Adam Hobbs PhD

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Education

Department of Political Science, UC Riverside — Riverside, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science — 2026
- Advisors: Prof. Jennifer Merolla and Noel Pereyra-Johnston
- Dissertation: "Home is where the...political attitudes are?"

Department of Political Science, University of Montana — Missoula, MT
M.A, in Political Science — 2019

Department of Political Science, Southern Oregon University — Ashland, OR
B.S. in Political Science — 2015

Academic Appointments

Whitworth University | Spokane, WA — Fall 2026–
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of California, Riverside | Riverside, CA — 2020–2026
Instructor of Record & Teaching Assistant

Research Interests

Topics:
- Political Behavior and Public Opinion
- Political Economy and Housing
- Identity Politics (Race, Ethnicity, and Gender)
- Contentious Politics (Protest and Social Movements)

Publications

1. Onursal, D., Hobbs, A., & Wells, C. (2024). **Violence, what is it good for? Waves of riotous-violent protest and democracy.** *Democratization*, 31(6), 1272–1296.
2. Onursal, D., & Hobbs, A. (2025). **The Dynamics of Protest Radicalization.** *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1–20.
3. Onursal, D., & Hobbs, A. (2026). **The Unemployed and the restless: Protest Participation among the unemployed.** *Political Research Quarterly*, 1-13.
4. Onursal, D., & Hobbs, A. (2026). **Handcuffs and protest: The repressive effect of arrests.** *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 1-19.

Revise & Resubmit

1. **"Group threat and solidarity: Evidence from Yelp reviews of Mexican restaurants"** in *Public Opinion Quarterly* (with Alexander Ross).
2. **"The contribution of the COVID-19 pandemic to political divisions in non-medical exemptions for child vaccinations in the United States"** in *American Journal of Public Health* (with Richard Carpiano and Shaun Bowler).

Under Review

1. **"Breaking the social contract: Experimental evidence on tax morale"** (with Deren Onursal and Shaun Bowler).
2. **"Too damn high! Housing affordability and political protest"** (with Deren Onursal).
3. **"Home is where the...immigration attitudes are?"** (with Alexander Ross)

Working Papers

1. **"Running the hedonic treadmill: Lateral insecurity and foreign real estate investment."**
2. **"Home sweet home? Foreign property ownership and support for redistributive taxation"** (with Alexander Ross).

3. **"Incumbent sex and economic voting: evidence of discrimination at the ballot box"** (with Ding Wang and Jennifer Merolla).

4. **"Protest and prosocial consumer behavior: Evidence from online reviews during BLM protests** (with Alexander Ross, Tre Garnett, and Deren Onursal).

5. **"Political Context and Vaccine Policymaking: Evidence of Polarization in State Legislatures** (with Shaun Bowler and Richard Carpiano).

Teaching Experience

Whitworth University 2026–
Instructor of Record
- American National Politics
- Electoral Politics
- Legislative Process Simulation (**Winter 2027**)
- Data in Politics (**Spring 2027**)
- Public Policy (**Spring 2027**)

University of California, Riverside 2020–2026
Instructor of Record
- American Politics
- Nation States and Capitalism
- Politics of Trade, Finance and Development
- Globalization and Underdevelopment

Teaching Assistant
- Principles of Civic Engagement | *Honors Department*
- American Politics
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Government and Politics in Western Europe
- Political Economy of International Finance
- Globalization and Underdevelopment
- Politics of the Underdeveloped World

Research Experience

Riverside County Registrar of Voters | Riverside, CA Oct. 2024–August 2025
Intern

University of California, Riverside | Riverside, CA July 2024–present
Research and Administrative Assistant

University of California, Riverside | Riverside, CA Sept. 2022–Dec. 2022
Research and Administrative Assistant

Southern Oregon University | Ashland, OR Sept. 2014–June 2015
Research and Administrative Assistant

