

A Masterdoc and Timeline of CV Vitolo-Haddad's actions while in Madison

We, as well as most of you, are shocked and disturbed by the allegations that have come out against CV Vitolo-Haddad. As a group, we have had a variety of interactions with them, both online and in-person. We have been able to extensively document both the allegations of them misrepresenting their race as Black or Brown as well as the allegations of them platforming dangerous white nationalists and fascist groups in the name of “academic research”. We are also aware that many of these allegations and events can be considered academic dishonesty or gross misuse of power, and have documented those as such. We hope this masterdoc and timeline is a helpful resource for anyone who is currently involved with CV in any professional or activist capacity to understand the gravity and extensiveness of their actions. Thank you for your time.

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Legend of terms and emphasis:

Racial Misrepresentation allegations

Platforming Fascists

Allegations that could be considered academic dishonesty or gross misuse of power

Major events in the timeline, e.g. switching programs

Glossary of Abbreviations, Situations and Orgs:

DCCD - Dane County Community Defense, a mutual aid collective in Madison, WI created by CV and others during the COVID-19 pandemic

Degenderettes - a (mostly defunct) queer and trans activist collective in Madison, WI best known for deplatforming Thistle Pettersen, a transphobic folk singer, in 2016

Derail the Jail - A coalition of organizers in Madison who petitioned Dane County to not build a new jail in 2017-2018. CV was involved quite heavily

Gender Confetti - A Madison band that was recently forced to split due to one of its members being exposed for using the "N" word

GSAFE - Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools, a statewide LGBTQ+ organization

IWW - Industrial Workers of the World, a national labor union that has a chapter in Madison

J31 - An antifascist rally on January 31, 2020 organized by SCP to deplatform white nationalist Daniel Dropik and hold the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents accountable to not practice discriminatory admissions policies

LuL - Light Upon Light, a group that claims to "reform" white supremacists and replatforms them

Orange Bowl - the 2017 football championship game in Miami between Wisconsin and Miami. SCP called attention to the Wisconsin football team staying in a Trump property, a potential emoluments clause violation

PCS - Pine Crest School, an expensive private K-12 school in Florida

Proud Boys - a white nationalist group formed by Gavin McInnes that CV spent a lot of time researching and platforming

SCP - Student Coalition for Progress, a now defunct activist collective at UW-Madison that mainly focused on accountability for racist, sexist and transphobic actions of the University of Wisconsin and its affiliated entities

