement American Government courses.

1981-1997 Assistant, Associate and Full Professor, Department of Political Science,

Carleton College, Northfield, MN. Responsible for courses in

methodology, public policy analysis, parties and elections, legislative

process, presidency, introduction to American politics.

1983-1992 Coordinator, Political Economy Concentration, Carleton College. Supervised an interdisciplinary minor involving the Political Science, Economics, History and Sociology Departments.

1978-1981 Assistant Professor, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. Responsible for courses in urban politics, public policy, legislative process, presidency, methodology, introduction to American government.

1977-1978 Director of State Legislative Internship Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Supervised placement and directed academic work of undergraduate interns in the Wisconsin state legislature.

1975-1977 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Conducted discussion sessions and occasionally lectured in American government, introduction to politics, and comparative politics courses.

**Honors and Grants**

Recipient, Transitions Grant, Carleton College for lecture tour and research in Sweden, 2016.

Recipient, Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, Spring Semester 2013-14.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant to prepare coauthored books for Rowman and Littlefield and Routledge publishers, 2011.

Recipient of an “Outstanding Academic Book of 2009” award from Choice magazine for Panorama of a Presidency: How George W. Bush Acquired and Spent His Political Capital. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe Publishers, 2008.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant for full-term leave to prepare sole-authored and edited books on the George W. Bush presidency for M.E. Sharpe publishers and University of Pittsburgh Press, Spring 2009.

Quantitative Literacy Course Development Grant, Carleton College, 2007.

Advisor, Best Undergraduate Paper on the Presidency, awarded by the Presidency Research Group of the American Political Science Association, 2006. Paper written by Andrew Kaufman.

Advisor, Best Undergraduate Paper on the Presidency, awarded by the Presidency Research Group of the American Political Science Association, 2005. Paper written by Rebecca Stark.

Recipient, Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship, York University, Toronto, Canada, Fall Semester, 2002-03.

Targeted Opportunity Grant, Carleton College, 2002. Awarded to pay partial salary during time spent as a Fulbright Senior Lecturer at York University, Toronto, Canada.

Recipient of an “Outstanding Academic Book of 2001” award from Choice magazine for The Postmodern President: Bill Clinton’s Legacy in U.S. Politics. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment grant for full-term leave to prepare a book manuscript for Georgetown University Press, Spring 2002.

Listed in Who’s Who in American College Teaching, 2002.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Carleton College, 2000. Awarded to assist completion of a book manuscript on representative and participatory democracy for Georgetown University Press.

Listed in Who’s Who in the Midwest, 1991.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Carleton College, 1994. Awarded for the study of American political elites; resulted in the presentation of a conference paper at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in 1996.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Carleton College, 1987. Awarded to assist completion of a book manuscript on Congressional budgeting in the 1980s.

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Carleton College, 1986. Awarded to assist in the distribution and tabulation of a survey of members of Congress concerning their votes on budget issues in 1986; resulted in the presentation of a conference paper at the Northeast Political Science Association meetings in 1986.

Recipient, Minnesota Humanities Commission Grant, 1984. Awarded to conduct group discussions of Orwell's 1984 in three Minnesota communities (with William Woehrlin and Michael Zuckert).

Recipient, Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Carleton College, 1982. Awarded for research concerning business periodical coverage of the 1980 presidential campaign; resulted in the presentation of a conference paper at the Southern Political Science Association meetings in 1982.

Pi Kappa Phi (national scholastic honorary society), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1978.

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1974-75.

**Membership in Professional Associations**

President, Presidency and Executive Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2014-15.

Vice President and President-Elect, Presidents and Executive Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2012-13.

Secretary/Treasurer, Presidents and Executive Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2011-12.

Executive Board, Presidents and Political Executives section of the American Political Science Association, 2004-present.

Chair, committee presenting the Neustadt book award for the year’s best scholarly book on the presidency, Presidency Research Group of the American Political Science Association, 2010.

Executive Council, Midwest Political Science Association, 1997-2000.

Education and Professional Development Committee, American Political Science Association, 1997-2000.

Publications Committee, American Political Science Association, 1993-1996.

American Political Science Association, 1977-present. Member of Parties and Political Organizations, Legislative Studies, Canadian Politics and Presidency and Political Executives groups of the Association.

Midwest Political Science Association, 1990-present.

**Refereed Publications**

***Books***

The Trump Presidency: Outsider in the Oval Office. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017. Coauthor with Todd E. Eberly.

