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Academic Positions

Syracuse University

The United States Policy Agendas Project Co-Director, 2025-

Director, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, 2024-

Hicker Family Professor of Renewing Democratic Community, 2022-

Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, 2020-2023

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2017-

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013-2016

Washington State University Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2010-2013

The Thomas S. Foley Institute at WSU Resident Fellow, 2012-2014

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Ph.D. August 2010

Concentrations: American politics and public policy

M.A. awarded in May 2006

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor M.A. May 2003

Concentration: Social science education

Central Michigan University B.A. December 1996, with Honors

Major: Political Science Minor: Economics

Books

- Chris Faricy and Christopher Ellis. 2026. *Wide Nets and Narrow Gates: How Democrats and Republicans Draw the Boundaries of Deservingness in American Politics* forthcoming at The University of Chicago Press.
- Christopher Faricy and Christopher Ellis. 2021. *The Other Side of the Coin: Public Opinion toward Social Tax Expenditures* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Christopher Faricy. 2015. *Welfare for the Wealthy: Parties, Social Spending, and Inequality in the United States* New York: Cambridge University Press.

Journal Publications

- Chris Faricy and Christopher Ellis. 2026. “Partisanship, Deservingness and the Attitudinal Policy Feedback Process for Social Policy.” *forthcoming at Policy Studies Journal*
- Christopher Faricy and Christopher Ellis. 2020. “Race, ”Deservingness,” and Social Spending Attitudes: The Role of Policy Delivery Mechanism.” *Political Behavior* 42(3):819-843.
- Christopher Faricy. 2017. “Partisanship, Class, and Attitudes towards the Divided Welfare State.” *The Forum* 15(1): 111-126.
- Christopher Faricy. 2016. “The Distributive Politics of Tax Expenditures: How Parties Use Policy Tools to Distribute Federal Money to the Rich and the Poor.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 4(1): 110-125.
- Christopher Faricy and Christopher Ellis. 2014. “Public Attitudes Toward Direct Social Spending in the United States: The Differences Between Direct Spending and Tax Expenditures.” *Political Behavior* 36(1): 53-76.
- Christopher Ellis and Christopher Faricy. 2011. “Social Policy and Public Opinion: How the Ideological Direction of Spending Influences Public Mood.” *The Journal of Politics* 73(4): 1095-1110.
- Christopher Faricy. 2011. “The Politics of Social Policy in America: The Causes and Effects of Indirect versus Direct Social Spending.” *The Journal of Politics* 73(1): 74-83.
- Michele Hoyman and Christopher Faricy. 2009. “It Takes a Village: A Test of the Creative Class, Social Capital, and Human Capital Theories.” *Urban Affairs Review* 44(3): 311-333.

Works Under Review

- Chris Faricy and Christopher Ellis. “Partisanship and the Social Construction of Deservingness in the United States.” *under review at Political Behavior*
- Chris Faricy and Christopher Ellis. “Who Deserves Help? Partisanship and Welfare Deservingness in a Diversifying America.” *under review at the Journal of European Public Policy*
- Chris Faricy. “How Tax Attitudes Influence Social Spending Preferences in America.” *’under review at Political Research Quarterly*
- Chris Faricy, Miklos Sebok, Nicholas D’Amico and Amber Morris. “The New York Times MediaText Dataset: AI Predictions for Policy Topic, Sentiment, and Named Entities on 15 Million Articles (1851-2025). *under review at American Politics Research*

Works in Progress

- Chris Faricy and Christopher Ellis. “Deservingness and the Politics of Family Policy in the United States.”
- Chris Faricy and Christiana Bugri. “How Partisanship Conditions Different Mechanisms of the Policy Feedback Process in America.”
- Chris Faricy and Christiana Bugri. “Power and the Purse: Political Party Control and Changes to Federal Spending: 1945-2025.”
- Chris Faricy and Joel Kersting. “My Blue Heaven: Explaining Growth in Democratic Party Support in the American Suburbs.”

