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## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, 2008  
University of California, San Diego

M.A. Political Science, 2006  
University of California, San Diego

B.A. Political Science (valedictorian), Management minor, *magna cum laude*, 2004  
Brigham Young University

## Appointments

- 2018 - **Associate Professor**  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University
- 2009 - **Faculty Scholar**  
Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University
- 2018 - 2020 **Associate Chair**  
For Teaching and Curriculum, 2019-20  
For Research and Academic Life, 2018-19  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University
- 2009 - 2018 **Assistant Professor**  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University
- 2008 - 2009 **Visiting Instructor**  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University

## Books

- Brown, Adam R. Forthcoming. *How Long Constitutions Harm States*. Oxford University Press.
- Brown, Adam R. 2018. *Utah Politics and Government: American Democracy among a Unique Electorate*. "Politics and Governments of the American States" series. University of Nebraska Press.

## Articles

- Brown, Adam R., and Jeremy C. Pope. 2021. Mechanical Turk and the "Don't Know" Option. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 54 (3): 416-20.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jeremy C. Pope. 2019. Measuring and Manipulating Constitutional Veneration in the States. *American Politics Research* 47 (5): 1135-61.
- Brown, Adam R. 2018. The Role of Constitutional Features in Judicial Review. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 18 (4): 351-70.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jay Goodliffe. 2017. Why do Legislators Skip Votes? Position Taking and Policy Influence. *Political Behavior* 39 (2): 425-55.
- Brown, Adam R. 2017. The Challenge of Local Party Brand Differentiation. *Social Science Journal* 54 (March): 51-55.
- Brown, Adam R. 2014. Voters Don't Care Much about Incumbency. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 1 (December): 132-143.
- Brown, Adam R. 2013. Does Money Buy Votes? The Case of Self-Financed Gubernatorial Candidates, 1998-2008. *Political Behavior* 35 (March): 21-41.
- Brown, Adam R. 2012. The Item Veto's Sting. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 12 (June): 183-203.
- Lassen, David S., and Adam R. Brown. 2011. Twitter: The Electoral Connection? *Social Science Computer Review* 29 (winter): 419-436. (Undergraduate coauthor.)
- Brown, Adam R. 2011. Losing to Nobody? Nevada's "None of these Candidates" Ballot Reform. *Social Science Journal* 48 (June): 364-370.
- Brown, Adam R. 2011. Wikipedia as a Data Source for Political Scientists? Accuracy and Completeness of Coverage. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (April): 339-343.
- Brown, Adam R. 2010. Are Governors Responsible for the State Economy? Partisanship, Blame, and Divided Federalism. *Journal of Politics* 72 (July): 605-615.

Brown, Adam R, and Gary C. Jacobson. 2008. Party, Performance, and Strategic Politicians: The Dynamics of Elections for Senator and Governor in 2006. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 8 (winter): 384-409.

## Chapters

Brown, Adam R. Forthcoming. New directions in partisanship, electoral rewards, and donor choice. In *Reconsidering Parties and Partisanship*. Edited by Christopher F. Karpowitz and Jeremy C. Pope. University of Michigan Press.

Brown, Adam R. 2013. Utah: Pizza Slices, Doughnut Holes, and One-Party Dominance. In *The Political Battle over Congressional Redistricting*. Edited by William J. Miller and Jeremy D. Walling. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

## Data Resources

Brown, Adam R. “Historical development of the Utah Constitution.” Collection of all amendments proposed by the Legislature since statehood. Reconstructed text of the Utah Constitution as it appeared each year, with ability to compare different years. Statistical charts. At [https://profbrown.org/p/research/utah\\_constitution](https://profbrown.org/p/research/utah_constitution)

Brown, Adam R. “Guide to the Utah Legislature.” Detailed charts and statistics on legislator behavior since 2007. At [https://profbrown.org/p/research/utah\\_legislature](https://profbrown.org/p/research/utah_legislature)

## Working Manuscripts

Brown, Adam R., and Alex Garlick. “Bicameralism and legislative professionalism.” Complete draft under active development.

Brown, Adam R. *The Utah State Constitution*. Early stages.

Kershaw, Jonathan C., Alissa Nolding, and me. “The effect of messages on taste of plant-based proteins.” Early stages. Interdisciplinary (collaborators are food scientists).

## Conferences and Presentations

Brown, Adam R., and Alex Garlick. 2022. Bicameralism and legislative professionalism. Conference on State Politics and Policy (April 2022) and annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2022).

Brown, Adam R. 2021. Why do we Amend State Constitutions more than the US Constitution? Invited presentation at the State Constitutions and American Federalism event organized by the Center for Constitutional Studies at Utah Valley University, November 3-4.

