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Employment

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, July 2006 to present.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, July 2005 to June 2006.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 2000 to June 2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 1994 to June 2000.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Laval University, Quebec, October 1993-June 1994.

Education

PhD, University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, 1994.

Dissertation: *Explaining Stability in Democratic Political Systems: A Dialogue Between Behavioral Research and Social Choice Theory*.

Committee: Roy Pierce, Chair; Ronald Inglehart; John Jackson; Eugene Burnstein

B.A., Princeton University.

Books

Adams, James. *Party Competition and Responsible Party Government: A Theory of Spatial Competition Based upon Insights from Behavioral Voting Research*. University of Michigan Press, 2001.

Adams, James, Samuel Merrill, III, and Bernard Grofman. *A Unified Theory of Party Competition: A Cross-National Analysis Integrating Spatial and Behavioral Factors*. Cambridge University Press, 2005

Articles in Refereed Journals

1. Adams, James, Lawrence Ezrow, and Zeynep Somer-Topcu. "Is anybody listening? Evidence that voters do not respond to European parties' policy programmes." Forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science*.
2. Adams, James, Samuel Merrill, III, Beth Simas, and Walt Stone. "When candidates value good government: A spatial model with applications to congressional elections." Forthcoming in the *Journal of Politics*.
3. Adams, James, Jane Green, and Caitlin Milazzo. "Has the British public depolarized along with political elites? An American perspective on British public opinion." Forthcoming in *Comparative Political Studies*.
4. Adams, James, Thomas Brunell, Bernard Grofman, and Samuel Merrill, III. "Why candidate divergence should be expected to be just as great (or even greater) in competitive districts as in noncompetitive ones." Forthcoming in *Public Choice*.
5. Adams, James, and Zeynep Somer-Topcu. 2009. "Do parties adjust their policies in response to rival parties' policy shifts? Spatial theory and the dynamics of party competition in twenty-five democracies." *British Journal of Political Science* 39(4): 825-846.
6. Adams, James, Andrea Haupt, and Heather Stoll. 2009. "What moves parties? The role of public opinion and global economic conditions in Western Europe." *Comparative Political Studies* 42(5): 611-639.
7. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2009. "Policy-seeking parties in a parliamentary democracy with Proportional Representation: A valence-uncertainty model." *British Journal of Political Science* 39(3): 539-558.
8. Adams, James, and Zeynep Somer-Topcu. 2009. "Promise now, win votes later? The electoral effects of parties' policy shifts in 25 postwar democracies." *Journal of Politics* 71(2): 678-692.
9. Adams, James, and Lawrence Ezrow. 2009. "Who do European parties represent? How Western European parties represent the policy preferences of opinion leaders." *Journal of Politics* 71(1): 206-223.
10. Adams, James, and Alex Mayer. 2008. "Condorcet efficiency and adaptive parties in a spatial model." *Mathematical and Computer Modeling* 48: 1298-1307.
11. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2008. "Candidate and party strategies in two-stage elections beginning with a primary." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(2): 344-59.
12. Merrill, Samuel III, and James Adams. 2007. "The effects of alternative power-sharing arrangements: Do 'moderating' institutions moderate party strategies and government policy outputs?" *Public Choice* 131(3-4): 413-434.
13. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2006. "Why small, centrist, third parties motivate policy divergence by major parties." *American Political Science Review* 50(3): 403-417.
14. Adams, James, Michael Clark, Lawrence Ezrow, and Garrett Glasgow. 2006. "Are niche parties fundamentally different from mainstream parties? The causes and the electoral consequences of Western European parties' policy shifts, 1976-1998." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(3): 513-529.

