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## Education

Ph.D., Public Policy and Public Administration, Auburn University, May 2016.

M.P.A., Public Administration, Auburn University, May 2010.

B.S., Political Science and Government, Kennesaw State University, May 2008.

## Academic and Professional Appointments

Public Administration Coordinator and MPA Director, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton, 2024–Present.

Associate Professor of Public Administration (with Tenure), Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton, 2022–Present.

Assistant Professor of Public Administration, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton, 2016–2022.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, Summer 2016.

## Research

### *Publications*

#### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam F. Mayer. 2025. "Administrative Resilience under Pressure: Environmental Governance and Institutional Adaptation." *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 1–7.

McKnight, Steve, Adams, David P., and Fisk, Jonathan M. 2025. "Does Disclosure Matter? Coupling Information to Performance in Texas." *Policy Studies Journal*.

- Amin, Alisha, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam F. Mayer. 2025. "Plugged In? Assessing the Distribution of Orphaned Wells." *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*, March, 1–14.
- Mahfuza, Zachary, Jonathan Fisk, and David P. Adams. 2021. "Crude Contempt: Examining Local Pushback to Oil and Gas Development in California." *Journal of Politics and Policy* 49(2).
- Adams, David P., Meriem Doucette, and Justin Tucker. 2019. "Affluence, Risk, and Community Engagement: The Case of Ascon and Huntington Beach." *California Journal of Politics and Policy* 11(3).

### ***Edited Textbooks***

- Doucette, Meriem, and David P. Adams, eds. 2019. *Ethics in Public Administration: Ethics, Corruption, and Public Policy*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

### ***Textbook Chapters***

- Adams, David P. 2019. "Minnesota Environmental Policy." In *Minnesota Government and Politics*, edited by James B. Cottrill, Shawn E. Schooley, Steven C. Wagner, and Shoua S. Yang. Dubuque, IA: Great River Learning Publishers.

### ***Books Under Contract***

- Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and John Morris. *Navigating Water Quality Outcomes in American Watersheds*. Under Contract with Cambridge University Press: New York, N.Y.

### ***Manuscripts Under Review***

- Nahar, Nurun, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, Adam F. Mayer, and John C. Morris. "Inspector-Level Bureaucracy: Drilling into Discretion in a State Natural Resource Agency." Under revision review at *Review of Policy Research*.
- Adams, David P. "The Code Is the Policy: Blockchain Governance and the Authoritarian Pursuit of Administrative Efficiency." Under review at *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.
- Arthur, Prince, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, Matthew G. Jarvis, and Christopher A. Simon. "Exploring the Role of Multi-Agency Coordination in California's Climate Investment Program 2015–2024." Under review at *Public Organization Review*.

### ***Manuscripts in Preparation***

Amin, Alisha, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, Binita Mahato, and Nurun Nahar. "Linking Disclosure to Performance: Assessing Colorado's 2021 Spill Reporting Rule and Operator Performance."

### ***Refereed Presentations***

Amin, Alisha, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, Binita Mahato, and Nurun Nahar. 2025. "Linking Disclosure to Performance: Assessing Colorado's 2021 Spill Reporting Rule and Operator Performance." Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Authur, Prince, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, Matthew G. Jarvis, and Christopher A. Simon. 2025. "Pioneering Policy: Exploring the Role of Multi-Agency Collaboration in California's Climate Investment Program 2015–2024." Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and John C. Morris. 2024. "Navigating Water Quality Outcomes in American Watersheds." Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Minneapolis, MN.

Adams, David P., Nurun Nahar, Jonathan M. Fisk, Adam F. Mayer, and John C. Morris. 2024. "Inspector-Level Bureaucracy: Drilling into Discretion in a State Natural Resource Agency." Paper presented at the national conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Minneapolis, MN.

Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and Steve McKnight. 2024. "Does Disclosure Matter? Coupling Information to Performance in Texas." Paper presented at the national conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Minneapolis, MN.

Adams, David P., Alisha Amin, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam F. Mayer. 2024. "Plugged In? Assessing the Distribution of Orphaned Wells." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Adams, David P., Zachary Mahafza, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Hanna Krawczyk. 2021. "Head for The Hills: An Environmental Justice Inquiry of Spills within Colorado's Oil and Gas Industry." Paper presented at the virtual national conference of the American Society for Public Administration.

Herrera, Veronica, David P. Adams, and Lidia E. Nuño. 2020. "American Indian Youth and Substance Use: Multilevel Analysis of School Related Factors." Paper presented as part of the special event "Adolescence in the Context of Domestic and Global Diversity" at the Society of Research on Adolescence (SRA) Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Adams, David P. and John Shipman. 2019. "Energy Efficiency Retrofits in Underserved Communities." Paper presented at the International Symposium on Society and Natural Resource Management, Oshkosh, WI.

