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Education & Academic Appointments

Education

Ph.D., Public Policy and Public Administration, Auburn University, 2016
M.P.A., Auburn University, 2010 | B.S., Political Science, Kennesaw State University, 2008

Appointments

Associate Chair & MPA Director, CSUF, 2024–present
Associate Professor (tenured), CSUF, 2022–present
Assistant Professor, CSUF, 2016–2022
Adjunct Professor, Auburn University, Summer 2016

Research Focus

Environmental governance; administrative capacity & collaborative networks; **spatial equity** in policy design and outcomes; technology, data, and institutions. Current work advances **GIS- and PostGIS-based** spatial analysis to evaluate distributional impacts and administrative performance in climate investments, oil & gas, and public safety technologies.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications (2019–2025)

Nahar, N., J. C. Morris, J. A. Aistrup, D. P. Adams, J. M. Fisk, & A. P. Mayer (2025). *Inspector-Level Bureaucracy: Drilling into Discretion in a State Natural Resource Agency*. *Environmental Policy and Governance*. doi:10.1002/eet.70038

Adams, D. P. (2025). *The Code Is the Policy: Blockchain Governance and the Authoritarian Pursuit of Administrative Efficiency*. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.

Adams, D. P., J. M. Fisk, & A. P. Mayer (2025). Administrative Resilience Under Pressure. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 1–7. doi

McKnight, S., D. P. Adams, & J. M. Fisk (2025). Does Disclosure Matter? *Policy Studies Journal*, 1–12. doi

Amin, A., D. P. Adams, J. M. Fisk, & A. P. Mayer (2025). Plugged In? Orphaned Wells. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 1–14. doi

Arthur, P., D. P. Adams, J. M. Fisk, M. G. Jarvis, & C. A. Simon (forthcoming). Multi-Agency Collaboration in California's Climate Investments (2015–2024). *Public Organization Review*. doi

Adams, D. P., M. Doucette, & J. Tucker (2019). Affluence, Risk, and Community Engagement. *California Journal of Politics & Policy* 11(3), 1–19. open

Books

Adams, D. P., J. M. Fisk, & J. Morris. *Navigating Water Quality Outcomes in American Watersheds*. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

Under Review / In Revision (Selected)

Nahar, N., D. P. Adams, J. M. Fisk, A. F. Mayer, & J. C. Morris. Inspector-Level Bureaucracy: Discretion in a State Natural Resource Agency. (revise & resubmit)

Reill, K., & D. P. Adams. Equity, Engagement, Ethics, and Empathy: City Manager Vignette Study. (under review)

External Funding, Honors, & Awards (Selected)

RSCA Intramural Grant, California State University, Fullerton, \$15,000 (2025–2026)

H&SS Dean's Research Award for Associate Professors, \$2,500 (Spring 2025)

CSUF Award for Outstanding Service (2023)

ORSP Summer Grant, CSUF, \$5,000 (2021)

Auburn Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award (2016)

Public-Facing & Community-Engaged Work (Selected)

Program partnerships: Co-produce applied analyses with California state agencies and local governments (data pipelines, dashboards, policy briefs) on climate investments, water quality, and energy transition.

Open workflows: Release reproducible notebooks, documentation, and map-centric outputs where agreements allow; mentor practitioner use.

MPA Capstone redesign: Project-based engagements with municipal partners; integrating equity-centered spatial analysis, decision-support tools, and professional deliverables.

Professional & Academic Service (Recent, Selected)

Associate Chair & MPA Program Director, CSUF (2024–present)

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

Chair, Division Personnel Review Committee (2025–present)
NASPAA Accreditation Liaison (2017–present); Assessment Coordinator (2017–present)
Organizer, Environment & Natural Resources Mini-Conference, ASPA 2026
Manuscript Reviewer: *Administrative Theory & Praxis*; *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*; *Journal of Political Science Education*

Selected Teaching

California State University, Fullerton: POSC 588 (Collaborative Governance); POSC 315 (Intro to Public Policy); POSC 320 (Intro to Public Administration); POSC 509 (Foundations of PA); POSC 521 (Capstone: PA Theory).
Auburn University: State & Local Government; Intro to PA; Research Methods I; Political Theory; American Government; Policy Process.

Methods & Technical Competencies

PostgreSQL/**PostGIS**; Python (geopandas, rasterio, statsmodels); QGIS; spatial econometrics; remote sensing; network/point-pattern analysis; reproducible research (LaTeX, Git); dashboarding & web mapping for public audiences.

Recent Refereed Presentations (Abbrev.)

Adams et al. Linking Disclosure to Performance (Colorado). ASPA (2025).
Arthur et al. Multi-Agency Collaboration in California CCI (2015–2024). ASPA (2025).
Adams, Fisk, & Morris. Water Quality Outcomes. ASPA (2024).
Adams et al. Inspector-Level Bureaucracy. ASPA (2024).
Adams, Fisk, & McKnight. Disclosure & Performance (Texas). ASPA (2024).
Adams et al. Orphaned Wells Distribution. MPSA (2024).

Professional Memberships

American Society for Public Administration; International Society for Society & Natural Resources; Pi Sigma Alpha; Pi Alpha Alpha.