

# NEIL CARLSON

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## GOALS

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*Education* A doctorate in political science on democratic institutions and civil society.  
*Career* To teach political science; to join a team of researchers investigating problems of organizational design and reform, voluntary association and information systems.

## KEY SKILLS

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*Research* Knowledge of research design and social-scientific methods, including participant observation, comparative method, public opinion, and statistical analysis.  
*Communication* Very positively evaluated as a personal tutor and seminar teacher. Excellent English grammar, writing, and public speaking ability. Conversational Spanish, basic Russian, some Portuguese; can learn quickly whenever necessary.  
*Computers* Information design professional with mastery of Microsoft Windows environment; web design with ASP, Javascript, Dreamweaver MX; SAS, Stata, MapInfo, advanced Microsoft Access and Excel, CorelDraw suite. Experienced consultant and tutor.

## EDUCATION

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*Aug. 1996 - Present* **Ph.D. candidate, Duke University, Durham, NC.** James B. Duke Fellowship 1996-2000, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 1997-2000, Gerst Program Teaching Fellowship, 2002-2003.  
*May 1990* **B.A., Wheaton College, Wheaton IL: Political Science and Biblical Studies,** HNGR program certificate in cross-cultural community development, with a six-month immersive internship in Lima, Peru. *Summa cum laude* and ranked first in class.

## EMPLOYMENT

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*September 2003 - 2004* **Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio:** *Pre-Doctoral Research Associate.* One year; research on community politics and dissertation completion.  
*2001, Spring 2003* **Duke University Department of Political Science:** *Graduate Instructor.* Taught "The American Political System" (Summer 2001), "Internet and Politics" (Fall 2001), and "Social Capital, Civil Society and Voluntary Association" (Spring 2003). Created database-driven web site with peer review and voting system.  
*Aug. 2000 - May 2001* **Duke University Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences:** *Teaching Assistant.* Taught computer lab sections, tutored students, prepared materials, graded papers for Introductory Statistics (Fall 2000) and Applied Regression Analysis (Spring 2001).  
*Jan. 1999 - Dec. 2002* **Young Life, Colorado Springs, CO:** *Strategic Services Analyst.* Data management, modeling, reporting, mapping, interaction with top executives.  
*Aug. 1996 - 2003* **Duke University Department of Political Science:** *Research Assistant.* Co-authored chapter by Rahn, Brehm and Carlson, "National Elections as Institutions for Generating Social Capital" in *Civic Engagement and American Democracy*, Theda Skocpol and Morris Fiorina, editors, Brookings Institution 1999. Authored "The Rationality of Political Culture," paper presented at 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Atlanta, Georgia. Numerous computer projects for various professors, especially data preparation and graphics.  
*Sep. 1992 - Aug. 1996* **Young Life Southern California Region, Claremont, CA:** *Regional Administrator.* Coordinated 60 staff members and a total annual budget over \$2 million. Assisted Regional Director in team management, communications, accounting, personnel and payroll, donor tracking, grant writing, graphic design, public relations, and event planning; directed computer training and development.

## PERSONAL

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34 years old; in good health; married to LaVonne since 1998; one son, age 3 months.

*References available upon request; last revised July 8, 2003*