



Aage Richard Clausen was born in the very Danish town of Dannebrog, Nebraska on September 12, 1932. The son of Danish immigrants, he grew up on a farm in Nebraska and was the first member of his family to attend college. He received an A.A. degree from Grand View Jr. College in Des Moines in 1952. After returning from Army service, he graduated from Macalester College in 1957.

He received his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1964, where he was a research assistant on *The American Voter*. He stayed on as Study Director in the Michigan Survey Research Center, running the 1964 American National Election Study. He became an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1966, and spent the 1968-69 academic year as a visiting professor at Göteborg (Gothenburg) University in Sweden, where he participated in the Swedish National Election Study.



Aage joined Ohio State University as Associate Professor of Political Science in 1971, and was a full professor from 1973 until he retired in 1997. He taught statistics courses as well as legislative politics. He directed the Polimetrics Lab in the OSU Political Science Department from 1984 through 1993, where he conducted The Ohio Political Survey (TOPS) every midterm election year and moved the survey research operation to Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing. After he retired, he tutored math at the Buckeye Middle School.



He was known for his pioneering work on legislative roll call analysis, as well as voting behavior and survey research. He was the author of *How Congressmen Decide* as well as articles in the *American Political Science Review*, *Midwest Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Methodology*, *Electoral Studies*, and the *Journal of Southern History*. He served as President of the Social Science History Association and as Chair of the Governing Council of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.

Emeritus Professor Aage Clausen passed away in Columbus, Ohio on Friday January 14, 2011 at age 78. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Geraldine T. Clausen (1932-2004), who received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan and was a licensed psychologist in Ohio. Survived by son Jon Clausen, brother Ted, nephews Lowen and Fred Clausen. He helped fund the Lifelong Learning Scholarship program at Grand View University, 1200 Grandview Ave., Des Moines IA 50316.