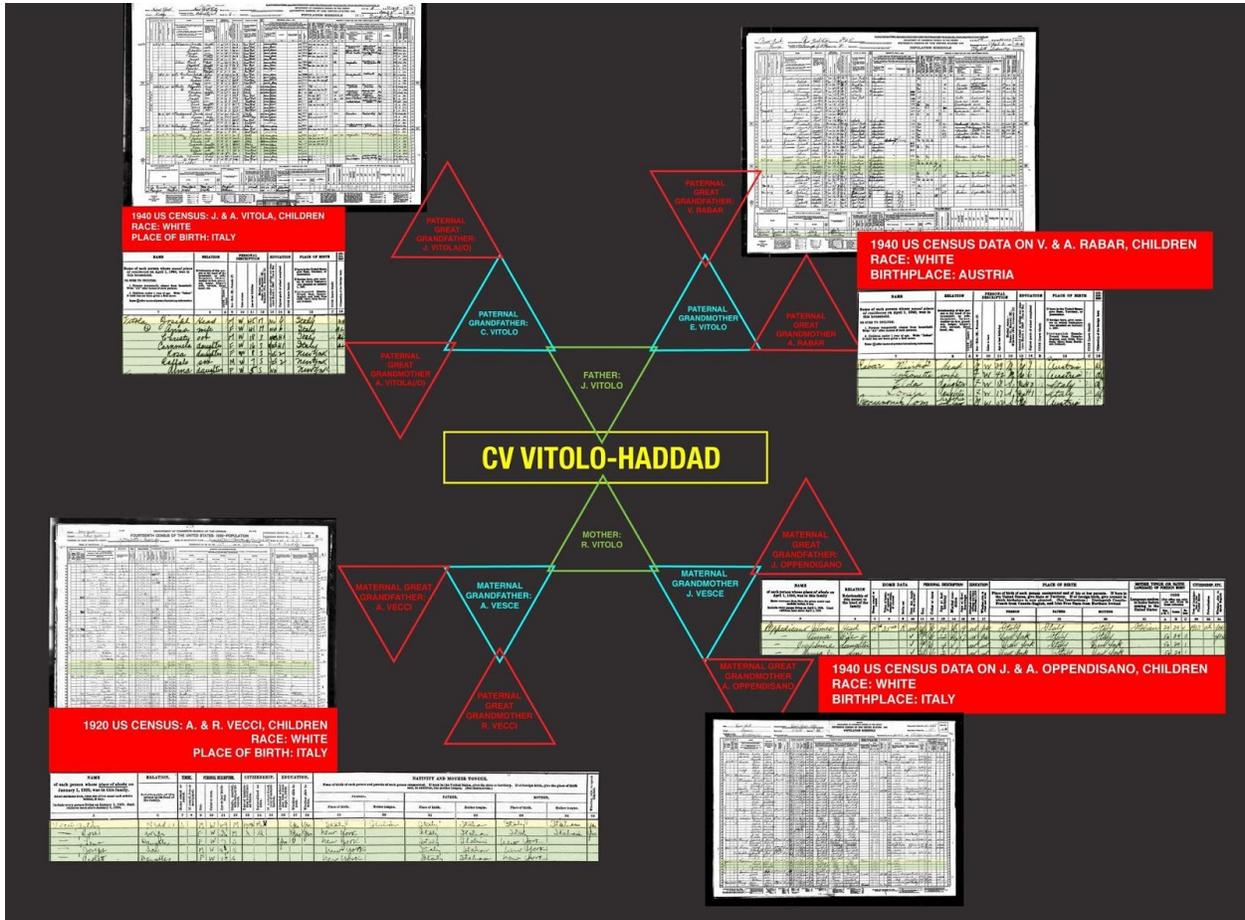
SJMC - the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism and Mass Communication

TAA - Teaching Assistants' Association, UW-Madison's graduate worker labor union

TERF - trans exclusionary radical feminism

WMWI - Women's March Wisconsin, the statewide iteration of the national Women's March organization

Family Tree evidence - the reason you came to this doc in the first place, probably:
[To zoom in on details, family tree document can be viewed in PDF form here.](#)



As shown on data from the census, all four sets of great grandparents are white.

Pre-UW Gathered Evidence:

Pine Crest -

- [This 2001 blurb](#) shows that CV attended Pine Crest for lower school as well as high school.
- [2007 article on debate](#) states that 16-year-old CV attended PCS



Whitney Bachow Tetro
1 day ago



I don't think it's honourable of you to anonymously accuse someone of lying. You're either sure enough of your facts to publicly call someone out and end their career—or you're not.

I went to high school at Pine Crest School with CV Vitolo in south Florida in the 2000s. They are unquestionably white and are Italian in heritage.

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- **CV graduated from PCS in 2008.**

UCF -

- **CV graduated in 2013 with a BS in molecular biology and was a member of the debate team.**
- **CV was an intern in the UCF Victim Services office**

Wake & Michigan -

- [2016 Graduation Program](#), confirms CV graduated from Wake in December 2015 with a MA in Communications.
- [CV's thesis from Wake Forest](#), entitled "KAIROTIC ECLIPSES IN VACCINE LEGISLATION: HOW OVERLAPPING SPHERES OF DISCOURSE CREATE IDEAL PUBLIC POLICY CLIMATES"
- [According to debaters, CV presented themselves as a trans person of color during the 2014-15 school year while coaching at Wake.](#)
- From CV's curriculum vitae, they had significant teaching experience with both high school and college students at both Wake and Michigan:

Teaching Experience

Wake Forest University, NC *August 2014- Present*

Teaching Assistant

- ◆ COM 220: Empirical Research Methods, Fall 2015.
- ◆ SUS 600: Communication Skills Workshop, Summer 2015. **Graduate Level Course.**
- ◆ COM 110: Public Speaking, Fall 2014.