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Other Publications

- Christopher Faricy. 2021. by Derek Epp. The Structure of Policy Change. *Perspectives on Politics*.
- Christopher Faricy. 2020. *The Small Welfare State*. Chapter 6. “The electoral bases of small tax states in Japan, South Korea, and the US.” Camberley: Edward Elgar.
- Christopher Faricy. 2020. by Nicholas Carnes. The Cash Ceiling: why Only the Rich Run for Office and What We Can Do about It. *American Review of Politics*.
- Christopher Faricy. 2020. by Monica Prasad. Starving the Beast: Ronald Reagan and the Tax Cut Revolution. *Political Science Quarterly*.
- Christopher Faricy. 2019. by Kristina C. Miler. Poor Representation: Congress and the Politics of Poverty in the United States. *Perspectives on Politics* 17(4): 1195-1197.
- Christopher Faricy. 2017. by Kenneth Scheve and David Stasavage. Taxing the Rich: A History of Fiscal Fairness in the United States and Europe. *Political Science Quarterly* 132(4): 762-763.
- Christopher Faricy. 2015. “The Politics of Income Inequality in the United States.” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Christopher Faricy. 2013. by Peter K. Enns and Christopher Wlezien, eds. Who Gets Represented? *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(1): 417-420.
- Christopher Faricy. 2012. by Douglas L. Kriner and Francis X. Shen. The Casualty Gap: The Causes and Consequences of American Wartime Inequalities, *American Review of Politics* 32: 346-348.

Grants

- *Social Inequality Grant*, The Russell Sage Foundation, “The Other Side of Social Spending: Public Opinion toward Social Tax Expenditure Policy in the United States.” 2014-2015. (\$60,213 Awarded)
- *Appleby-Mosher Grant*, The Maxwell School at Syracuse University, “The Politics of Tax Policy and Income Inequality.” 2014-2015. (\$1,000 Awarded)
- *Research Fellowship*, Thomas M. Uhlman Award, UNC Department of Political Science, Spring 2009
- *Research Fellowship*, Duke University - University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group, Summers 2005, 2006, and 2008
- *Travel Grant*, The American Political Science Association, 2009
- *Travel Grant*, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC, 2006
- *Travel Grant*, The Graduate School, UNC, 2005

Awards

- 2012 Harold D. Lasswell Award for the best dissertation in the field of public policy from the *American Political Science Association*
- 2010 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
- 2009 James W. Prothro Award for outstanding research by a graduate student from the UNC Department of Political Science

Teaching Experience

- 2020-, Graduate Seminar in Research Methods
- 2017-, Graduate Seminar in American Politics
- 2016-, Graduate Seminar in American Parties and Elections
- 2014-, Graduate Seminar in Social Welfare Policy
- 2013-, The Politics of Income Inequality
- 2013-, American National Government and Politics
- Fall 2012, Honors College Course in The Politics of Income Inequality
- 2011-12, Graduate Seminar in Quantitative Methods in Political Science
- 2011-12, Graduate Seminar in The Scope of Political Science
- 2010-14, Introduction to American National Government and Politics
- Fall 2010, Policy Analysis

Conference Presentations

- “Who Deserves Help? Partisanship and Welfare Deservingness in a Diversifying America” presented at the meeting of The Class and Inequality Conference at Claremont Graduate University, 2026.
- “Constructing Deservingness: Group images in Public Opinion and the Media” presented at the annual meeting of The Comparative Policy Agendas Project, 2025
- “Partisanship, Policy Design, and the Social Construction of Deservingness” presented at the annual meeting of The Midwestern Political Science Association, 2025.
- “Intersectional Deservingness: Race, Gender and Policy Preferences” presented at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, 2025.
- “My Blue Heaven: How the American Suburbs Turned Towards the Democratic Party, 1980-2020” presented at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, 2024.
- “How Partisan Conceptions of Deservingness Condition the Attitudinal Policy Feedback Process for Social Policy” presented at the annual meeting of The Comparative Policy Agendas Project, 2024.
- “The Social Construction of Deservingness in Polarized Times” presented at the annual meeting of The Midwestern Political Science Association, 2023.
- “White Identity, Deservingness, and Attitudes toward the Social Welfare State in America” presented at the annual meeting of The Southern Political Science Association, 2022.
- “The Political Rhetoric of Tax Policy” presented at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, August 29 - September 1, 2019.
- “Public Opinion Toward the National Debt” presented at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, August 29 - September 1, 2019.
- “Race and the Hidden Welfare State.” presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2018.
- “Race, Deservingness, and Social Welfare Attitudes: The Role of Policy Delivery Mechanisms.” presented with Chris Ellis at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

