

# Adam J. Howat

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## Academic Positions

Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, Oberlin College, 2022-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics and Quantitative Policy Analysis  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Oberlin College, 2019-2022

## Education

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019  
*Fields:* American Politics, Methods  
*Dissertation:* "What 'We' Value: The Politics of Social Identities and Group Values"  
*Committee:* James N. Druckman (chair), Galen V. Bodenhausen, Julie Lee Merseth, Reuel R. Rogers

M.A., Political Science, 2016

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI  
B.A., Political Science, 2012

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
B.A. (with distinction), English, 2005

## Additional Training

Multi-Item Scale Development and Testing, Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, University of Michigan, 2016

Northwestern-Duke Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University, 2015

## Book

*The Partisan Next Door: Stereotypes of Party Supporters and Consequences for Polarization in America* (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek). 2021. Cambridge Elements Series in American Politics.

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"The Role of Value Perceptions in Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation." 2021. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 9(4): 657-680.

"Gun Ownership as a Social Identity: Estimating Behavioral and Attitudinal Relationships" (with Matthew J. Lacombe and Jacob E. Rothschild). 2019. *Social Science Quarterly* 100(6): 2408-2424.

“Political Protesting, Race, and College Athletics: Why Diversity Among Coaches Matters” (with James N. Druckman and Jacob E. Rothschild). 2019. *Social Science Quarterly* 100(4): 1009-1022.

“Pigeonholing Partisans: Stereotypes of Party Supporters and Partisan Polarization” (with Jacob E. Rothschild, Richard M. Shafranek, and Ethan C. Busby). 2019. *Political Behavior* 41(2): 423-443.

“Gender Representation in the American Politics Canon: An Analysis of Core Graduate Syllabi” (with Sean M. Diament and Matthew J. Lacombe). 2018. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51(3): 635-640.

“Graduate Advising in Experimental Research Groups” (with James N. Druckman and Kevin J. Mullinix). 2018. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51(3): 620-624.

“What is the Canon in American Politics? Analyses of Core Graduate Syllabi” (with Sean M. Diament and Matthew J. Lacombe). 2017. *Journal of Political Science Education* 13(3): 256-278.

“The Influence of Race on Attitudes about College Athletics” (with James N. Druckman and Andrew Rodheim). 2016. *Sport in Society* 19(7): 1020-1039.

**Under Review**

“Changing Stereotypes of Partisans in the Trump Era” (with C. Daniel Myers and Ethan C. Busby)

**Works in Progress**

*What “We” Value: The Politics of Social Identities and Group Values*, book manuscript

“Social Identities and Democratic Representation: How Value Rhetoric Conditions Identity Politics”

“Core Values in Politics: New Insights and Challenges”

“The Effects of Identity-Driven Interest Group Appeals on Participation, Policy Attitudes, and Support for Democracy among Gun Owners” (with Matthew J. Lacombe and Jacob E. Rothschild)

“The Nature of Party Images and Mass Polarization, 1984-2016” (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek)

“The (False?) Dichotomy between Ideological and Identity-Based Polarization” (with Jeremy Levy)

**Teaching Experience**

POLT 100: Introduction to American Politics, Oberlin College, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

POLT 205: Political Research and Analysis, Oberlin College, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

POLT 207: Social Movements and the Policy Process, Oberlin College, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

POLT 304: Topics in Political Psychology, Oberlin College, Fall 2022

POLT 421: Studies in Electoral Politics, Oberlin College, Spring 2022

POLT 422: Project in Electoral Politics, Oberlin College, Fall 2022

Quantitative Toolkit: Patterns and Predictions (introductory course for incoming first-year students), Week 8: Social Science Research Design, Oberlin College, Summer 2021

**Invited Presentations**

“Value Perceptions in Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation,” guest lecture for PSCI 311: Cooperation and Conflict in American Democracy, St. Olaf College, Fall 2021

“‘Natural’ Foods, Vaccines, and the Politicization of Science,” guest lecture for FYSP 083: Ethnobiology, Oberlin College, Fall 2020

**Conference Papers and Presentations**

“Changing Stereotypes of Partisans in the Trump Era” (with C. Daniel Myers and Ethan C. Busby). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

“The Partisan Next Door: Stereotypes of Party Supporters and Consequences for Polarization in America” (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek). Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Evanston, IL, May 2019.

“The Nature of Partisan Stereotypes and Mass Polarization, 2008-2016” (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018.

“The Role of Value Perceptions in Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation.” Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Evanston, IL, May 2018.

“Neither ‘Us’ nor ‘Them’: Stereotypes of Political Independents” (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2018.

“Beyond ‘Blue Donkeys’ and ‘Red Elephants’: Documenting Partisan Stereotype Content” (with Jacob E. Rothschild, Richard M. Shafranek, and Ethan C. Busby). Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Evanston, IL, May 2017.

“Beyond ‘Blue Donkeys’ and ‘Red Elephants’: Documenting Partisan Stereotype Content” (with Jacob E. Rothschild, Richard M. Shafranek, and Ethan C. Busby). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“What are *They* Like? Stereotypes of Party Supporters” (with Ethan C. Busby, Jacob E. Rothschild, and Richard M. Shafranek). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

“‘I Want My America Back’: Fear and Anti-Government Sentiment in the Tea Party” (with Jacob E. Rothschild). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“Racial and Gender Representation in the American Politics Canon: An Analysis of Core Graduate Syllabi” (with Sean M. Diament and Matthew J. Lacombe). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“What is the ‘Canon’ in American Politics? Analyses of Core Graduate Syllabi” (with Sean M. Diament and Matthew J. Lacombe). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“Opinion Leadership in the Democratic Party: The Case of President Clinton and Welfare Reform.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2013.

**Other Research Experience**

Project Assistant, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), co-PIs James N. Druckman and Jeremy Freese, Northwestern University, 2015-2016, 2018-2019

**Grants, Awards, and Honors**

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) grant, “Not all stereotypes are equal: Consequences of partisan stereotypes on polarization,” 2018

Minar Memorial Summer Grant, Northwestern University, 2018, 2017, 2015

TGS Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2017

American Politics Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2017, 2016

American Politics Summer Methods Training Grant, Northwestern University, 2015

Political Science Department Writing Award, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2012

Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2012

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Iowa, 2005

National Merit Scholar, 2002

**Service to the  
Discipline**

Reviewer: *American Politics Research*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Social Science Quarterly*; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

Co-chair, American Politics Graduate Student Working Group, Northwestern University, 2016-2017

**Professional  
Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

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