Guest Lecturer

- ◆ COM 655: Health Communication, Spring 2015. **Graduate Level Course.**

Michigan National Debate Institute, MI

June 2015-August 2015

Lab Leader, 7-Week Seniors Program

- ◆ Designed curriculum to foster research and critical thinking on year-long high school debate topic
- ◆ Gave lectures on public policy analysis, critical scholarship, and strategic decision-making

**University of Wisconsin-Madison gathered evidence and context:
2016 -**

August - CV arrives at UW from Wake Forest and joins the Rhetoric PhD program in the Department of Communication Arts. Their bio reads:



CV Vitolo

Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture

CV has a BS in Molecular Biology from University of Central Florida, and an MA in Communication from Wake Forest University, where they also coached policy debate. They are interested in rhetorical criticism as a means to identify what motivates public engagement with policy deliberation about scientific controversies. They are also interested in vaccination and privilege, neutrality of science, formation of risk groups, and public deliberation about diversity.

December -

- CV and Jordan Foley [write](#) this piece for Madison.com about the Wisconsin debate team.

2017 -

January -

- CV reaches out to undergraduate members of the Student Coalition for Progress and offers to help plan the J31 antifascist rally on January 25 [after news broke about white nationalist Daniel Dropik](#). They meet with 2 undergrads and a GDC member at the Madison Public Library for an initial planning meeting.
- CV joins TAA so they can endorse J31 rally on 1/27 or 1/28. CV speaks with an undergrad at this meeting as a new member of the union and describes the event to put it up for a vote.
- CV works extensively on the J31 Emergency Declaration and offers the debate team's practice space to 40+ members of the collective and sponsoring organizations to

continue to plan the rally after TAA endorses it and it becomes clearer the rally will become bigger.

- During J31 planning, an undergrad member of SCP comes out to CV as bisexual. [CV responds](#), “it’s not a big deal, everyone in Madison is bi”, invalidating the student and shifting the balance of power in a vulnerable situation.
- CV speaks at [J31 rally](#). [Transcript of their speech here](#). [News coverage here](#). [Photo here](#). [CV implies they are Latinx in their caption](#).

March -

- [This piece](#), cowritten by CV and a group of undergrads, is published in the Daily Cardinal on 3/14 in response to an Islamophobic editorial by Kort Driessen the Cardinal published on 3/12.
- CV is [interviewed](#) in this Isthmus story on behalf of SCP.
- [CV gets in a dispute with another graduate student instructor of CA 100 over “establishment of a dress code” for students giving speeches](#). CV berates the other student over how “poor people and people of color might find it difficult to find and wear nice clothing”. This happened in front of all the other instructors of the class, and the other graduate student files a complaint against CV.
- The Proud Boys meet at Mackesey’s Irish Pub. It is unclear whether or not CV attends the meeting, but CV is definitely aware of it and broadcasts it to other antifascists.

April -

1. CV posts [a status](#) on Facebook [with the hashtag #JustBrujaThings](#).
2. CV is [quoted](#) in this Daily Beast article about transgender healthcare.
3. SCP Capitalism is Violent rally on April 27, [CV derails actual rally to platform white supremacists](#). [Video here](#). [At 7 minute mark of video CV claims to be Italian/Cuban](#). News coverage of rally [here](#) and [here](#) from student outlets. According to [the event itinerary](#), CV was not scheduled to be speaking at this event.
4. Sometime in April 2017, CV posts a status on Facebook alleging that asexual people are not LGBTQ+, possibly directly targeting a few of the undergrad leaders of SCP who openly identify somewhere on the ace spectrum.
5. 2 undergrad leaders of SCP both formally leave the collective in the aftermath of the anticapitalist rally and ace exclusionist comments. At this point the collective is comprised of CV and 5 undergraduates, all of whom will stop planning actions with them by December 2017 after the Orange Bowl.

