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Academic Appointments

Brigham Young University

- 2023- Associate Director, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy
- 2022- Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science
- 2015- Faculty Scholar, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy
- 2015-2022 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science

Education

Yale University

- Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2015
 - Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
 - Dissertation: “Three essays on legislative tactics, electoral accountability, and experimental methods”
 - Committee: Gregory Huber (Chair), Daniel Butler, Alan Gerber, David Mayhew
- M.A. in Political Science, May 2012
- M.Phil. in Political Science, May 2012

Brigham Young University

- B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, August 2005

Publications at Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [15] Butler, Daniel M., Adam M. Dynes, and Michelle Torres. Forthcoming. “Nonpartisan Ballots and the Partisanship of Who Serves in Office.” *Journal of Politics*.
- [14] Dynes, Adam M., Hans J.G. Hassell, and Matthew R. Miles. 2023. “Personality Traits and Approaches to Political Representation and Responsiveness: An Experiment in Local Government.” *Political Behavior* 45(4):1791-1811.
- [13] Barber, Michael and Adam M. Dynes. 2023. “City-State Ideological Incongruence and Municipal Preemption.” *American Journal of Political Science* 67(1):119-136.
- [12] Dynes, Adam M., Hans J.G. Hassell, and Matthew R. Miles. 2021. “Political Ambition and Constituency Service: Does Ambition Influence How Local Officials Respond to Electoral and Non-Electoral Service Requests from Constituents?” *American Politics Review* 49(6):646-654.
- [11] Dynes, Adam M., Michael T. Hartney, and Sam D. Hayes. 2021. “Off-Cycle and Off-Center: Election Timing and Representation in Municipal Government.” *American Political Science Review* 115(3):1097-1103.
- [10] Dynes, Adam M., and Lucy Martin. 2021. “Revenue Source and Electoral Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Local U.S. Policymakers.” *Political Behavior* 43:1113-1136.

- [9] Dynes, Adam M., Hans J.G. Hassell, Matthew R. Miles, and Jessica R. Preece. 2021. “Personality and Gendered Selection Processes in the Political Pipeline.” *Politics & Gender* 17(1): 53-73.
- [8] Butler, Daniel M., and Adam M. Dynes. 2020. “Do Republican and Democratic Legislators have Polarized Views of their District’s Demographics?” *Research & Politics* 7(3): 1-9.
- [7] Dynes, Adam M. 2020. “Which Citizens Do Elected Officials Target with Distributive Spending? A Survey Experiment on US Municipal Officials.” *American Politics Research* 48(5): 579-595.
- [6] Dynes, Adam M., and John B. Holbein. 2020. “Noisy Retrospection: The Effect of Party Control on Policy Outcomes.” *American Political Science Review*. 114(1): 237-257.
- [5] Dynes, Adam M., Hans J.G. Hassell, and Matthew R. Miles. 2019. “The Personality of the Politically Ambitious.” *Political Behavior* 41(2): 309-336.
- [4] Dynes, Adam M., and Andrew Reeves. 2018. “Who Benefits from the Party Organization? Evidence from Republican House Members' Attendance at Caucus Meetings.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 43(2): 207-243.
- [3] Butler, Daniel M., Craig Volden, Adam M. Dynes, and Boris Shor. 2017. “Ideology, Learning, and Policy Diffusion: Experimental Evidence.” *American Journal of Political Science* 61(1): 37–49.
- [2] Butler, Daniel M., and Adam M. Dynes. 2016. “How Politicians Discount the Opinions of Constituents with Whom They Disagree.” *American Journal of Political Science* 60 (4): 975–89.
- [1] Dynes, Adam M., and Gregory A. Huber. 2015. “Partisanship and the Allocation of Federal Spending: Do Same-Party Legislators or Voters Benefit from Shared Party Affiliation with the President and House Majority?” *American Political Science Review* 109 (01): 172-86.