- Manuscripts accepted for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy (March 2020) and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2020) were canceled due to COVID19.
- Brown, Adam R. 2019. Why State Constitutions Vary in Length. Presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, University of Maryland, May 30-June 1.
- Brown, Adam R. 2018. Comparing Determinants of Initiated versus Referred Constitutional Amendments in the States. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, March 29-31.
- Brown, Adam R., and Joshua R. Gubler. 2017. Watchful Eyes and Social Desirability Bias in Polling. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 31-September 3.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jeremy C. Pope. 2017. An Experiment on Political Knowledge and ‘Don’t Know’ Responses across Platforms. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 31-September 3.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jeremy C. Pope. 2017. Political Knowledge by Platform: Comparing Google Surveys, MTurk, CCES, and the ANES. Presented at the CCES conference held at Sundance, Utah, May 18-20.
- Brown, Adam R., Christopher F. Karpowitz, and J. Quin Monson. 2017. Are Elite Opinions as Malleable as Public Opinion? Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 13-15.
- Brown, Adam R. 2017. Constitutions and Policy: How State Constitutions Affect Policy Outcomes. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9.
- Brown, Adam R. 2016. Fifty-one Constitutions: The Origin and Impact of America’s State Constitutions. Invited presentation at the Saloom Chair Speaker Series at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, November 2-3.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jeremy C. Pope. 2016. Constitutions on a Pedestal? An Experiment on Constitutional Veneration. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1-4.
- Brown, Adam R. 2016. Fifty-one Constitutions. Presented at the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy spring workshop, Provo, Utah, June 1-2.
- Brown, Adam R. 2016. Merely Judgment? How Constitutions Constrain Courts. Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Dallas, Texas, May 19-21.
- Brown, Adam R. 2016. State Constitutions and State Courts: How Supreme Courts Respond to Constitutional Revision. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 24-26.
- Brown, Adam R. 2015. When Do States Amend their Constitutions? Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 3-6.
- Brown, Adam R. 2015. When Do States Amend their Constitutions? Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Sacramento, California, May 28-30.
- Brown, Adam R. 2014. The Item Veto, the Single Subject Rule, and Legislative-Executive Bargaining: A Randomized Experiment. (Reporting a May 2014 experiment.) Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Bloomington, Indiana, May 15-17.

- Brown, Adam R. 2014. Assessing the Item Veto using Experimentation. (Reporting a March 2014 experiment.) Presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6.
- Brown, Adam R. 2013. Voters Don't Care about Incumbency. (Reporting a November 2012 experiment.) Presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 10-14.
- Brown, Adam R., and Jay Goodliffe. 2013. Why do Legislators Skip Votes? Presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 10-14.
- Goodliffe, Jay, and Adam R. Brown. 2012. Determinants of Absenteeism: A Hierarchical Logistic Model with Nested and Crossed Random Effects. Poster presented at the 2012 Political Methodology Conference.
- Brown, Adam R. 2012. Do Voters Care about Incumbency? (Reporting a June 2012 experiment.) Prepared for presentation at the ill-fated annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, scheduled for New Orleans, Louisiana, August 29-September 2, until Hurricane Isaac intervened.
- Brown, Adam R. 2011. Why do County Parties Draft Platforms? Brand Differentiation in the States. Presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, June 3-4.
- Brown, Adam R. 2011. The Item Veto's Sting. Presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 31-April 3.
- Brown, Adam R. and David S. Lassen. 2011. Can't Get on the News? Get on Twitter. Presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 31-April 3.
- Brown, Adam R. 2010. Self-Finance is Not Strategic: Evidence from Gubernatorial Elections, 1998-2008. Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Springfield, Illinois, June 3-5.
- Lassen, David S., and Adam R. Brown. 2010. Twitter: The Electoral Connection. Presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 22-25.
- Brown, Adam R. 2009. Campaign Spending and Spurious Correlations: Why Self-Financed Gubernatorial Candidates Lose. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 2-6.
- Brown, Adam R. 2009. What Money Can't Buy: Self-Financed Candidates in Gubernatorial Elections. Presented at the ninth annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 22-23.
- Brown, Adam R. 2008. Does Challenger Quality Matter? Candidates and Donors in the 2006 Gubernatorial Elections. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-31.
- Brown, Adam R. 2008. Partisanship, Blame, and Divided Federalism: How Voters Assess Gubernatorial Responsibility for the State Economy. Paper presented *as a poster* at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 30-31.
- Brown, Adam R., and Gary C. Jacobson. 2007. Party, Ideology, and Performance: Electoral Dynamics in Gubernatorial and Senate Elections. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2.
- Brown, Adam R. 2007. Gubernatorial Approval and Strategic Entry in the 2006 Elections. Presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association national conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15.

## **Courses Taught**

Poli 110: Introduction to American Politics

Poli 311: State and Local Government and Policy

Poli 315: Congress and the Legislative Process

Poli 318: Campaigns and Elections

Poli 325: Politics of Wilderness, National Parks, and Public Lands

Poli 397: Utah Legislative Politics

Poli 399r: Utah Legislature Internship

## **Undergraduate Mentoring**

Honors thesis reader, Adam Johnson, 2022, “A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Outreach to COVID Skeptics and its Application to Climate Skeptics.”

