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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

Associate Chair 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 Publications

Journal Articles

Nahar, Nurun, John C. Morris, John A. Aistrup, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam P. Mayer. 2025. "Inspector-Level Bureaucracy: Drilling into Discretion in a State Natural Resource Agency." *Environmental Policy and Governance*.

Arthur, 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." *Public Organization Review*.

- Adams, David P. Forthcoming. 2025. "The Code Is the Policy: Blockchain Governance and the Authoritarian Pursuit of Administrative Efficiency." *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.
- Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam P. Mayer. 2025. "Administrative Resilience Under Pressure: Environmental Governance and Institutional Adaptation." *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 1–7.
- McKnight, Steve, David P. Adams, and Jonathan M. Fisk. 2025. "Does Disclosure Matter? Coupling Information to Performance in Texas." *Policy Studies Journal*, 1–12.
- Amin, Alisha, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, and Adam P. Mayer. 2025. "Plugged In? Assessing the Distribution of Orphaned Wells." *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*, March, 1–14.
- Mahfuza, Zachary, Jonathan M. 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), 479–501.
- 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), 1–19.

Books

- Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and John Morris. *Navigating Water Quality Outcomes in American Watersheds*. March 2026, Cambridge University Press.

Books Under Contract

- Nahar, Nurun, David P. Adams, Jonathan M. Fisk, and John C. Morris. *The Hydrocarbon Horizon: The Politics of Oil and Gas Site Closure*. Under review with Routledge.

Books Under Review

- Adams, David P., Jonathan M. Fisk, and John C. Morris. *Big Challenges in Water Policy: The Changing Face of Federalism*. Under review with University of Utah Press.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

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.

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 *Environmental Policy and Governance*.
- Reill, Karen, and David P. Adams. "Fostering Equity, Engagement, Ethics, and Empathy in Public Service: A Narrative Vignette Study of City Managers" Under review at *Public Integrity*.

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: Introduction to Public Policy

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

Associate Chair and MPA Program Director, 2024–present

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

MPA Program Admissions Coordinator, 2023–2025

PA Program Assessment Coordinator, 2017–present

MPA Program NASPAA Accreditation Liaison, 2017–present

MPA Program Faculty Advisor, 2024–2025

BAPA Program Faculty Advisor, 2023–2025

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

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

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

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

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

Service to the University at California State University, Fullerton

Member, University Senate Library and Technology Committee, 2025–present
Member, University Senate Graduate Education Committee, 2025–present
Member, University Senate 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

Conference Organizer, Environment and Natural Resources Mini-Conference, American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, West Hollywood, CA, 2026
Section Member, Environment and Natural Resources (SENRA), American Society for Public Administration, 2020–present

Section Member, LGBTQ+ Public Administration, American Society for Public Administration, 2020–present

Section Member, Democracy and Social Justice, American Society for Public Administration, 2020–present

Manuscript Reviewer, *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 2025–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 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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