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The 2016 presidential election features the two most unpopular major party nominees in the history of opinion polling. How did that happen?

Steve Schier is Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Professor Schier graduated in 1974 from Simpson with a double major in political science and history. He then enrolled in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received his M.A. in 1975 and Ph.D. in 1978. He taught at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, earning full professorship in 1993. Professor Schier is the recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturing Award in 2002.

Professor Schier has published thirteen books and has authored many scholarly articles and monographs. His edited book entitled *A Post-Modern Presidency: Bill Clinton's Legacy in American Politics* was named by *Choice* magazine an "Outstanding Academic Book" of 2001. A more recent book entitled *High Risk and Big Ambition: The Presidency of George W. Bush* was listed as an "academic press best seller" in 2004.

More recently, he coedited (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier of Ohio State) and authored a chapter in *The American Elections of 2008* for Rowman and Littlefield publishers. His book, *Panorama of a Presidency: How George W. Bush Acquired and Spent His Political Capital*, was published by M.E. Sharpe in late 2008. This book also won a *Choice* magazine "Outstanding Academic Book" award in 2009. In 2009, the University of Pittsburgh Press published his edited volume, *Ambition and Division: Legacies of the George W. Bush Presidency*.

Forthcoming is an edited volume, *Debating the Obama Presidency*, "the first book to present both the arguments for and against Barack Obama's presidency and its policies." The book presents different perspectives on the subject from political scholars, including CMC's Andrew Busch and Jack Pitney. ■