

Liz Smith

Liz came to Furman in 1998 from the University of Minnesota where she completed her doctorate in Political Science, specializing in American politics and comparative politics with a minor in political psychology. She received her B.A. in Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1992, graduating with highest distinction. While at Chapel Hill she was a Morehead Scholar and was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Liz teaches courses primarily in American politics teaching such subjects as women and politics, public opinion and political behavior and political psychology. She has appeared on local television programs, been interviewed on National Public Radio with Robin Young's *Here and Now* program on the role of age in the 2008 presidential election campaign, and has been quoted in national publications, such as *The Chicago Tribune*.

Liz's research has been published in the journals *Political Psychology*, *Polity*, *American Educational Research Journal*, and the *Journal of Political Science Education* and she is the co-editor of the book, *Political Science Research in Practice*, which was published by Routledge Press in July of 2012.

In 2007 Liz received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities organization, and the YWCA of Greenville honored her with the Dream Achiever Award, recognizing women who make a difference and whose work has in some way changed or improved the lives of others. In October of 2008, she was the recipient of the Greenville Literacy Association's Community Service Award recognizing an individual in the community for their appreciation and respect for support of their literacy efforts - in particular, for her integration of service learning and Furman students with the Greenville Literacy Association in her introductory American government course.

She is married to David Sanford and is the proud mother of two young boys, ages 10 and 12.