- Adams, David P., Meriem Doucette, and Justin Tucker. 2018. "Affluence, Risk, and Community Engagement: The Case of Ascon and Huntington Beach." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Adams, David P. 2015. "Central Network Importance for Collaborative Environmental Management." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Adams, David P. 2015. "Central Network Importance for Water Quality." Paper presented at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC.
- Adams, David P. 2014. "Environmental Outcomes of Local Watershed Information Networks." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Bowling, Cynthia, Kisha Hardwick, and David P. Adams. 2014. "Outstanding Programs and Potential Policy Diffusion Across the States." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Koehler, John, and David P. Adams. 2013. "Broadband Connections and Voter Turnout." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Hale, Kathleen, Mitchell Brown, and David P. Adams. 2012. "Enhancing Graduate Student Learning through Course Coordination and Integrated Assignments." Paper presented at The Teaching and Learning Conference of the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Hale, Kathleen, Mitchell Brown, and David P. Adams. 2012. "Enhancing Student Learning through Multi-Course Coordination and Learning Module Integration." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Adams, David P. 2010. "Constructing and Combating an Environmental Problem: Non-point Source Pollution in the Wolf Bay Watershed." Poster presented at the Auburn University Department of Agriculture Economics and Rural Sociology Mobile Bay Watershed Project Annual Meeting, Auburn, AL.

## Dissertation

*Dissertation:* "The Environmental Outcomes of Collaborative Natural Resource Institutions."

*Committee:* Kathleen Hale (Chair), Mitchell Brown (Co-chair), Gerry Gryski, Linda Dennard, and Elise Irwin.

*Award:* Auburn University Graduate School's Distinguished Dissertation Award

## Teaching Experience

### ***California State University, Fullerton***

POSC 588: Collaborative Governance  
POSC 315: Politics and Policy Making in America  
POSC 320: Introduction to Public Administration  
POSC 509: Foundations of Public Administration  
POSC 521: Capstone: Public Administration Theory

### ***Auburn University***

State and Local Government  
Introduction to Public Administration  
Research Methods I  
Introduction to Political Theory  
American Government  
Policy Process

## Grants, Honors, and Awards

California State University, Fullerton RSCA Intramural Grant, \$15,000, 2025–2026.  
California State University, Fullerton H&SS Dean's Research Award for Associate Professors, \$2,500, Spring 2025.  
California State University, Fullerton Award for Outstanding Service, 2023.  
California State University, Fullerton Office of Research and Sponsored Projects Summer Grant, \$5,000, 2021.  
California State University, Fullerton Faculty Advisor of Distinction Award, 2018.  
Auburn University Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award, 2016.  
Auburn University Department of Political Science PhD Student of the Year Award, 2016.  
Auburn University College of Liberal Arts GTA Teaching Award, 2016.  
SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2014.  
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, 2013.  
Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society, 2013.  
John and Elizabeth Morris Fund for Excellence Travel Grant, 2012.

Auburn University College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Research and Travel Grant, 2012.

Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, 2011.

Golden Key International Honour Society, 2010.

Best Performance Award for MPA Comprehensive Exam, 2010.

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society, 2009.

## **Professional Development**

NASPAA Accreditation Institute, 2017, 2024

Data Analysis with Python Certification, FreeCodeCamp, 2021

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2012

Teaching and Learning Conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2012

## **Service**

### ***Service to the Public Administration Unit at California State University, Fullerton***

PA Coordinator and MPA Program Director, 2024–present

MPA Program Faculty Advisor, 2024–2025

Advisor, Public Administration Student Association (PASA), 2025–present

Advisor, Pi Alpha Alpha International Honor Society, 2023–present

MPA Program Admissions Coordinator, 2023–2025

BAPA Program Faculty Advisor, 2023–2025

Chair, PS/PA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2023–present

PA Program Curriculum and Assessment Committee, 2020–2022, 2024–present

PA Program Faculty Search Committee, 2023–2024

PA Program Awards Committee, 2018–present

PA Program Assessment Coordinator, 2017–present

MPA Program NASPAA Accreditation Liaison, 2017–present

### ***Service to the Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice at California State University, Fullerton***

Chair, Division Search Committee (Public Administration), 2025–present

Chair, Division Personnel Committee, 2024–2025  
Member, Division Personnel Committee, 2023–2024  
Executive Committee, 2018–2022, 2023–present  
Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2023–2025  
Division Peer Review Committee, 2022–2023, 2024–2025  
Division Commencement Committee, 2017–2018, 2024–2025  
Division Awards Committee, 2018–2020, 2023–2024  
Division Curriculum Committee, 2020–2022  
Public Administration Faculty Search Committee, 2023–2024

***Service to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at California State University, Fullerton***

College Personnel Standards Review Committee (CPSRC), 2025–present  
Faculty Research and Grants Committee, 2023–2025

***Service to the University at California State University, Fullerton***

Library and Technology Committee, 2025–present  
Graduate Education Committee, 2025–present  
Assessment & Educational Effectiveness Committee, 2024–2025  
Faculty Advisor, Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity, 2017–2024  
Member, G.E. Assessment Faculty Learning Community, 2019–2021  
Faculty Advisor, United Nations Association–USA; Generation United Nations, 2017–2019

***Service to the Profession***

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Politics and Policy*, 2022–present  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*, 2019–present  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Political Science Education*, 2018–present  
Panel Chair, Environment and Public Policy, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018  
Panel Chair, Flirting with Disaster: Politics, the Environment & Public Policy, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017  
Round Table Participant, Teaching: Graduate Education, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017

Deil Wright Best Paper in Federalism Award Reviewer, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016

Student Affairs Committee Member, International Society for Social and Natural Resources, 2013–2014

Discussant, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Panel, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2013

Panelist, Assessment and Teaching Political Science Round Table, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association

American Society for Public Administration

International Society for Social and Natural Resources

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society

Pi Alpha Alpha National Public Affairs and Administration Honor Society

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