June -

- [In summer 2017, a colleague in the Comm Arts department catches CV self-tanning](#). [They are afraid to call them out or share the information due to fear of retaliation](#).

July -

- CV speaks at [this rally](#) about healthcare and [calls themselves a “lesbian of color”](#) and mentions having a Black woman partner. According to folks in CV’s circles, they had 2 (?) known partners at this time, one who is white and nonbinary and the other a white cis man.

- During SCP's month of action putting pressure on the State Legislature's draconian anti-choice agenda, CV writes an [op-ed](#) encouraging people to oppose AB 206/SB 154 and support abortion rights, which is published on 7/27.

August -

- CV MC's and speaks at Madison's [vigil for Charlottesville](#) on 8/13. [Most of the vigil is on video here.](#)
- CV joins Medium on 8/16 and posts [this piece](#) about Trump and his parallels to Andrew Johnson. [The piece insinuates that CV is white and/or has colonizer ancestors.](#)
- The next day, CV posts a [piece](#) about next steps for organizers in the wake of Charlottesville.
- CV posts a [third article](#) in three days on 8/18. This time it's about people killing cops and white supremacy.
- On 8/19, CV posts two more articles. [The first](#) is a comparison between Muslim and Christian extremism through a lens of contemporary American politics, [while the second is about how "loving a Black person isn't activism"](#). [In the second piece CV explicitly claims they are "of a nonwhite race" but does not claim Black identity.](#)
- On 8/23, [CV posts this piece](#) about the trans military ban. [They explicitly mention they are transgender in this piece, but not a trans person of color.](#)
- CV publishes an [educational pamphlet](#) entitled "Gender as Told By Science"

September -

- CV hosted [this seminar](#) on direct action medic training on 9/17 through SCP.

October -

- On 10/4, [this piece](#) about normalizing they/them pronouns is published on CV's Medium. It was a repost of a Facebook status that was made before they arrived in Madison in May 2016.
- CV posts a [Medium article](#) about Dylan Bleier, a PhD student in the Chemistry department who has ties to the Proud Boys, on 10/7.
- Noah Habenstreit's [Daily Cardinal story](#) about Dylan Bleier is released on 10/9. CV's comments are near the bottom of the story.
- On 10/16, CV posts the first [article](#) in their Proud Boys series, [which shows they have had direct, conversational contact with white nationalists, and much of it was done in a friendly manner.](#)
- Two days later, [part 2](#) of their Proud Boys series was published. In it, CV was slapped with a lawsuit and trolled the organization in a playful manner that was not conducive to the dangerous white nationalist organization they actually are.
- SCP did a [call in event](#) on 10/20 to oppose SB 154.
- On 9/21, CV comments on [this LGBTQ Nation](#) article, [and explicitly states they are a trans person of color.](#)
- On 10/29, CV [posts a clapback](#) and purchased an entity called The Proud Boys LLC to troll the white nationalist Proud Boys. [They also designed t-shirts with the Proud Boys LLC logo to sell](#), with the proceeds benefiting Wisconsin Debate and the Free the 350 Bail Fund.

November -

- CV primarily organized with [Derail the Jail](#) around prison abolition. DTJ is/was a coalition run by Freedom Inc and Socialist Alternative.
- CV, after a dispute within Degenderettes that involved deplatforming a racist former member, **told two Brown members of the collective that they weren't Brown enough because they supported the moderation team**
- [This Medium piece](#), the third in their series, was posted on 11/8. **This piece contains screenshots of their conversations with the white nationalist group Proud Boys.**
- CV posts [this Medium piece](#) about their study of white nationalism on 11/27. **In the second paragraph of the piece there are quotes that strongly insinuate they are either Black or a POC.**
- Also on 11/27, [CV appears in](#) this Wisconsin Public Radio article about the Proud Boys that references the March Mackesey's meeting.

