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Academic Appointments

Fall 2025–Present	Professor Department of Political Science Northeastern Illinois University
Fall 2013–Spring 2025	Assistant/Associate Professor Department of Political Science Northeastern Illinois University
Fall 2011–Spring 2013	Patrick Henry Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Political Science Johns Hopkins University

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, February 2011	The Graduate Center, CUNY
B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*, September 2001	Yeshiva University

Books

William D. Adler and Julia R. Azari, *Nothing Yet Everything: Vice Presidential Selection and the Political Parties,* under contract with the University Press of Kansas.

William D. Adler, *Engineering Expansion: The U.S. Military and Economic Development, 1787-1860* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

William D. Adler, "Suspect Bureaucracies: The 'Deep State' and Portrayals of Government Entities in Marvel's Phase Four," in Nicolas Carnes and Lily J. Goren, eds., *The Politics of the Marvel Cinematic Universe: Phase 4 (2021-2022)* (University Press of Kansas, 2025).

Sharon Levy, Tahilin Sanchez Karver, William D. Adler, Michelle R. Kaufmann, and Mark Dredze, "Gender Bias in Decision-Making with Large Language Models," *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*.

Sharon Levy, Tahilin Sanchez Karver, William D. Adler, Michelle R. Kaufmann, and Mark Dredze, "Evaluating Biases in Context-Dependent Health Questions," *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*.

Tara Chandra, Patricia C. Rodda, and William D. Adler, "Don't You Forget About Me: The Application Process and Choosing a Program," in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Dan Mallinson, Julia Martin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan (American Political Science Association, 2022): 23-26.

William D. Adler, "Whose President? Donald Trump and the Reagan Regime," in *American Political Development and the Trump Presidency*, eds. Philip Rocco and Zachary Callen (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020): 101-113.

Yuchen Zhou, Mark Dredze, David Broniatowski, and William D. Adler, "Elites and Foreign Actors Among the Alt-Right: The Gab Social Media Platform." *First Monday* 24:9 (September 2019).

William D. Adler, "'History Has Its Eyes On You': *Hamilton* and the Introductory American Government Course." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52:1 (January 2019): 123-126.

William D. Adler and Rachel F. Adler, "Tweets and Posts: Social Networking Sites and Political Knowledge in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute* (2018).

William D. Adler, "The Politics of Internal Conquest in the United States and Canada." *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science* ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press (2014).

William D. Adler and Jonathan Keller, "A Federal Army, Not a Federalist One: Regime Building in the Jeffersonian Era." *Journal of Policy History* 26:2 (April 2014): 167-187.

Rachel F. Adler and William D. Adler, "The Influence of Social Networking Sites on Participation in the 2012 Presidential Election." *Proceedings of the Fifteenth International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction* (2013): 233-239.

William D. Adler, "'Generalissimo of the Nation': War Making and the Presidency in the Early Republic." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 43:2 (June 2013): 412-426.

William D. Adler, "State Capacity and Bureaucratic Autonomy in the Early United States: The Case of the Army Corps of Topographical Engineers." *Studies in American Political Development* 26:2 (October 2012): 107-124.

William D. Adler and Andrew J. Polsky, "Building the New American Nation: Economic Development, Public Goods, and the Early U.S. Army." *Political Science Quarterly* 125:1 (Spring 2010): 87-110.

Andrew J. Polsky and William D. Adler, "The State in a Blue Uniform." *Polity* 40:3 (July 2008): 348-54.

Grants and Awards

- Excellence Award in Teaching, Northeastern Illinois University, 2023-2024
- Excellence Award in Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2022-2023
- Excellence Award in Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2021-2022
- Eisenhower Foundation Travel Grant, Eisenhower Presidential Library, 2022
- Roosevelt Institute Research Grant, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, 2020
- Excellence Award in Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2019-2020

- Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2019
- Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Johnson Presidential Library, 2019
- Robert & Elizabeth Dole Archive & Special Collections Travel Grant, 2018
- Excellence Award in Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2018-2019
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Grant, 2016
- Excellence Award in Teaching, Northeastern Illinois University, 2016-2017
- Excellence Award in Teaching, Northeastern Illinois University, 2015-2016
- Research Communities Grant, Northeastern Illinois University, 2014-2015
- Committee on Organized Research Award, Northeastern Illinois University, 2014-2015
- Faculty-Student Research Grant, Northeastern Illinois University, Summer 2014

Other Publications

William Adler, "Did Trump's Census meddling work? The 2022 House election may be able to tell us." *NBCNews.com THINK*, April 27, 2021.

William Adler, "Trump lost the 2020 election to Biden. But could he win in 2024?" *NBCNews.com THINK*, November 14, 2020.

William Adler, "Biden's 2020 election win over Trump is step one. But 'lame ducks' can do damage." *NBCNews.com THINK*, November 8, 2020.

William D. Adler, Julia Azari, and Perry Bacon, Jr., "How Will Biden Choose His Running Mate?" *FiveThirtyEight.com*, March 31, 2020.

William D. Adler, "Trump tweets that he's America's chief law enforcement officer. That's only true if others let him be." *The Monkey Cage – Washington Post*, February 20, 2020.

William D. Adler, "Notes from the Archives," *Clio* 28:2 (Summer 2019), 8.

William D. Adler, "Donald Trump will follow a failed political transformation, just like Benjamin Harrison," *Mischiefs of Faction*, December 19, 2016.

William D. Adler, "Donald Trump, like Theodore Roosevelt, is in the party but not of the party," *Mischiefs of Faction*, December 1, 2016.