15. Bishin, Benjamin, Jay K. Dow, and James Adams. 2006. "Issue representation and diversity in senate elections." *Public Choice* 129(2): 201-215.
16. Adams, James, Jay Dow, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2006. "The political consequences of abstention from alienation and abstention from indifference: Applications to presidential elections." *Political Behavior* 28: 65-86.
17. Adams, James, Bernard Grofman, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2005. "Does France's two-ballot presidential election system alter candidates' policy strategies? A spatial analysis of candidate strategies in the 1988 presidential election." *French Politics* 3(2): 98-123.
18. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2005. "Candidate policy positioning and election outcomes: The three faces of policy representation." *European Journal of Political Research* 44: 899-918.
19. Adams, James, Michael Clark, Lawrence Ezrow, and Garrett Glasgow. 2004. "Understanding change and stability in party ideologies: Do parties respond to public opinion or to past election results?" *British Journal of Political Science* 34(4): 589-610.
20. Adams, James, Benjamin Bishin, and Jay Dow. 2004. "Representation in congressional campaigns: Evidence for directional/discounting effects in U.S. Senate elections." *Journal of Politics* 66(2): 348-373
21. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2003. "Voter turnout and candidate strategies in American elections." *Journal of Politics* 65(1): 121-149.
22. Merrill, Samuel, III, and James Adams. 2002. "Centrifugal incentives in multicandidate elections." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 14: 275-300.
23. Merrill, Samuel, III, Bernard Grofman, and James Adams. 2002. "Projection and persuasion effects in national elections." *European Journal of Political Research* 40: 199-223.
20. Regenwetter, Michael, James Adams, and Bernard Grofman. 2002. "On the Condorcet efficiency of majority rule: An alternative view of majority cycles and social homogeneity." *Theory and Decision* 53:153-186.
24. Adams, James. 2001. "A theory of spatial competition with biased voters: Party policies viewed temporally and comparatively." *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 121-158.
25. Merrill, Samuel, III, and James Adams. 2001. "Computing Nash equilibria in probabilistic, multiparty spatial models with nonpolicy components." *Political Analysis* 9: 347-61.
26. Adams, James. 2000. "Multicandidate equilibrium in American elections." *Public Choice* 103: 297-325.
27. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 2000. "Spatial models of candidate competition and the 1988 French presidential election: Are presidential candidates vote-maximizers?" *Journal of Politics* 62: 729-756.
28. Adams, James, and Ernest Adams. 2000. "The geometry of voting cycles." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 12: 131-53.
29. Adams, James. 1999. "Policy divergence in multicandidate probabilistic spatial voting." *Public Choice* 103: 103-22.
30. Adams, James. 1999. "An assessment of voting systems under the proximity and directional models of the vote." *Public Choice* 98: 131-151.

31. Adams, James. 1999. "Multicandidate spatial competition with probabilistic voting." *Public Choice* 99: 259-74.
32. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 1999. "Modeling party strategies and policy representation in multiparty elections: Why are strategies so extreme?" *American Journal of Political Science* 43: 765-91.
33. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. 1999. "Party policy equilibrium for alternative spatial voting models: An application to the Norwegian Storting." *European Journal of Political Research* 36: 235-55.
34. Adams, James. 1998. "Partisan voting and multiparty spatial competition: The pressure for responsible parties." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 10: 5-31.
35. Adams, James. 1997. "Condorcet efficiency and the behavioral model of the vote." *Journal of Politics* 59: 1252-63.

Manuscripts Currently under Review

- R1. Adams, James, Lawrence Ezrow, Samuel Merrill, III, and Zeynep Somer-Topcu. "Policy-seeking parties in proportional systems with valence-related uncertainty: Does collective responsibility for performance alter party strategies?" Under review at *Public Choice*.
- R2. Adams, James, Jane Green, and Caitlin Milazzo. "Who moves? An analysis of subconstituency reactions to elite depolarization in Britain, 1987-2001." Under review at the *American Journal of Political Science*.
- R3. Adams, James, Catherine de Vries, and Debra Leiter. "Which voting subconstituencies reacted to elite depolarization in the Netherlands? An analysis of the Dutch public's policy beliefs and partisan loyalties, 1986-1998." Under review at the *British Journal of Political Science*.
- R4. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. "Policy-seeking candidates who value the valence attributes of the winner." Under review at the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.
- R5. Adams, James, and Samuel Merrill, III. "Candidates' policy strategies in primary elections: Does strategic voting by the primary electorate matter?" Under review at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Awards

The American Political Science Association, Political Organizations and Parties Division, 2008. The Jack L. Walker Outstanding Article Award for an article published in the last two calendar years that makes an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship on political organizations and parties. Awarded for "Why small, centrist third parties motivate policy divergence by major parties." *American Political Science Review* 50(3): 513-529 (with Samuel Merrill, III).

The American Political Science Association, Representation and Electoral Systems Division, 2008. The Leon Weaver Award for the best paper presented at a panel sponsored by the Representation and

Electoral Systems Division in 2007. Awarded for “Promise now, win votes later? The electoral effects of parties’ policy shifts in 25 postwar democracies” (with Zeynep Somer-Topcu).

Voted Outstanding Faculty Member by the Residence Halls Association and Office of Residential Life, UC Santa Barbara (2003-2004 academic year).

Voted “Professor of the Year” by the UCSB students and Mortar Board (1996, 1998).

