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Academic Appointments

Current Appointments

Associate Professor, University of Denver (2025-Present)
Affiliated Faculty, Center on American Politics
Affiliated Faculty, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Past Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of Denver (2022-Present)
Affiliated Faculty, Center on American Politics
Affiliated Faculty, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Assistant Professor, Beloit College (2017-2022)
Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Calgary (2016-2017)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Macalester College (2015-2016)

Education

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (2015)
Ph.D. in Political Science; MA in Political Science
Dissertation: *Taking Campaigns Personally: The Big Five Aspects and Political Behavior*

Macalester College (2006)
BA (Summa Cum Laude) in Political Science

Research and Teaching Interests

Research Interests

Racial and Ethnic Politics; Gender and Sexism; Racial Attitudes; Political Communications;
Political Psychology; Law, Courts, and Crime

Teaching Interests

Introduction to American Politics; Race and Ethnicity; Political Psychology; Public Opinion;
Political Behavior; Campaigns and Elections; Quantitative Methods

Peer Reviewed Publications

Chen, Philip; Christina Farhart; Erin Cassese and Joanne Miller. (Accepted) ““America’s Governor” and “America’s Doctor”: Gender, Trust, and COVID-19 Expertise.” In M. Thomas, S. Franceschet & E. Rayment (Eds.), *Gender and Political Representation in a Global Pandemic*. McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Chen, Philip and Ashley Sorensen. (2025). “Raced-Gendered Electability: Support, Donations, and Democratic Double Standards for Black Women Candidates.” *Political Research Quarterly*.

Chen, Philip; Melanee Thomas; Allison Harell and Tania Gosselin. (2025). ““What’s her job?” Agentic Women, Sexism, and the Consequences for Political Candidate Emergence.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 46(1): 73-91. doi: 10.1080/1554477X.2024.2359140

Chen, Philip and Amanda Savage. (2024). “Amy Coney Barrett is Not Enough: How Descriptive and Substantive Representation Shape Trust and Legitimacy of the Federal Courts.” *Political Research Quarterly*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129241262340>

Sorensen, Ashley and **Philip Chen**. (2023). “She Works Hard for The Money: Explaining Racial and Gender Disparities in Campaign Finance.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. doi: 10.1080/21565503.2023.2231894

Chen, Philip; Melanee Thomas; Allison Harell and Tania Gosselin. (2023). “Implicit and Explicit Gender Stereotyping in Canadian Politics.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 56(1): 209-221. doi: 10.1017/S0008423922000890

Sorensen, Ashley and **Philip Chen**. (2022). “Identity in Campaign Finance and Elections: The Impact of Gender and Race on Money Raised in U.S. House Elections.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 75(3): 738-753. doi: 10.1177/1065912921102284

Farhart, Christina and **Philip Chen**. (2022). “Racialized Pandemic: The Effects of Racial Attitudes on COVID-19 Conspiracy Theory Belief.” *Frontiers in Political Science*. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2022.648061

Chen, Philip and Amanda Bryan. (2021). “The Legal Double Standard: Gender, Personality Information, and the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees.” *Justice System Journal*, 42(3-4): 325-340. doi: 10.1080/0098261X.2021.1967231

Blais, Julie; **Philip Chen** and Scott Pruyers. (2021). “Editorial: Political Psychology: The Role of Personality in Politics.” *Frontiers in Political Science*. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2021.737790

Blais, Julie; **Philip Chen** and Scott Pruyers. (2021). “Who Complies and Who Defies? Personality and Public Health Compliance.” *Frontiers in Political Science*. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2021.660911

