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In recognition of his work in the Department of Defense, Dr. Chapin was awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service and the Wireless Innovation Forum International Achievement Award. In recognition of his earlier technical work, Dr. Chapin received the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Dynamic Spectrum Access Networks (DYSPAN) conference best paper award, Software Defined Radio (SDR) Forum best paper award, SDR Forum Industry Achievement Award, and the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). Dr. Chapin holds two patents.

Dr. Chapin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Japanese History, a Master of Science in Computer Science, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science, all from Stanford University.