Polarized: The Rise of Ideology in American Politics. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015. Coauthor with Todd E. Eberly.

American Government and Popular Discontent: Stability without Succcess. New York: Routledge, 2013. Coauthor with Todd E. Eberly.

Ambition and Division: Legacies of the George W. Bush Presidency.  Editor and contributor. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009.  Edited and wrote two chapters for the volume.

Panorama of a Presidency: How George W. Bush Acquired and Spent His Political Capital. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe Publishers, 2008. Recipient of an “Outstanding Academic Book of 2009” award from Choice magazine.

High Risk and Big Ambition: The Early Presidency of George W. Bush. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004. Edited and wrote two chapters for the volume.

You Call This An Election? America’s Peculiar Democracy. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2003.

The Post-Modern President: Bill Clinton’s Legacy in American Politics. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000. Editor and author of two chapters. Recipient of an “Outstanding Academic Book of 2001” award from Choice magazine.

By Invitation Only: The Rise of Exclusive Politics in the United States. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000.

A Decade of Deficits: Congressional Thought and Fiscal Action. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1992.

The Rules and the Game: Democratic National Convention Delegate Selection in Iowa and Wisconsin 1968-76. Washington, DC: University Press of America, 1980.

***Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters***

*“*Converging Policies and Politics in the United States and Sweden: How Durable a Trend?” The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly 65 (2014): 183-201.

“The New American Political System: Popular Discontent and Professional Government,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 10 (2012) Issue 2, Article 10. Coauthored with Toddd E. Eberly.

“The Floating Voter in the 2008 American Elections,” The American Review of Politics 33 (2012): 75-93. Coauthored with Edward C. Bearnot.

“The Political Authority Problem and the Presidential Power Trap,” Presidential Studies Quarterly 41(2011): 793-808.

“Obama’s ‘Big Bang’ Presidency,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 8 (2010) Issue 3, Article 13.

“Understanding the Obama Presidency,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 7 (2009) Issue 1, Article 10.

"George W. Bush and Washington Governance: Effective Use of a Self-Limiting Style," The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 6 (2008) Issue 2, Article 2.

“American Foreign Policy Opinion in 2004: Exploring Underlying Beliefs,” American Review of Politics 27 (2007): 295-318. Co-authored with Andrew Kaufman.

“After the Midterm Ordeal: Election Results and Presidential Belief Systems,” American Review of Politics 27 (2007): 1-20. Co-authored with B. Gregory Marfleet of Carleton College.

“Frustrated Ambitions: The George W. Bush Presidency and the 2006 Elections,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 4 (2006) Issue 3, Article 1.

“‛Typing’ The George W. Bush Presidency,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 3 (2005) Issue 4, article 3.

“George W. Bush’s Presidential Project and Its Prospects,” The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics 1 (2003) Issue 4, article 2.

“Deficits Without End: Fiscal Thinking and Budget Failure in Congress,” Political Science Quarterly 107 (1992):411-34.

“The Underexplored Nomination Process,” introductory essay in The Life of the Parties edited by Ronald B. Rapoport, Alan I. Abramowitz and John McGlennon. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1986.

“Representativeness: From Caucus to Convention in Iowa,” American Politics Quarterly 12 (1984):431-48. Co-authored with Jim Hutter of Iowa State University.

“Turnout Choice in Presidential Nominations: A Case Study,” American Politics Quarterly 10 (1982):231-45.

“New Rules, New Games: Democratic National Convention Delegate Selection in Iowa and Wisconsin,” Publius 10 (1980):101-28.

“Democratic Party Issues and the Election of Robert Strauss,” International Behavioral Scientist 12 (1978):13-37.

**Un-refereed Publications**

***Books***

Debating the Obama Presidency. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016. Editor and contributor.

Presidential Elections: Strategies and Structure of American Politics. Fourteenth edition. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015. Coauthor with Nelson Polsby, Aaron Wildavsky and David Hopkins.

The American Elections of 2012. New York: Routledge, 2013. Coeditor with Janet Box-Steffensmeier and contributor.

Presidential Elections: Strategies and Structure of American Politics. Thirteenth edition. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2011. Coauthor with Nelson Polsby, Aaron Wildavsky and David Hopkins.

Transforming America: Barack Obama in the White House. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2011. Edited and wrote two chapters for the volume.

The American Elections of 2008. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2009. Coedited and coauthored, with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, a chapter in the volume.