Mentor, Edie Ellison, Annie Jarman, Taylor Peterson, Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference, 2020, “The Case for Denial: How Denying and Deflecting an Allegation Benefits an Implicated Official.” Won first prize (\$300).

Mentor, Camilla Alarcon, Annie Jarman, Taylor Peterson, Political Science Student Poster Conference, 2019, “Electoral Fraud: Who Cares? How Partisanship Influences Perceptions of Electoral Fraud.” Won second prize (\$200).

Mentor, Matt Easton, Samantha Frazier, and Alena Smith, Political Science Student Poster Conference, 2018, “Political Affairs: How Having an Affair Affects Legislator Favorability.”

Honors thesis advisor, Michael-Sean Covey, 2015, “JD, Businessman, or Doctor? The Influence of Educational and Occupational Backgrounds on Legislative Effectiveness.”

Mentor, Matthew Beck, Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference, 2015, “Wrestling Elephants, Tangling Tusks: Understanding the Rift among Utah Republicans.” Won first prize (\$300) from the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies.

Mentor, Justin Chang, Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference, 2014, “The 117<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Partisan Control and Amending Utah’s Constitution.”

Coauthored “Twitter: The Electoral Connection” with undergraduate David Lassen. Presented at a conference in 2010; published in a peer reviewed journal in 2011.

Honors thesis reader, Spencer Driscoll, 2010, “Public Prestige and Political Power: John F. Kennedy, Silent Spring, and the Environmental Movement.”

## Professional Citizenship

Department	Utah Legislature internship faculty advisor, 2008-present. Associate chair, 2018-20. Executive committee, 2018-20, 2021-22. Teaching and curriculum committee, 2011-12, 2013-present (chair 2019-20). Research and academic life committee, 2018-19 (chair). Rank and status committee, 2018, 2019. Grading standards committee (ad hoc), 2018 (chair). Credit hour reviewer (ad hoc), 2015. Student mentoring and alumni relations committee, 2014-15. Academic success committee, 2009-12, 2013-14. Curriculum reform committee (ad hoc), 2011.
College	Advisory board, Redd Center for Western Studies, 2017-present. Space allocation committee, 2017-present. Curriculum committee, 2019-20. Faculty awards committee, 2018-19. College research committee, 2018-19. National Advisory Council faculty representative, 2018-19. Civic engagement advisory committee, 2013-14. Poster judge at the annual Mentored Learning Conference, 2011, 2012.
University	Scholarly and creative works grants reviewer, 2018. ORCA undergraduate research grant competition judge, 2009, 2010.
External	Key Votes Advisor for Project Vote Smart, 2011-present. Best Paper Award committee, APSA State Politics and Policy section, 2019. Graduate Student Travel Award committee (chair), APSA EPOVB, 2019. Utah Board of Regents, Intercollegiate Legislature Steering Com., 2013-14.
Public events	(List of media appearances available on request.) Invited presentation, UVU Center for Constitutional Studies, Nov 2021. Keynote address, Utah Foundation annual luncheon, Oct 2018. Discussant, BYU Civic Engagement Research Workshop, Oct 2018. “Changing Constitutions,” Saloom Chair Series, UL Lafayette, Nov 2016. Panelist, CSED Election Symposium, Nov 2014. Panelist, BYU Civic Engagement Workshop, April 2014. Questions committee, KBYU debate of US Senate candidates, Oct 2012. Panelist, BYUPAS panel on redistricting in Utah, Dec 2011. Moderator, Provo mayoral and city council candidate debate, Oct 2009.
Peer reviews	(List of journals available on request.)
Conferences	(An asterisk indicates service as chair or discussant.) State Politics and Policy: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011*, 2014*, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022.

American Poli Sci Assoc: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017.  
Midwest Poli Sci Assoc: 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013\*, 2014\*, 2017\*, 2021\*,  
2022\*.  
Western Poli Sci Assoc: 2016, 2017, 2018\*.  
CCES Conference: 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017.  
CSED Spring Workshop: 2014\*, 2016\*, 2019\*, 2020.  
LDS Scholars Workshop 2017\*, 2019\*.

## **Honors and Awards**

Mollie and Karl Butler Young Scholar in Western Studies, 2018-2021, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, BYU. \$24,000 over three years.

Honors Thesis Advisor grant, 2015, BYU.

Professor of the Year, 2014, BYU chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha.

Research grant from BYU's endowed Constitution Fund, 2014.

Course development grant, 2011, BYU Faculty Center.

General education course improvement grant, 2011, BYU General Education.

Graduate school honors (UCSD): TA Excellence Aware (2008), "Distinction" in qualifying exams (2006), Mark Twain Doctoral Fellowship (2004-08).

Undergraduate honors (BYU): Department valedictorian (2004), Phi Kappa Phi honor society (2003), National Merit Scholar (1998).

## **Etc**

Fading but formerly proficient Russian and conversational German. PHP, MySQL, JavaScript/AJAX, HTML, CSS (all advanced). Licensed amateur radio operator since 1995. Founding member of the department's silly faculty band. Banjo and Dutch oven enthusiast.