December -

- Spoke at [this rally](#) on 12/9 about socialism and taxes.
- [SCP statement and interviews](#) about UW players staying in Trump Hotel for the Orange Bowl **released and picked up by national media outlets** on 12/29. **CV then used admin duties on SCP facebook page to respond and reach out to fascists in the comments.** Most public comments have since been deleted after fellow SCP organizers came to consensus about CV's actions being dangerous. **screenshots between organizers w/SCP collected and are stored in groupchat**
- [Breitbart](#) picks up Orange Bowl coverage. So does [Washington Examiner](#).
- SCP formally ceases operations as an activist collective with the last statement on the Orange Bowl, although the Facebook page is used to amplify other events.

2018 -

January -

- CV posts a variety of TERF-adjacent content on Facebook and follows multiple TERF/lesbian separatist accounts on Twitter.
- CV is [quoted as a member of SCP](#) in this Badger Herald feature, which was likely started the previous semester.

February -

- CV is [quoted in this article](#) about hip hop and **the way they word things implies that they are either Black or a POC.**
- CV organizes with the [UW Campus Dining Task Force](#) and introduces the group that is mostly people of color to Sylvia Johnson, a member of Gender Confetti, who was using the "N" word online less than a month earlier.

March -

- CV joins Women's March Wisconsin Board of Directors. [Archived file here.](#)

April -

- At the Central States Communications Association conference on 4/7, **CV speaks on a panel entitled "The 'Monstrosity' of Brown Women in the Academy: A Call for Solidarity"**

with scholars from Illinois State, UW-Madison and DePaul. The panel **"highlights the structures of oppression as experienced by Brown women faculty"**

- CV posts [this expose](#) on white nationalist Paul Nehlen running for Congress. They **do not censor or warn** about triggering and violent language in their piece.

May -

- During a [livestream](#) on 5/28 with extremist blogger Luke Ford, CV, in reference to talking with white extremists, describes them as "someone who would want me to be deported and/or killed"

September -

- CV [sits on a panel](#) for a screening of the movie "13th" with a slate of exclusively Black organizers and activists.
- CV is [quoted](#) in this Badger Herald article and mentioned as a member of the Student Coalition for Progress, even though the collective went defunct in January and most of its other members had graduated. They did not reach out to other former collective members about this interview.

October -

- [This Medium piece](#) was posted by CV about a CATO Institute debate, insinuating that they at least engage with far-right content in a scholarly way. Given their actions in December 2017, **the engagement with the far-right goes far beyond scholarly and into kinship/friendship territory.**
- The Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism posts [this piece](#) CV co-wrote on 10/27.

November -

- **CV attends the Department of Communication Arts listening session for the Diversity & Equity faculty committee on 11/30. According to other attendees, they derailed the meeting and accused multiple faculty of pushing them out of the department as racial discrimination in front of about 15-20 grad students and faculty members.**

December -

- CV is [interviewed](#) in this article in the Miami New Times about the Miami chapter of the Proud Boys.

2019 -

January - CV switches into the School of Journalism and Mass Communication PhD program

- CV [appears on](#) "A Public Affair" on WORT to discuss an antifascist rally on 1/11. CV's audio starts at 18:45. **Rally was a counterdemo against Ill%er open carry rally.**
- CV attends antifascist rally against Ill%ers with Gender Confetti on 1/12.
- CV speaks at WMWI event on 1/19. [Archive file of speaker slate here. Video likely available.](#)

March -

- In Current Affairs magazine, [CV is quoted](#) and is described as "a leftist but believes strongly that ideas should be heard and challenged".

April -

- Emily Gorcenski, a trans woman of color that is also an antifascist activist, quote-tweets CV during an argument on 4/19. CV later used that action as blame for being “chased out of a conference”.

June:

- CV’s [paper](#), “The Blood of Patriots: Symbolic Violence and ‘The West’” is published in [Rhetoric Society Quarterly](#). CV dedicates the paper to and thanks the Proud Boys for “offering feedback” on their research.