Congress: Games and Strategies. Cincinnati, Ohio: Atomic Dog Publishing, 2002. Second edition. Coauthored with Stephen E. Frantzich.

Payment Due: A Nation in Debt, A Generation in Trouble. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1996. Co-authored with Timothy J. Penny.

Congress: Games and Strategies. Madison, Wisconsin: Brown and Benchmark, 1995. Coauthored with Stephen E. Frantzich.

Political Economy in Western Democracies. New York: Holmes and Meier, 1985. Coedited and coauthored two chapters with Norman J. Vig.

***Articles***

“Transforming America? A Midterm Report on Obama’s Presidency,” essay in PRG Report Newsletter of the Presidency Research Group 36 (2011): 1-2.

Blogger on American politics for TheAtlantic.com, website of The Atlantic magazine, April-September 2010.

 “The Political Authority Problem and the Presidential Power Trap,” essay in PRG Report Newsletter of The Presidency Research Group 32 (2009): 9-11, 14.

“Legacies: George W. Bush and the Two Pillars,” essay in PRG Report Newsletter of the Presidency Research Group 30 (2008): 12-13.

“George W. Bush: Fighting for Political Time,” essay in PRG Report Newsletter of the Presidency Research Group 25 (2002): 13-16.

“Participation in US Politics,” review essay for Choice 35 (1998): 1653-1662.

“The End of Mobilization in America,” lead essay in Vox Pop Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties 17 (1998): 1-3.

“Hazards Lie Ahead: Economic Prospects for Generation X,” in After the Boom: The Politics of Generation X, edited by Stephen C. Craig and Stephen Earl Bennett. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1997.

Thinking About the Macroeconomy: The House and Senate Budget Committees in the 1980s. Monograph Series in Political Science. College Park, Maryland: American Academy of Higher Education, 1986.

Author of more than one hundred opinion columns for publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, US News and World Report, Los Angeles Times, Brookings Review, Toronto Globe and Mail, Politico, Chicago Tribune, Washington Monthly, The Hill, Atlanta Constitution, The Local (Sweden), Houston Chronicle, Politics in Minnesota, Minnesota Lawyer, Minneapolis Star Tribune and Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

Several book reviews for the Journal of Politics, American Political Science Review, Teaching Political Science and Choice.

**Other Selected Professional Activities**

Panel chair, discussant and paper presenter for thirty panels at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association and Northeast Political Science Association, 1978-present.

Reviewer, Choice, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, American Review of Politics, American Politics Research, Policy Studies Review, 1992-present.

Commentator on several programs on Cable News Network, CBS Evening News, National Public Broadcasting’s News Hour, and Fox News, 1981-present. Press interviews averaging over one hundred per year each of the last ten years.

Political analyst, WCCO television (Minneapolis), 1992-1998, 2004, 2008; KSTP television (Minneapolis), 1998-2003, 2006-present. Commentator, British Broadcasting Corporation radio, 1997-present; Minnesota Public Radio and television, 1992-present; Minnesota News Radio Network, 2009-present.

External review consultant for political science departments at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio (2011), Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina (2004), Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa (2002), Davidson College, Davidson, South Carolina (2001), Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas (2001) and Denison University, Granville, Ohio (1998).

Invited Panelist, “Assessing the George W. Bush Presidency,” Fulbright Institute of International Relations, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 22, 2011. Televised by C-SPAN network.

Invited Panelist, “Selecting Vice Presidential Nominees,” a forum of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, University of Minnesota, March 24, 2008. Televised by C-SPAN network.

Editor, Popular Politics and Governance in America, a book series published by Peter Lang Publishers, New York, 2001-2004.

“America at the Polls 2002: A Wartime Election?” Seminar presentation before the political science departments at York University, November 13 and the University of Toronto, November 15, 2002.

Speaker, Carleton College All-Campus Convocations on the American elections in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

Consultant, Hubert Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota, 1991-92, 1996, 1998. Advised on programming, wrote commentaries, moderated panels for various public forums.

Consultant, The Minnesota Poll, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, June-November 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998.

Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, March-July 1986 and January-March 1989. Worked toward completion of a book-length monograph on federal budgeting in the 1980s.

Invited Panelist, Conference on American Party Activism, Political Science Department College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia,1982.

Participant, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Study Program in Quantitative Methodology. Completed courses in Intermediate Linear Models, Survey Research Design and Mathematics for Social Scientists, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1982.