- “The Rise of Income Inequality and Changes to the Federal Tax Progressivity.” presented at the annual meeting of The Southern Political Science Association, Caribe Hilton, San Juan, PR, January 7-10, 2016.
- “Public Opinion and the Subterranean Welfare State.” presented with Chris Ellis at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015.
- “The Politics of Tax Expenditures and American Income Inequality.” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015.
- “The Partisan Politics of Who Pays: Political Parties and Federal Tax Policy.” presented with Leonard E. Burman at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014.
- “Welfare versus Wealthfare in America: The Modality of Social Spending and Income Inequality.” presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013.
- “A Comparison of Policy Processes: The Punctuated Equilibrium of Direct Spending and Tax Expenditures.” presented with Taewoo Kang at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013.
- “Public Attitudes Towards Indirect Social Spending in the United States” presented with Chris Ellis at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012.
- “The Politics of Private Social Welfare in America: Political Parties and Tax Expenditures”, presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX, April 21-23, 2011.
- “Public Opinion and the Divided Social System”, presented with Chris Ellis at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010.
- “Partisanship, Public Policy and Private-Sector Social Welfare: How partisanship influences the level of private-sector social spending in America from 1967-1994”, presented at the annual meeting of The American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.
- “Political Parties and Public Policy: How Changes in Partisanship Influence Direct versus Indirect Social Expenditures”, presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.
- “The Cross-Elasticity of Social Welfare Demand: The Interaction of Public and Private Social Welfare”, presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.
- “The Creative Class: An Empirical Analysis of Economic Growth and Development in American Cities from 1995-2004”, with Michele Hoyman, presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.
- “The Electoral Connection and Committee Requests: Matrix Reloaded”, presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.
- “Devolution, Welfare Policy and Poverty in the American States”, presented at the Inequality and American Democracy Conference: Building on the APSA Task Force, University of Minnesota, April 7-8, 2006.

- “The Comparative Advantage of Congressional Committees”, presented at the annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

Invited Presentations

- The University of Texas at Austin. 2025. “Deservingness in American Politics.”
- Conference on Policy Process Research. 2024. Keynote lecture “Deservingness and Changes to American Social Policy.”
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. April 2018. “The Partisan Politics of Tax Policy.”
- The Comparative Policy Agendas Project at The University of Texas at Austin. March 2018. “The Partisan Politics of Tax Policy.”
- The Urban-Brookings Institute’s Tax Policy Center. April 2017. “Tax Day headaches: Public understanding of the tax code and the perceptions of fairness.”
- SUNY Geneseo. March 2017. “Welfare for the Wealthy.”
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. April 2016. “Race, Deservingness, and Social Welfare Attitudes.”
- The Comparative Policy Agendas Project at The University of Texas at Austin. March 2016. “Race, Deservingness, and Social Welfare Attitudes.”
- The Comparative Policy Agendas Project at The University of Texas at Austin. March 2015. “Welfare for the Wealthy.”
- The Urban-Brookings Institute’s Tax Policy Center. March 2014. “The Politics of Tax Reform.”
- The University of Georgia. December 2012. “The Politics of the Divided Social Welfare State.”
- The Ford School at the University of Michigan. November 2012. “The Politics of the Divided Social Welfare State.”
- Ryerson University. May 9, 2012. “Welfare vs. Wealthfare in America: The Partisan Politics of the Divided Social State.”
- The Thomas Foley Institute. April 18, 2012. “Budget Crisis and Grand Bargains.”
- The Thomas Foley Institute. April 5, 2012. “A Rational Conversation about Health Care Reform: Moving from Politics to Policy.”
- The Thomas Foley Institute. November 30, 2011. “The 99 Percent Movement and the Politics of Income Inequality.”
- WSU Research and Methods Symposium. November 16, 2011. “The Modality of Social Spending and Income Inequality in America: A Focus on Time Series Analysis.”
- Duke-UNC Triangle Political Methods Group (TPMG). October 29, 2009. “The Politics of Social Policy in America: The Causes and Effects of Indirect versus Direct Social Spending.”

Department Service

- Chair, Politics of Inequality Search Committee, 2021.
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2020-

- Graduate Placement Director, 2018-
- Committee Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2017-2018
- Committee Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2016-2017
- Committee Member, Public Policy Comprehensive Exam, 2014-
- Committee Member, American Politics Search Committee, 2013
- Committee Member, American Politics Comprehensive Exam, 2013
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science Honor Society, 2011-2012
- Committee Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2011-2012
- Committee Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-2011

Professional Service

- Director of the Central New York Scholars Strategy Network, 2017-2019
- Program Chair, *SPSA Section on Class and Inequality*, 2019
- Treasurer, *APSA Section on Class and Inequality*, 2019-2021
- Treasurer, *APSA Section on Class and Inequality*, 2017-2019
- Treasurer, *APSA Section on Class and Inequality*, 2014-2016
- Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*
- Reviewer, *Political Behavior*
- Reviewer, *Journal of European Social Policy*
- Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*
- Reviewer, *Public Research Quarterly*
- Reviewer, *Public Opinion Quarterly*
- Reviewer, *The Journal of Politics*
- Reviewer, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*
- Reviewer, *American Politics Research*
- Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*

Professional Memberships

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

References

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