Grants, Awards and Honors

Humane Studies Fellowship Grant 2025
Institute for Humane Studies
Award amount: $4,900

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award 2025
University of California, Riverside
Award amount: $23,000

Gabbert Research Award 2024
University of California, Riverside
Award amount: $750

Gabbert Research Award 2022
University of California, Riverside
Award amount: $1500

Graduate Research Mentorship Program 2023
University of California, Riverside
Award amount: $9500

Partisan Animosity Survey Time Sharing 2023
Polarization Research Lab

Methods Certificate 2023
University of California, Riverside

Outstanding TA Award 2017 & 2018
University of Montana

Academic Service

Identity and Politics Lab | Lab Manager 2026
University of California, Riverside

Graduate Students in IPE (GSIPE) | Organizing Committee 2025–2026
Independent Graduate-led Network

Quantitative Methods Group | Group Manager 2024–2025
University of California, Riverside

Graduate Student Association | Department President 2022–2023
University of California, Riverside

Identity and Politics Lab | Member 2022–present
University of California, Riverside

Peer Review

Ad hoc reviewer for:

- *Political Behavior*
- *Political Research Quarterly*

Invited Talks and Media

KREM 2 News | Spokane, WA 2026
"Whitworth University Political Science Professor Adam Hobbs on Midterm Races in Washington, Idaho"
Pre-election studio interview [Video]

Harbor Institute for Immigrant & Economic Justice | Santa Ana, CA 2026
"How Can Housing Markets Shape People's Views on Immigration?"
Justice on Tap Summer Lecture Series

Conference Service

Panel: Autocratization and Political Violence... | Discussant 2026
American Political Science Association

GSIPE Pre-Conference Workshop | Organizer 2026
American Political Science Association

Panel: Youth and Politics in South Korea and Beyond | Discussant 2026
Western Political Science Association

GSIPE Pre-Conference Workshop | Presenter/Discussant 2025
American Political Science Association

Panel: European Political Issues | Discussant 2025
Western Political Science Association

Lightning Talk: Protest | Chair 2025
Midwestern Political Science Association

Lightning Talk: Int'l Political Economy in Brief | Chair 2025
Midwestern Political Science Association

Poster Session: Soft Power in Int'l Diplomacy | Discussant 2025
Midwestern Political Science Association

Panel: Candidate Quality & Campaign Effects | Discussant 2024
Western Political Science Association

Panel: Political Economy | Discussant 2024
Western Political Science Association

Conference Presentations

2026

- **"Too Damn High! Housing Affordability and Protest,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association
- **"Too Damn High! Housing Affordability and Protest,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association

2025

- **"Running the Hedonic Treadmill: Lateral Insecurity and Foreign Real Estate Investment,"** Poster presentation, 2026 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science
- **"Running the Hedonic Treadmill: Lateral Insecurity and Foreign Real Estate Investment,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association
- **"To Ban or Not to Ban: Attitudes Toward Foreign Real Estate Investment,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association
- **"Home Sweet Home? Foreign Property Ownership and Support for Redistributive Taxation,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association
- **"To Ban or Not to Ban: Attitudes Toward Foreign Real Estate Investment,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association

2024

- **"The Dynamics of Protest Radicalization,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- **"Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association
- **"Economic Voting and Incumbent Success: Evidence of Discrimination at the Ballot Box,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association
- **"The Attrition of Moderates: An Empirical Analysis of Protester Radicalism,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association
- **"Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association

2023

- **"Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,"** presented at the Regional Meeting of Political Institutions and Political Economy
- **"Violence, What Is It Good For? A Cross-National Study of Protestor Violence,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association
- **"Violence, What Is It Good For? A Cross-National Study of Protestor Violence,"** presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association

Professional Associations

- Western Political Science Association (WPSA
- Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)
- European Political Science Society (EPSS)
- International Political Economy Society (IPES)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Skills

Programming and Data Analysis: R, Stata, Microsoft Excel

Other Tools: LaTeX, Qualtrics

References

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