Working Papers

- “How US Municipal Officials Respond to Expressions of Public Opinion.” Dynes, Adam M., Chris F. Karpowitz, and J. Quin Monson. Offer to revise and resubmit at *British Journal of Political Science*.
- “Do Voters Prefer Trustee, Delegate, or Dictator Form of Representation?” Barber, Michael, Ryan Davis, and Adam Dynes. Offer to revise and resubmit at *American Politics Research*.
- “Partisan Ballots and Gender Representation in US Municipalities.” Aldridge, Alejandra, Daniel M. Butler, Adam M. Dynes, and Michelle Torres.
- “The Gendered Pipeline from Municipal to Higher Office.” Aldridge, Alejandra, Adam M. Dynes, and Anna Nakaya [BYU Undergrad]
- “The Importance of Population in the Relationship between Voters’ Partisanship and Municipal Spending and Taxation in the US.” Baldwin, Grant [BYU Undergrad], Adam M. Dynes, and Graham Strauss.
- “Does Constituents’ Partisanship or Officials’ Predict Municipal Spending and Taxation in the US?” Butler, Daniel M., Adam M. Dynes, and Michelle Torres.
- “Procedural Obfuscation and Electoral Accountability in US Municipal Politics.” Dynes, Adam M.

“Term Limited Legislators Invest Less in Learning their District.” Butler, Daniel M., Adam M. Dynes, and Devin Ton.

“Delay, Delegation, and Obfuscation: The Politics of ‘No-Win’ Situations.” Dynes, Adam M. and Justin E. Fox.

Teaching Experience

Brigham Young University, Instructor for the following undergraduate courses:

POLI 110: American Politics and Government (since Winter 2019)

POLI 210: Principles of American Politics (since Fall 2015)

POLI 311: State and Local Politics (Fall 2015 – Spring 2020)

POLI 322: Urban and Local Politics (since Spring 2022)

POLI 491r: CSED Lab (research workshop hosted by the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy for American politics faculty and a 1 credit course for select students)

Yale University

McDougal Teaching Fellow, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning (2014-15). Trained new political science teaching fellows via workshops and teaching observations.

Teaching Fellow for the following undergraduate courses (2011-15): *Introduction to Public Opinion, Game Theory and Political Science, Political Psychology, The U.S. Congress, and Parties, Elections & Policymaking*. Grader for the following undergraduate course: *Introduction to Statistics*.

Research & Teaching Interests

Primary: American politics, legislative behavior and politics (Congress and state and local politics), representation, municipal politics, budget/distributive politics.

Secondary: campaigns and elections, political parties, presidency, policymaking process (local, state, and federal levels), political psychology, quantitative methods, causal inference, experimental methods.

Awards, Fellowships, & Affiliations

- 2025 BYU College of Family Home and Social Sciences Mentored Environment Grant (\$20,000)
- BYU College of Family Home and Social Sciences Grant (\$6,500)
- 2024 Aarhus University Research Foundation Visiting Researcher Grant (30,000DKK)
- BYU Kennedy Center for International Studies research conference grant (\$1,000)
- BYU Kennedy Center for International Studies research grant (\$2,000)
- BYU College of Family Home and Social Sciences Diversity, Collaboration, and Inclusion Grant (\$5000)
- 2022 BYU Mary Lou Fulton Associate Professor Faculty Award (\$9,000)
- 2020 BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, American Municipal Officials Database and Survey (\$20,000)
- 2018 BYU College of Family Home and Social Sciences Grant (\$6,500)
- 2018 BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, American Municipal Officials Database and Survey (\$20,000)
- 2017 BYU Student Experiential Learning Grant (\$7,500)

- 2015- Faculty Scholar, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University
- 2014- Research Affiliate, Laboratories of Democracy (www.labsofdemocracy.org)
- 2015-16 Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, with Justin E. Fox (\$9,920)
- 2014-15 Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center, with Andrew Reeves (\$3,060)
- 2014-15 McDougal Teaching Fellow, Yale Teaching Center
- 2012-13 Policy Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale

