

# ADAM HILTON

*curriculum vitae*

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## APPOINTMENTS

2019-present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College  
2016-2019 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D Political Science, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2016  
M.A. Political Science, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2010  
B.A. Political Economy, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington, 2008

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2021 *True Blues: The Contentious Transformation of the Democratic Party* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2019 “The Politics Insurgents Make: Reconstructive Reformers in US and UK Postwar Party Development,” *Polity* 51 (3): 559-596  
2019 “The Path to Polarization: McGovern-Fraser, Counter-Reformers, and Rise of the Advocacy Party,” *Studies in American Political Development* 33 (1): 87-109  
2016 “Searching for a New Politics: The New Politics Movement and the Struggle to Democratize the Democratic Party, 1968-1978,” *New Political Science* 38 (2): 1-19

### Editor-Reviewed Articles, Essays, and Book Reviews

2021 “Book Review: Whatever Happened to Party Government?” *Party Politics* (forthcoming)  
2020 “Book Review: Ideas of Power: The Politics of American Party Ideology Development,” *Political Science Quarterly* 135 (4)  
2018 “Is Now the Time to Break with the Democrats? A Response to J. Phillip Thompson,” *New Labor Forum* 27 (1)  
2017 “Organized for Democracy? Left Challenges Inside the Democratic Party,” in *Socialist Register 2018: Rethinking Democracy*, eds, Leo Panitch and Greg Albo (London: Merlin Press, 2017)  
2015 “The View from the Top: Robert Caro’s Portraiture of Lyndon Johnson,” *New Political Science* 37 (1)  
2011 “Review Essay: Antonio Gramsci and the Gramscian Moment,” *Socialist Studies* 7 (1/2)

### Public Scholarship

2020 “Democrats Must Work to Rebuild the Party, at State and Local Levels,” *Albany Times Union*, December 15  
2020 “Wisconsin Petri Dish: Voting amid the Covid Crisis,” *WGBH News*, April 13  
2020 “Sanders is out. Does that mean that ‘the party decides’ after all?” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 10

- 2019 “Can Bill Weld unseat Trump? Let’s look at the history of challenges to incumbent presidents,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 29
- 2018 “Twilight of the Superdelegates,” *Jacobin Magazine*, September 13
- 2017 “The Democratic Party’s latest reform commission just met. It’s likely to slash the power of superdelegates,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, December 12
- 2017 “Donna Brazile Reveals the Obvious,” *Jacobin Magazine*, October 15
- 2016 “Searching for New Politics,” *Jacobin Magazine* 20 June
- 2015 “Bernie and the Search for New Politics,” *Jacobin Magazine*, June 24

**Media**

*Time, New Republic, GQ, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Daily Hampshire Gazette, WGBY*

**Works in Progress**

- 2024 *How Party Insurgents Change American Politics* (book project)
- 2022 *Placing Parties in American Political Development* (coedited book project)
- 2021 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders,” Coauthored with Jessica Hejny (working paper for *American Political Science Review*)
- 2021 “Retreating from Redistribution? Democratic Fidelity to Economic Equality, 1984-2020,” Coauthored with Amelia Malpas, *The Forum* (**under review**)
- 2021 “Bringing Contentiousness Back In: A Critical Perspective on Political Parties as Institutions,” Coauthored with Jessica Hejny, *Studies in Political Economy* (**under review**)

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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- 2021 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer Program
- 2018-20 Research Assistance Grant, Mount Holyoke College Dean of Faculty
- 2017-20 Faculty Research Grant, Mount Holyoke College Dean of Faculty
- 2017 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library
- 2015 Dissertation Grant, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library, Harvard University
- 2009-16 International Student Scholarship, York University
- 2009-11 York Graduate Scholarship, York University

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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***Paper Presenter***

- 2021 “Retreating from Redistribution? Trends in Democratic Party Fidelity to Economic Equality, 1984-2020,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (**accepted**)
- 2020 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders: Rethinking American Party Scholarship,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, May 30-June 5
- 2019 “Rethinking the Party: Theory and History in Recent American Party Scholarship,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-September 1
- 2019 “The Prospects for Democratic Socialism in the Democratic Party,” Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, June 2-7
- 2018 “1968: Its Legacy for American Politics,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-9
- 2017 “Political Parties and the Problematic of Working-Class Capacities,” Transcending Pessimism: A Conference in Honor of Leo Panitch, October 5-6
- 2017 “Party Structure and the Legitimacy of Reform: Rethinking McGovern-Fraser,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3