Julia Azari and William D. Adler, "A FiveThirtyEight Guide to Veepstakes Speculation," *FiveThirtyEight.com*, May 31, 2016.

William D. Adler, "Presidential Election 1996," "Running Mate," and "Vice President, Selection," in Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst, eds., *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections* (Facts on File, 2006).

Book Reviews

Ballard Campbell, *The Paradox of Power: Statebuilding in America, 1754-1920*, in *The Journal of the Early Republic* 43:2 (Summer 2023): 340-342.

Nathaniel C. Green, *The Man of the People: Political Dissent and the Making of the American Presidency,* in *Congress & the Presidency* 49:1 (January-April 2022): 116-7.

Jeffrey K. Tulis and Nicole Mellow, *Legacies of Losing in American Politics*, in *Political Science Quarterly* 133:4 (Winter 2018).

William Hogeland, *Autumn of the Black Snake: The Creation of the U.S. Army and the Invasion that Opened the West*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 46:3 (May 2018): 67.

Zachary Callen, *Railroads and American Political Development: Infrastructure, Federalism, and State Building*, in *Political Science Quarterly* 133:1 (Spring 2018): 169-70.

Robert P. Saldin, *War, the American State, and Politics since 1898*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 11:3 (September 2013): 1003-4.

Elvin T. Lim, *The Anti-Intellectual Presidency*, in *Review of Policy Research* 28:1 (January 2011): 111-2.

James A. Colaiaco, *Frederick Douglass and the Fourth of July*, in *The History Teacher* 41:2 (February 2008): 254-5.

Recent Conference Participation

William D. Adler, "Antisemitism and the American Presidency," 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

Discussant, "Aggrandizement of the Executive Power: Causes and Consequences," 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

Chair, "Literature and Political Philosophy," 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

Discussant, "The Growing Influence of the U.S. Vice Presidency," 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Participant, "Teaching Political Science through Unique Writing Assignments," 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "The New History of Capitalism and the Military in the Early United States," 2023 Policy History Conference (Columbus, OH).

Jonathan Keller and William D. Adler, "Dignity and the Libertarian Ideals of Justice Anthony Kennedy," 2023 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (Tampa).

William D. Adler and Julia R. Azari, "The Racial Politics of the Vice Presidency," 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Montreal).

Author, "Author Meets Critics: *Engineering Expansion*," 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Montreal).

Discussant, "Executive Branch Accountability," 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Montreal).

Author, "Author Meets Critics: *Engineering Expansion* by William Adler," 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (San Antonio).

Discussant, "Author Meets Critics: *Life in the Middle: Marginalized Moderate Senators in the Era of Polarization* by Neil Chaturvedi," 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (San Antonio).

William D. Adler and Julia Azari, "Veepstakes and Party Politics," 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle).

Discussant, "Political Appointees and Senior Bureaucrats," 2021 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "The Anti-Federalists and Presidential Power," 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, D.C.).

Discussant, "Policy and the Growing Bureaucratic State," 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler and Julia Azari, "The Party Decides (Who the Vice President Will Be)," 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston).

- **Founders Award, best paper on executive politics at the 2018 APSA meeting**

William D. Adler, "'History Has Its Eyes On You': *Hamilton* and the Introductory American Government Course," 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco).

William D. Adler and Julia Azari, **"**Vice Presidential Selection, Party Asymmetry, and the 2016 Cycle," 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Selected Media Appearances

WGN, "Despite Plea from President Biden, Agenda Remains Stalled on Capitol Hill," October 31, 2021.

Quoted in Noah Berlatsky, "The Anti-Trump grifters and why they suck." November 9, 2020.

WGN, "Democrats Make the Case Against Trump at DNC," August 23, 2020.

"Kamala Harris as Vice President," *Postscript – New Books in Political Science* podcast, August 13, 2020.

Quoted in David A. Hopkins, "What the Kamala Harris Pick Tells Us About Joe Biden," *New York Times*, August 12, 2020.

"How Much Do Vice Presidential Running Mates Matter?", *The Science of Politics* podcast, May 20, 2020.

"The Republican Party," *Civics 101* podcast.

Quoted in VnExpress, "Two situations of Trump before impeachment investigation," September 28, 2019.

CBS Chicago, "Trump Impeachment Inquiry: What Could be Next? A Local Expert Weighs In," September 24, 2019.

WGN, "Decades of political history forgotten in a drawer now on display at NEIU," November 6, 2018.

Quoted in Noah Berlatsky, "How Gab Empowered the Pittsburgh Shooter's Hatred," *The Forward*, October 30, 2018.

Chicago Tonight (PBS), "Will Trump Unify or Defy in His First Address to Congress?" February 28, 2017.

Service

- Manuscript reviews: *American Political Science Review; Perspectives on Politics; PS: Political Science and Politics; Studies in American Political Development*; *American Political Thought*; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism; New Media & Society; American Journal of Economics and Sociology*; *American Political Thought*; *PLOS One; Enterprise and Society; Congress & the Presidency; Journal of Homosexuality; Histories;* University of California Press; University Press of Kansas; NYU Press; University of Chicago Press; W.W. Norton; CQ Press.
- Chair, Cannon-Herskovic Scholarship Committee, Northeastern Illinois University, 2023-2024
- Presidents and Executive Politics Legacy Award Committee, 2022
- Reviewer, Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, Summer 2022
- Mary Parker Follett Committee for best article in Politics & History, 2020
- Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, Fall 2020 - present
- Graduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, Fall 2016 – Spring 2019
- Secretary, Northeastern Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, Spring 2016 - Spring 2018
- Department Representative, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, Northeastern Illinois University, Fall 2013 - Spring 2018