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Academic Appointments

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| Fall 2019-present | Associate Professor Department of Political Science Northeastern Illinois University |
| Fall 2013–Spring 2019 | Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Northeastern Illinois University |
| Fall 2011–Spring 2013 | Patrick Henry Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Political Science Johns Hopkins University |

Education

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| Ph.D. in Political Science, February 2011 | The Graduate Center, CUNY |
| B.A. in Political Science, <i>cum laude</i> , September 2001 | Yeshiva University |

Book

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Tara Chandra, Patricia C. Rodda, and William D. Adler, “Don’t You Forget About Me: The Application Process and Selecting 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 (APSA, forthcoming).

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 and Hershey H. Friedman, "Administrative Leader as Hero: Yochanan ben Zakkai and the Rebuilding of Post-Temple Jewish Organizational Structure." *Management & Organizational History* 11:1 (2016): 19-27.

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.

Hershey H. Friedman and William D. Adler, "Moral Capitalism: A Biblical Perspective." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 70:4 (October 2011): 1014-1028.

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.

William D. Adler, "The Economics of Fundamentalism in the Globalization Era," *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics* 1:1 (Spring 2001): 68-76 – selected to be republished in the Centennial Celebration Issue, 2020

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.

Julia Azari and William D. Adler, “[Harris is the Veep pick. What does it tell us about party politics?](#)” *A House Divided* (cross-posted at *Mischiefs of Faction*), August 12, 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 Adler, “[The ‘mugged by reality’ generation of conservatives and Clarence Thomas](#)” (symposium on Corey Robin’s *The Enigma of Clarence Thomas*), *A House Divided*, January 16, 2020.

William Adler, “[Presidents and the use of force: Everything old is new again.](#)” *A House Divided*, January 8, 2020.

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

William Adler, “[Choosing a running mate early: Terrible, horrible, no good, very bad.](#)” *A House Divided*, March 20, 2019.

William Adler, “[Will the Army Corps of Engineers build a wall? It’s not as unprecedented as you may think.](#)” *A House Divided*, January 11, 2019.

William Adler, “[Maybe the Anti-Federalists were right – about the presidency.](#)” *A House Divided*, January 3, 2019.

William Adler, “[Maybe the Anti-Federalists were right.](#)” *A House Divided*, November 11, 2018.

William D. Adler, “[The Problem isn’t Donald Trump. It’s the American Presidency.](#)” *ArcDigital*, May 22, 2018.

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

Nathaniel C. Green, *The Man of the People: Political Dissent and the Making of the American Presidency*, in *Congress & the Presidency* (forthcoming).

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.

Honors and Awards

- 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

Selected Conference Participation

Jonathan Keller and William D. Adler, “Dignity and the Libertarian Ideals of Justice Anthony Kennedy,” to be presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler and Miranda E. Yaver, “The Lower Courts and Presidential Power in Foreign Policy,” to be presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Discussant, “Executive Power and Policy Making,” scheduled for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Author, “Author Meets Critics: *Engineering Expansion* by William Adler,” scheduled for the 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,” scheduled for the 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).

Chair, “Empire in the 19th Century,” panel at the 2016 Policy History Conference (Nashville).

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

William D. Adler and Rachel F. Adler, “Follow Me: The Influence of Social Networking Sites in the 2014 U.S. Elections,” 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Chair and Discussant, “Parties in American Political Development,” panel at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "Forts and Frontiers: The U.S. Army and Economic Development, 1787-1860," 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Participant, "Preparing for the Job Market," panel at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Discussant, "Federalism, Local Politics, and Political Authority," panel at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "The Challenge of Expansionism, West and East," IPSA 23rd World Congress of Political Science (Montreal).

William D. Adler, "The Secretaries of War, 1781-1860," 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Discussant, "Presidential Politics in Historical Perspective," panel at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler and Rachel F. Adler, "Party Affiliation and Social Networking in the 2012 Presidential Election," 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "Empire's Vanguard: The U.S. Military and Territorial Expansion, 1787-1867," 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

Discussant, "Politics and History II," panel at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago).

William D. Adler, "Confrontation and Empire: Territorial Expansion in 19th Century Russia and America," 2012 Policy History Conference (Richmond, VA).

William D. Adler, "'Generalissimo of the Nation': Warmaking and the Presidency in the Early Republic," 2012 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (Portland, OR).

William D. Adler, "Bringing the Military (Back?) In: A Research Agenda for American Political Development," 2010 Policy History Conference (Columbus, OH).

William D. Adler and Jonathan Keller, "A Federal Army, Not a Federalist One: Regime Building in the Jeffersonian Era," 2010 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (San Francisco).

William D. Adler, "The Invisible American Military," 2009 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

William D. Adler, “Political Entrepreneurs in the Early U.S. Army: How Secretaries of War and Autonomous Bureaucrats Built Institutional Capacity,” 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston).

William D. Adler, “Who Commands? Coercion and Economic Development in the Early Republic,” 2008 Policy History Conference (Clayton, MO).

William D. Adler and Andrew J. Polsky, “Collective Action, Economic Development, and the Early National Security State,” 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

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.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Science; American National Government; Pop Culture and Politics; The American Presidency; Media and Politics; Conservative Political Thought in America; Electoral Politics; Public Policy; Immigration, Ethnicity, and Citizenship; Constitutional Law; Public Administration; Jewish Political Thought; American Political Development; The Military in American Politics

Graduate

Presidential Power and the Executive Branch; Political Parties and Elections in the U.S.; Congress and the Bureaucracy; Classics of Political Science; History and Literature of Public Administration

Service

- Manuscript reviews: University Press of Kansas; *American Political Science Review*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *PS: Political Science and Politics*; *Studies in American Political Development*; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*; *New Media & Society*; *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*; *American Political Thought*; *PLOS One*
- Presidents and Executive Politics Legacy Award Committee, 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