August -

- [This thread](#) on liberation referencing Angela Davis is posted.

September -

- CV posts [this thread](#) and [refers to themselves as a researcher of color](#).
- [This thread](#) about mass deplatforming of fascists is posted.
- CV posts [this thread](#) about Milo Yiannopoulos arguing that “deplatforming didn’t ruin him”.
- [This thread](#) about Iran and fascist governments/parties is published.
- [This thread](#) about biological theory of gender and family is published.
- CV is [mentioned](#) on this list of antifascist researchers to follow on Bitch Media.

2020 -

February -

- CV [posts a thread](#) [about white kinship in antifascist spaces](#).

March -

- CV [presents](#) at Communication Crossroads on 3/6; their research is entitled “The Dying of the Light: Existential Scientific Demagoguery”.
- CV is [interviewed on WKOW](#) on 3/16 for their work with Dane County Community Defense.
- An interview about CV’s work with DCCD is [published](#) in Tone on 3/17.
- [This thread](#) about antifascism and race was published. [CV clearly identifies as a person of color in the first person plural](#).

April -

- CV appears on the [ESC-HATE podcast](#), a project of Light Upon Light, an organization that “rehabilitates” and replatforms white nationalists, with Andy Ngo on April 1. [CV characterizes a student who first raised concerns about TA Dylan Bleier as “a Brown student” in the podcast while engaging in argument with Ngo, despite the student—who is of mixed ethnicity—not identifying that way](#). Time stamp: 54:13
- CV posts [this thread](#) about LuL and the controversy that ensued with Twitter user Antifascist Alligator and others. [They claim they aren’t platforming fascists, and call white antifascists that made the accusation “crackers”](#). [They actively mention “racist abuse of Black and Brown comrades” referring to themselves](#).

May -

- Received their [EMT degree](#) from Madison Area Technical College. They were listed in the commencement program under their birth name.
- On 5/18, CV posts a [long thread](#) about Steve Bannon and traditionalists. **They explicitly claim to be nonwhite here.**
- CV posts [a thread](#) on 5/20 about hypocrisy in activist circles.
- Posts [this thread](#) about the Boogaloo Boys and Minneapolis on 5/27.

July-

- Tweets [this](#), **explicitly stating that they are “Italo-Habesha”**
- CV is [quoted](#) in this Tone article about Free the 350 Bail Fund talking about prison reform and women being victims of violence on 7/8.

August -

- Quoted in [this article](#) that lists them as co-president of the TAA on 8/23.
- Tweets **using the term “lightskin” on 8/27.**

September -

- **CV tweets that they are a person of color in the first person plural on 9/3 in the wake of the Jessica Krug controversy.**
- **CV’s facade is exposed in [this anonymous Medium post](#) on 9/4.**
- CV sends texts to their activist communities on 9/5 claiming an “emergency” with their partner’s family in Iowa and skips town. **screenshots available and are stored in groupchat**
- [This non-apology](#) is posted on 9/6 on CV’s Medium account and notes that they have resigned as co-chair of TAA and teaching position in SJMC.
- TAA releases [statement](#) condemning CV on 9/8 and notes they have resigned as co-chair.
- CV releases [a second statement](#) on 9/9 **clarifying that they are white, not Black or Brown, and acknowledges they entered Black and Brown spaces.** They also emphasize that they have resigned from their teaching assistant position in SJMC as well as their position with TAA.
- GSAFE removes CV from their board of directors.
- Inside Higher Ed [publishes an article](#) about CV’s racefaking on 9/10. **They explicitly called themselves Southern Italian/Sicilian, but still have not used the word white.**
- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel [publishes an article](#) about CV on 9/10.

2021 -

August - CV is set to begin tenure track position as Director of Forensics at CSU Fresno.

This masterdoc was compiled and researched by a collective of Madison academics and activists who have had a variety of personal experience with CV. Thank you to the over 30 individuals who came forward with their screenshots and experiences and shared them with us so we could compile this. It is not complete by any means and will likely have updates later.