- Chen, Philip**; Scott Pruyzers and Julie Blais. (2021). "The Dark Side of Politics: Participation and the Dark Triad." *Political Studies*, 69(3): 577-601. doi: 10.1177/0032321720911566
- Chen, Philip** and Christina Farhart. (2020). "Gender, Benevolent Sexism, and Public Health Compliance." *Politics and Gender*, 16(4), 1036-1043. doi: 10.1017/S1743923X20000495
- Blais, Julie; Scott Pruyzers and **Philip Chen**. (2019). "Why do they Run? The Psychological Underpinnings of Political Ambition." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 52(4), 761-779. doi: 10.1017/S0008423918001075
- Pruyzers, Scott; Julie Blais and **Philip Chen**. (2019). "Who Makes a Good Citizen? The Role of Personality." *Personality and Individual Differences*, 146, 99-104. doi: 10.1016/j.paid.2019.04.007
- Chen, Philip** and Matt Luttig. (2019). "Communicating Policy Information in a Partisan Environment: The Importance of Cause-Effect Policy Information in Political Persuasion." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, 31(3), 329-347. doi: 10.1080/17457289.2019.1651319
- Chen, Philip** and Elizabeth Housholder. (2018). "Against the (Campaign) Grain: The Cross-Cutting Effects of Authoritarianism in Political Campaigns." *Journal of Political Marketing*, 20(2), 144-174. doi: 10.1080/15377857.2018.1486769
- Chen, Philip** and Carl Palmer. (2018). "The Prejudiced Personality? Using the Big Five to Predict Susceptibility to Stereotyping Behavior." *American Politics Research*, 46(2), 276-307. doi: 10.1177/1532673X17719720
- Chen, Philip** and Ruchika Mohanty. (2018). "Obama's Economy: Conditional Racial Spillover into Evaluations of the Economy." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 30(3), 365-390. doi: 10.1093/ijpor/edx014
- Chen, Philip** and Amanda Bryan. (2018). "Judging the 'Vapid and Hollow Charade': Citizen Evaluations and the Candor of U.S. Supreme Court Nominees." *Political Behavior*, 40(2), 495-520. doi:10.1007/s11109-017-9411-y
- Sheagley, Geoff; **Philip Chen** and Christina Farhart. (2017). "Racial Resentment, Hurricane Sandy, and the Spillover of Racial Attitudes into Evaluations of Government Organizations." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 17(1), 105-131. doi:10.1111/asap.12130
- Chen, Philip** and Paul Goren. (2016). "Operational Ideology and Party Identification: A Dynamic Model of Individual-Level Change in Partisan and Ideological Predispositions." *Political Research Quarterly*, 69(4), 703-715. doi:10.1177/1065912916658551

Chen, Philip; Jacob Appleby; Eugene Borgida; Timothy Callaghan; Pierce Ekstrom; Christina Farhart; Elizabeth Housholder; Hannah Kim; Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz; Howard Lavine; Matthew Luttig; Ruchika Mohanty; Aaron Rosenthal; Geoff Sheagley; Brianna Smith; Joseph Vitriol and Allison Williams. (2014). "The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 14(1), 78-104. doi:10.1111/asap.12041

Invited (Non-Peer Reviewed) Publications

Blais, Julie; **Chen, Philip** and Scott Pruyssers. (Accepted). The Dark Triad and Politics. In K. Papageorgiou (Ed.), *The Edward Elgar Publishing Research Handbook on the Dark Triad*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Chen, Philip. (2023). Racialized Courts: How Racial Attitudes Shape Perceptions of the American Judicial System. In D. Phan & J. Kodl (Eds.), *The Annual Proceedings of the Wealth and Well-Being of Nations 2022-2023: Vol. XIV*. Beloit, WI: Beloit College. (pp. 95-116).

Chen, Philip. (2021) Dynamic Process Tracing Methods in the Study of Political Decision Making. In D. Redlawsk (Ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.883

Works in Progress

Chen, Philip and Amanda Savage. "Clarence Thomas is Not Enough: How Descriptive and Substantive Representation Shape Trust and Legitimacy of the Federal Courts." (Book Manuscript)

Blais, Julie, **Philip Chen**, and Scott Pruyssers. "Politicking in the Dark: Narcissism, Psychopathy, and Machiavellianism in Contemporary Democratic Politics." (Monograph Manuscript, Under Contract with *Cambridge Elements in Political Psychology*)

Farhart, Christina and **Philip Chen**. "Racial Animus vs Racial Identity: On the Differing Roles of Racial Resentment and White Identity." (Under Review)

Sorensen, Ashley and **Philip Chen**. "Under the Influence: Working-Class MCs Impact on Political Trust and Efficacy."

