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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

David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam F. Mayer. 2025. “Administrative Resilience Under Pressure: Environmental Governance and Institutional Adaptation.” Forthcoming in *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.

McKnight, Steve, David P. Adams, and Jonathan M. Fisk. 2025. “Does Disclosure Matter? Coupling Information to Performance in Texas.” Forthcoming in *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., 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 Public Administration Society.

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

Adams, David P. 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

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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