Conference Presentations (last four years)

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Which voting subconstituencies reacted to elite depolarization in the Netherlands? An analysis of the Dutch public’s policy beliefs and partisan loyalties, 1986-1998” (with Debra Leiter). April 2010.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Are voter decision rules endogenous to parties’ policy strategies? A model with applications to mass depolarization in post-Thatcher Britain” (with Jane Green and Caitlin Milazzo). April 2010.

American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada. “How to choose an election strategy: Does the choice of a party decision rule depend on the voting system and on voters’ decision rules?” (with Alex Mayer and Zeynep Somer-Topcu). September 2009.

American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada. “Which voting subconstituencies have reacted to elite depolarization in Britain? An analysis of the British public’s policy beliefs and partisan loyalties, 1987-2001” (with Jane Green and Caitlin Milazzo). September 2009.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Has the British public depolarized along with political elites? An American perspective on British public opinion” (with Jane Green and Caitlin Milazzo). April 2009.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “When does valence matter? On heightened valence effects during election campaigns” (with Ronni Abney, Michael Clark, Malcolm Easton, Lawrence Ezrow, Spyros Kosmidis, and Anja Neundorf). April 2009.

American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. “When candidates value good government: A spatial model with applications to congressional elections” (with Samuel Merrill, III, Beth Simas, and Walt Stone). August 2008.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Is anybody listening? Some preliminary findings on voters’ (non)responses to changes in European parties’ policy programmes” (with Lawrence Ezrow and Zeynep Somer-Topcu). April 2008.

Public Choice Society, San Antonio, TX. “Condorcet efficiency and adaptive parties in a spatial model” (with Alex Mayer). March 2008.

Public Choice Society, San Antonio, TX. “When candidates value good government: A spatial model with applications to congressional elections” (with Samuel Merrill, III, Beth Simas, and Walt Stone). March 2008.

American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Policy-seeking candidates who value the valence attributes of the winner” (with Samuel Merrill, III). September 2007.

American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Promise now, win votes later? The electoral effects of parties’ policy shifts in 25 postwar democracies” (with Zeynep Somer-Topcu). September 2007.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Who do European parties represent? How western European parties represent the policy preferences of opinion leaders (and other voters)” (with Lawrence Ezrow). April 2007.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. “Policy-seeking candidates who value the valence attributes of the winner” (with Samuel Merrill, III). April 2007.

Grants

- University of California Faculty Research Grant: \$2,000 for “Western European Parties’ Policy Reactions to Public Opinion” (2006)
- University of California Faculty Research Grant: \$1,800 for “Spatial Models of Multiparty Competition (2001)
- University of California Faculty Research Grant: \$1,500 for “The Geometry of Voting Cycles (2000)
- University of California Faculty Research Grant: \$1,600 for “Models of Voter Turnout and Candidate Strategies in American Elections” (1999)

Professional Activities, University Service, and Teaching (Last Four Years)

Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*, October 2004 – July 2007.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, October 2004 – October 2006.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Economics and Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Theory and Decision*, *Electoral Studies*, *Public Choice*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, The University of Michigan Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and the National Science Foundation.

Vice Chair, Department of Political Science, UC Santa Barbara, April 2004 – June 2005.

Director of Graduate Studies, UC Davis, January 2009 – present.

Undergraduate courses taught

British Politics

French Politics

German Politics

Introduction to Comparative Politics

The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws

Introduction to Research Methods

Graduate courses taught

The Comparative Politics of Western Europe

Political Representation in Advanced Industrial Societies
Games and Models in Political Science
Theoretical and Empirical Approaches to Spatial Modeling

Dissertation Committees:

Andrea Morrison, PhD from UC Davis, 2010 (anticipated).

Kris Inman, PhD from UC Davis, 2010 (anticipated).

Zeynep Somer-Topcu (Chair), PhD from UC Davis, June 2009. Assistant Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Gary Stradiotto, PhD from UC Davis, June 2009.

Andrea Haupt (Chair), PhD from UC Santa Barbara, June 2007. Assistant Professor of Political Science at Santa Barbara Community College, Santa Barbara, CA.

Michael Clark (Chair), PhD from UC Santa Barbara, June 2006. Assistant Professor of Political Science at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.

Lawrence Ezrow (Chair), PhD from UC Santa Barbara, June 2005. Lecturer in European Politics, Essex University, Colchester, UK.

Gigi Gokcek, PhD from UC Santa Barbara, June 2003. Assistant Professor of Political Science at Dominican University, San Rafael, CA.

Bonnie Field, PhD from UC Santa Barbara, June 2002. Assistant Professor of International Studies at Bentley College, Waltham, MA.

Political methodology search committee, UC Davis Political Science Department, 2005-2006, 2006-2007.

Graduate Admissions Committee, UC Davis Political Science Department, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009.