- 2017 “Organized for Democracy? Left Challenges Inside the Democratic Party,” Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 27-June 2
- 2017 “Rethinking Party Reform in the Year of Insurgents,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9
- 2016 “The Other Right to Work: Full Employment and Postwar Liberalism,” Conference for Policy History, June 1-4
- 2016 “The Right to a Job: The Crisis of Postwar Liberalism and the Struggle for Full Employment in the 1970s,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10
- 2015 “Between Capital and Labor: The ‘New Class’ Hypothesis and the Transformation of Postwar American Liberalism,” Annual Congress for the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 30-June 5
- 2015 “Interests and Institutions: The Construction of Political Projects in American History,” Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, April 8-11
- 2014 “In the Name of Participatory Democracy: The New Left and the Democratic Party, 1968-1972,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 6-9
- 2014 “Rage Against the Political Machine: The Politics and Pitfall of Democratizing the Democratic Party After 1968,” Annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 24-30

***Panel Chair and Paper Discussant***

- 2017 “Realignments and Subnational Parties in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America,” Politics and History Section, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9

***Roundtable Discussant***

- 2018 “Rethinking Wilson’s *Amateur Democrat*,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2
- 2018 “The Democrats and 1968: A Reassessment, Fifty Years Later,” Policy History Conference, May 16-19

***Workshop Participant***

- 2020 “Bringing Contentiousness Back In: A Critical Perspective on Political Parties as Institutions,” Exploring a Critical Institutionalism Workshop, York University, Toronto, July 22
- 2017 “The Challenge of Intraparty Democracy: Regime Crisis, Movement Insurgencies, and the Patterns of Party Development in the US and UK,” Toronto Political Development Workshop, October 15-16

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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- 2020 Lecturer, “Four Scenarios for the 2020 Election,” Mount Holyoke College, October 27
- 2020 Panelist, “Teach-In on the Censes,” Mount Holyoke College, March 10
- 2020 Moderator and Panelist, “Teach-In on Impeachment,” Mount Holyoke College, January 31
- 2019 Moderator “What’s Next for Brexit? A Conversation,” Mount Holyoke College, April 12
- 2019 Chair, “A World Unraveling? A Conversation in Politics,” Mount Holyoke College, February 26
- 2018 Panelist, League of Women Voters/College Democrats, “Gerrymandering in American Politics,” Smith College, February 12

- 2018 Panelist, Five College Model UN, “Trump: One Year Later,” Mount Holyoke College, February 5
- 2017 Panelist, Springfield League of Women Voters, “Exploring the Electoral College,” Springfield Town Hall, February 12
- 2016 Panelist, “What Comes After the 2016 Election?” Mount Holyoke College, November 8
- 2016 Panelist, “What’s at Stake in the 2016 Election?” Mount Holyoke College, October 25
- 2014 Panelist, “Critical Institutionalism: Political Science in Search of a Method,” York University, March 2
- 2013 Chair, “The State Debate Today: Unresolved Problems, Avenues for Innovation,” York University, November 12

### INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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- 2019 Judge, Lawson-Loewenberg-Van Cleve Prize for Public Service, Mount Holyoke College
- 2017-18 Undergraduate Adviser, Politics Department, Mount Holyoke College
- 2017, 19 Judge, Libby Rosenfeld Himelstein Prize for Best Senior Politics Paper, Mount Holyoke College
- 2013-15 Chair, Graduate Political Science Student Association, York University
- 2013-15 Department Councilor, Political Science Department, York University
- 2014 Organizer and Moderator, Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop, Department of Political Science, York University
- 2013-14 Councilor, York University Graduate Student Association

### TEACHING

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#### **Mount Holyoke College**

- 2016-present *American Politics; 2016 Election in Real Time; Parties and Movements in American Politics; US Elections; American Political Development; The Politics of Disruption; The 1%; Congress and the Presidency; Why Is There No Socialism in the United States?*

#### **York University**

- 2015 Course Director: *Race and Inequality in the Postwar City*
- 2010-16 Teaching Assistant: *Canadian Political Economy; Perspectives on Politics: Classics in Western Political Thought; The Future of Work*

#### **The Evergreen State College**

- 2008 Teaching Assistant: *Principles of Economics*

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- American Political Science Association (Politics and History Section)
- Midwest Political Science Association (Politics and History Section)
- Social Science Historical Association (Politics Section)

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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- American Politics
- American Political Development
- Political Parties and Elections
- Social Movements and Interest Groups