Presentations & Conference Participation

- 2025
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - European Political Science Association (2 papers and discussant)
- 2024
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at Temple Univ. (participant)
 - European Political Science Association (1 paper and discussant)
 - Nordic Political Science Association (discussant)
 - Invited research presentation at Aarhus University, Political Science Department, Public Administration and Leadership subfield research workshop (June 3, 2024)
 - Invited research presentation at the Centre for Political Research at SciencesPo (CEVIPOF) Quantitative research seminar (May 22, 2024)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper, discussant x2, and chair/discussant)
- 2023
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at Claremont Graduate Univ. (discussant)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers and discussant)
 - Junior Americanist Workshop Series, online (discussant)
- 2022
 - Invited research presentation at Univ. of Michigan, Political Science Dept., American Institutions Group (Jan. 21, 2022)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper and discussant)
- 2020
 - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper and discussant)
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - Invited research presentation at Stony Brook Univ., Political Science Dept. (Nov. 11, 2020)
- 2019
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 panel chair and discussant)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at George Washington Univ. (invited attendee)
 - State Politics and Policy Conference at Univ. Maryland, College Park (1 paper)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Urban & Local Politics section head; 1 paper; 2 panel chair and discussant)
- 2018
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 panel chair and discussant)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at Boston Univ. (1 paper)
 - State Politics and Policy Conference at Penn. State Univ. (1 paper)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers; 2 panel chair and discussant)

- 2017
 - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at Vanderbilt Univ. (1 paper)
 - Conference on Elite Personality and Political Institutions at Notre Dame Univ. (1 paper)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers)
 - Local Political Economy Conference at Univ. of California Berkeley (invited attendee)
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
- 2016
 - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (book panelist)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers)
- 2015
 - Pre-APSA State and Local Politics Conference, Institute of Governmental Studies, Univ. of California Berkeley (1 paper)
 - Young Scholars Conference, BYU Poli. Sci. Dept. (1 paper)
- 2014
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers)
- 2013
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 poster)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 papers)
- 2012
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (1 paper)

Relevant Work & Research Experience

- 2012-17 Co-principal investigator with Prof. Daniel Butler of the 2017, 2016, 2014, and 2012 American Municipal Officials Survey (www.municipalsurvey.org); and the 2012 American State Legislators Survey.
- 2006-09 Program Director, Parents for Choice in Education, Salt Lake City, UT. Worked on public advocacy, lobbying, and campaigns at state level.
- 2004 Intern/Research Assistant, Council for Court Excellence, Washington, D.C., fall semester.

Professional Service

- 2023-24 Chair of the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper by an Undergraduate Award Committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
- 2018-19 Section Head: Urban and Local Politics Section for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Journal referee for the following journals in the indicated year(s):

- *American Journal of Political Science* (2025, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)
- *American Political Science Review* (2024, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)
- *American Politics Research* (2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2013)
- *British Journal of Political Science* (2021, 2020)
- *Congress and the Presidency* (2023, 2018)
- *European Journal of Politics and Gender* (2019)
- *European Political Science Review* (2019)
- *German Politics* (2016)
- *Government and Opposition* (2018)
- *Human Communication Research* (2023)

- *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (2025, 2024, 2023, 2021, 2015)
- *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2018)
- *Journal of Politics* (2025, 2025, 2023, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014)
- *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2022)
- *Journal of Public Policy* (2015)
- *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2024, 2023, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015)
- *Party Politics* (2025, 2022)
- *Perspectives on Politics* (2025)
- *PLOS One* (2020, 2020)
- *Policy Studies Journal* (2018)
- *Political Behavior* (2023, 2023, 2022, 2022, 2021, 2015)
- *Political Geography Journal* (2018)
- *Political Research Quarterly* (2021, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)
- *Political Studies Review* (2019)
- *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (2023)
- *Problems of Post-Communism* (2020)
- *Public Choice* (2015)
- *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2023, 2020)
- *Research & Politics* (2021)
- *SAGE Open* (2019)
- *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (2020)