Philip Chen. "Pain and Punishment: On the Criminal Justice Consequences of Race and Class Bias in Pain Perceptions."

Philip Chen and Sara Chatfield. "Parties over People: Partisan Dehumanization and Health Care Crowdfunding Campaigns."

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2022, 2020 (*Declined due to COVID-19*), 2015, 2014
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication: 2013
Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018
European Conference on Politics and Gender: 2017
Front Range American Political Science Association Conference: 2025 – 2023
International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting: 2021, 2017, 2015, 2014
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: 2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025 – 2013, 2011
Midwest Psychological Association Annual Meeting: 2015
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2019, 2016 – 2014, 2012, 2011, 2006
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2017, 2015

Public Engagement and Invited Presentations

Chen, Philip. Media Interviews with Denver7/KMGH-TV, Fox31/KDVR-TV (Denver, CO), 9News/KUSA-TV (Denver, CO), CBS Colorado/KCNC-TV, WISC-TV (Madison, WI), WREX-TV (Rockford, IL), WIFR-TV (Rockford, IL), National Public Radio (Academic Minute), Wisconsin Public Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, WCLO Radio (Janesville, WI), WCCO Radio (Minneapolis, MN), New York Times, Newsweek, Vox, Denver Post, La Voz Colorado, Colorado Times Reporter, Colorado Springs Independent, 5280 Magazine (Denver, CO), Minneapolis Star Tribune, Missouri Independent, CNN (on background), Voice of America, BringMeTheNews.com, The Gauntlet (University of Calgary Student Newspaper). Selected links available on website or upon request.

Chen, Philip and Steven Doherty. *Decoding Your Ballot*. Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Denver, CO, October 16, 2024.

Chen, Philip. *Beyond the Bench: The Limits of Diversity on the Supreme Court*. RadioEd Podcast, University of Denver, Denver, CO, October 8, 2024.

Philip Chen; Jesse Acevedo and Seth Masket. *2024 US Election Preview*. Lund University, Lund, Sweden, October 3, 2024.

Chen, Philip. *The Impact of Misinformation/Disinformation on US Elections*. League of Women Voters of Colorado, Denver, CO, September 17, 2024.

Chen, Philip and Sara Chatfield. *Presidential Debate Watch Party*. Center on American Politics, Denver, CO, September 10, 2024.

Chen, Philip and Seth Masket. *Not Too Young to Run: Engaging Youth in the Political Process*. International Visitor Leadership Program/Department of State, Denver, CO, August 1, 2024.

- Chen, Philip.** *Racialized Courts: How Racial Attitudes Shape Perceptions of the American Judicial System.* 2022 Miller Upton Forum, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, October 27, 2022.
- Chen, Philip;** JingJing Lou; Jennifer Esperanza and Diep Phan. *Anti-Asian Racism – An Open Conversation.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, March 22, 2021.
- Chen, Philip;** Katherine Cramer; Julie Keown-Bomar; Angela Lang and Masood Ahktar. *How Does a Divided Wisconsin Move Forward?* League of Women Voters of Dane County, Madison, WI, March 9, 2021.
- Chen, Philip;** Rachel Ellett and Ron Watson. *Political and National Events of Recent Weeks: Post-Inauguration Discussion.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, January 21, 2021.
- Chen, Philip** and Kate Linnenberg. *Discuss, Process, and Unpack Results Through an Academic Lens.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, November 6 and 13, 2020.
- Chen, Philip;** Beatrice McKenzie and Ron Watson. *#GetWoke: The Impact of Your Vote.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, October 29, 2020.
- Chen, Philip;** Lilly Goren and Louis Fucilla. *Societal and Political Trends.* INTEGRAL Adult Autism Conference, Madison, WI, October 24, 2020.
- Chen, Philip** and Kate Johnson. *So You Think You Can Vote?* Diversity Action Team of Rock County, Beloit, WI, October 15, 2020.
- Chen, Philip.** *The Social Nature of Voting.* Kappa Delta Sorority, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, September 27, 2020.
- Chen, Philip.** *Let's Talk Coronavirus.* Facebook Live guest, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, April 15, 2020.
- Chen, Philip.** *2020 Primaries and Caucuses.* Society for Learning Unlimited, Beloit, WI, February 25, 2020.
- Chen, Philip;** Marina Bergenstock; Obioma Ohia and Catherine Orr. *Alpha Sigma Tau Life Raft Debate.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, November 19, 2019.
- Chen, Philip;** Lisa Anderson-Levy; Katherine Johnston and Catherine Orr. *1619 Project: Beloit Faculty Panel Lunch and Learn.* Beloit College, Beloit, WI, November 11, 2019.
- Chen, Philip.** *Understanding Identity through Political Psychology.* Faculty Forum, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, April 17, 2019.
- Chen, Philip;** Steven Hawkins; Beth Dougherty and Larry White. *Weissberg Program in Human Rights Special Event.* Solid State Books, Washington, DC, July 11, 2018.

- Chen, Philip;** John McMahon; Janelle Prueter; Ron Watson and Larry White. *A Conversation with the Experts about Criminal Justice Reforms*. Law and Justice Program, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, March 7, 2018.
- Chen, Philip** and Kate Johnston. *Ordinary People*. Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusion #SunkenPlace Teach-in, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, February 19, 2018.
- Chen, Philip.** *The Dark Side of Politics: Participation and the Dark Triad*. Invited Talk, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, November 10, 2017. (Paper with Julie Blais and Scott Pruyers)
- Chen, Philip;** Beth Dougherty; John McMahon and John Rapp. *Charlottesville: Exception or the Rule?* Political Science Department, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, September 13, 2017.
- Chen, Philip;** Mary Valentich and Jennifer Winter. *The Trump Card: Gender, Politics, America*. Faculty of Arts Students' Association Speakeasies, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada, February 2, 2017.
- Chen, Philip;** Julie Dolan; Lesley Lavery; Michael Zis and Patrick Schmidt. *After Super Tuesday – Is the election any clearer?* Pi Sigma Alpha, Macalester College, St Paul, MN, March 2, 2016.
- Chen, Philip;** Liz de la Torre; Vicki Wright and Janet Beihoffer. *Caucuses and Primaries*. Institute for Global Citizenship, Macalester College, St Paul, MN, February 18, 2016.
- Chen, Philip.** *The Personal and the Political*. PoliTalks, Macalester College, St Paul, MN, October 15, 2015.
- Chen, Philip.** *Taking Campaigns Personally*. Conversations About our Scholarly Lives, Macalester College, St Paul, MN, September 28, 2015.
- Chen, Philip;** Eugene Borgida; Howard Lavine; Aleks Ksiazkiewicz; Elizabeth Housholder; Geoff Sheagley and Joe Vitriol. *2012 CSPP Multi-Investigator Study*. Invited presentation at The Blake School, Hopkins, MN, November 13-14, 2012.
- Rahn, Wendy and **Philip Chen**. *What's In Your Wallet? New Sources of Heterogeneity in Americans' Economic Evaluations*. Subject of blog post: Tucker, Joshua. (May 2s, 2012) *Which Economy is it, Stupid? Part III: Depends on whether you are an investor, home owner, or renter*. Retrieved from: <http://themonkeycage.org/2012/05/02/which-economy-is-it-stupid-part-iii-depends-on-whether-you-are-an-investor-home-owner-or-renter/>.

Op-Eds

- Chen, Philip.** “How President Trump could get a third term”. *The Hill*. April 3, 2025.
<https://thehill.com/opinion/5229276-trump-third-term-potential/>

Grants and Fellowships

Research Grants and Fellowships

Public Impact Fellow, University of Denver (AY 2023 – 2024)

Teaching Pedagogy Grants

Phee Boon Kang '73 Prize for Innovation in Teaching with Technology (with Kristin Bonnie, Alexis Grosofsky, Kylie Quave, Leslie Williams, and Ken Yasukawa), Beloit College (Spring 2018) (\$5,000)

Faculty Career Enhancement Program (FaCE) Grant (with Kristin Bonnie, Alexis Grosofsky, Leslie Williams, and Ken Yasukawa), Associated Colleges of the Midwest (Spring 2018) (\$13,500)

Graduate and Undergraduate Grants and Fellowships

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota (September 2014 – May 2015)

Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (August 2014) (\$300)

Junior Scholars Travel Grant, International Society of Political Psychology (July 2014) (\$500)

Conference Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2014) (\$1,000)

Research Grant (with Elizabeth Housholder), Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2014) (\$990)

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, University of Minnesota (September 2013 – May 2014)

Professional Development Funds, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship (September 2013) (\$2,500)

Research Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2013) (\$825)

Graduate Research Partnership Program, College of Liberal Arts (May 2012 – August 2012)

Research Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2012) (\$990)

Research Grant (with Elizabeth Housholder), Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2011) (\$943)

Conference Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology (March 2011) (\$609)

Conference Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology (January 2011) (\$813)

Anderson Research Grant (with Julie Dolan), Macalester College (June 2005)

Courses Taught

University of Denver: Introduction to American Politics; Polarization in America; Political Inquiry; Political Psychology of Identity; Public Opinion and Political Behavior in the U.S.; Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics; Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories in America

Beloit College: COVID-19: A Pandemic is More than a Disease; Political Psychology of Identity; Power and Politics in America; Race and Ethnicity in America; Research Methods in Political Science and Health; US Federal Government and Politics; US Parties, Groups, and Elections; Senior Seminar (Fake News, Conspiracy Theories, Social Media: The Changing Media Landscape)

Macalester College: Media and Politics; Polarization in America; Political Participation; Political Psychology: 2016 Primary Edition!; Political Psychology of Mass Behavior; US Politics

University of Minnesota: Political Psychology of Mass Behavior; Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

Service

Service to the College (University of Denver)

Honors Council (September 2023 – Current)

Undergraduate Research Committee (September 2023 – Current)

Faculty of Color Association Member (March 2023 – Current)

Service to the College (Beloit College)

Curriculum Oversight and Administration Committee (August 2021 – May 2022)

Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Board of Trustees (August 2021 – May 2022)

Parliamentarian, Academic Senate (September 2018 – May 2022)

Professional and Program Development Committee (May 2020 – August 2021)

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee Member (September 2019 – May 2020)

Institutional Review Board Member (September 2018 – September 2019)

Service to the College (Macalester College)

Social Science Institutional Review Board Member (September 2015 – May 2016)

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Board Member, *Political Behavior* (November 2024 – Current)

Coordinating Committee Member, Front Range American Political Science Association (May 2023 – Current)

Leadership and Political Personality Section Chair, International Society of Political Psychology 2021 Annual Meeting

Topic Editor: Political Psychology: The Role of Personality in Politics (*Frontiers in Political Science*)

Newsletter Officer, International Society of Political Psychology Early Career Committee (July 2016 – July 2018)

Referee, European Research Council Advanced Grant

Referee, Dutch Research Council

Service to the Community

Research Advisor, Community Economic Defense Project (December 2023 – August 2024)

Research Advisor, Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois (November 2022 – December 2023)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Acta Psychologica*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*; *Brazilian Political Science Review*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *European Journal of Political Research*;

European Journal of Politics and Gender; Heliyon; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of Information Technology and Politics; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Journal of Women, Politics & Policy; Law & Social Inquiry; Party Politics; Personality and Individual Differences; PLOS One; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Studies; Politics and Gender; Politics, Groups and Identities; Public Opinion Quarterly; the Scandinavian Journal of Psychology; Scientific Reports; Social Science Journal; and South European Society and Politics

Professional Experience

Minnesota House of Representatives, Committee Legislative Assistant, 2007 – 2009

Minnesota DFL House Caucus, Field Organizer, 2006

Seng for Mayor Campaign, Assistant Field Director, 2002 – 2003