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MAJOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Margaret H. Marshall Professor of Sociology, Yale University, 2021- continuing
Chair/Acting Chair, European Studies Council, MacMillan Center of International and Area Studies, 2025-28; Fall 2018; 2020-21
Head of College, Grace Hopper College, 2014 - 2024
Chair, Council of Heads of College, Yale University, 2018 - 2022
Deputy Provost, Social Sciences and Faculty Development and Diversity, 2013-14
Chair, Division of the Social Sciences Advisory Committee, 2012-14
Chair, Sociology Department, Yale University, 2010-2013
Joseph C. Fox Director, Fox International Fellowship Program, 2010-2013
Professor in International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2007 - continuing
Professor of Sociology, Yale University, 2004 - continuing
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, 1999-2004
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 1996-1999
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 1990-1996

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, 1990
M.S. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, 1984
B.A. in Sociology, Reed College, 1980
Attended Bryn Mawr College, 1975-77

GENERAL AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Historical Sociology; Social Theory; Family and Gender; Colonialism and Empire; Early Modern European Politics; Wikipedia and Academic Knowledge

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

AS FACULTY MEMBER

National Science Foundation Grant for Collaborative Research (with Hannah Brueckner),
“Wikipedia and the Democratization of Academic Knowledge,” 2014-17
Elected Executive Council, Sociological Research Association, 2011-2017
Chair, Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2013
Graduate Mentor Award, Social Sciences, Yale University, 2011
President, Social Science History Association, 2008-2009
Vice-President, Social Science History Association, 2007-2008
Gaddis Smith Book Prize (for The Familial State), MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2006
Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, 1999-2004
Fellow, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, 2002-2003
Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2002-2003
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, University of Michigan, 1999-2004

Faculty Recognition Award, University of Michigan, 2002
 Barrington Moore, Jr. Award for Best Recent Article, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, ASA (for "Culture in Rational Choice Theories of State-Formation," pp. 98-122 in G. Steinmetz, ed., State/Culture: State Formation after the Cultural Turn), 2001
 ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, for Remaking Modernity: Politics, History and Sociology, with Elisabeth Clemens and Ann Shola Orloff, 2000-01
 Dean's Distinguished Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan, 1998-99
 Research Grant, Summer Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan, 1998
 Honorary Visiting Associate, International Social Sciences Institute, University of Edinburgh, 1996-97
 Julia Lockwood Award, University of Michigan (awarded for distinguished record as scholar and teacher), 1996
 Excellence in Education Award, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan, 1996
 Barrington Moore Jr. Award for Best Recent Article, co-winner, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, ASA (for "The Familial State: Elite Family Practices and State-making in the Early Modern Netherlands," *Theory & Society* 23 #4), 1995
 Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1994
 Career Development Award, University of Michigan, 1994
 Class of 1923 Memorial Award, University of Michigan (awarded annually to an Assistant Professor in the College of LS&A for "excellence in undergraduate instruction and scholarly promise"), 1993
 Research Fellowship, Fulbright Foundation, 1992-93
 Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 1992-93
 Excellence in Education Award, College of LS&A, University of Michigan, 1992

AS FACULTY MEMBER (GRANTS WITH/ON BEHALF OF GRADUATE STUDENTS):

Dissertation Improvement Grant, NSF, for/with Celene Reynolds, 2015
 Paul Moore Fund for Instructional Innovation, Yale University, with Elizabeth Breese, 2010-2011
 Associates in Teaching Program Award, Yale University, with Elizabeth Breese, 2010-2011
 Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program Grant, NSF, for/with Andrew Junker, 2010
 Dissertation Improvement Grant, NSF, for/with David Scales, 2007

AS STUDENT:

Dean's Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1989-90
 Dissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 1988-89
 Chateaubriand Fellowship, French Government, 1987-88
 Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1986-87
 Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Council for European Studies, 1984
 Ruth L. Laird Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1982-83
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1980
 Class of 1921 Award for Original Senior Work, co-winner, Reed College, 1980
 George Joseph Award for Outstanding Public Service, Reed, 1980
 Awards for Academic Excellence, Reed College, 1979, 1980

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS & VOLUMES

Routes/Roots of Modernity. Book manuscript in progress.

Mounira M. Charrad and Julia Adams, eds. Patrimonial Capitalism and Empire. (Bingley, England: Emerald Group Publishing, 2015).

Julia Adams and Mounira M. Charrad, eds. Patrimonial Power in the Modern World, Vol. 636 of *The Annals*, The American Academy of Political and Social Sciences (New York, NY: Sage, 2011).

Julia Adams. The Familial State: Ruling Families and Merchant Capitalism in Early Modern Europe (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2005).

Julia Adams, Elisabeth S. Clemens, and Ann Shola Orloff, eds. Remaking Modernity: Politics, History, and Sociology (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005).

SELECTED PAPERS IN PROGRESS

James Abbott, Julia Adams and Hannah Brueckner. “*Women in Red*, Digital Activism, and Wikipedia’s Gender and Racial/Ethnic Gaps in Computer Science”

Julia Adams. “Mertonian Mechanisms in Digital Space: Wikipedia and Inclusion/Exclusion as Unanticipated Consequences of Social Action”

Hannah Brueckner, Julia Adams and Kayla Thomas. “The Identification of Race and Ethnicity in Big Data”

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Julia Adams. Forthcoming 2025. “‘They/Them/We’: Agency in Social Science History at the Quarter Century,” *Journal of Political Power*.

Isaac Ariail Reed and Julia Adams. 2024. “Patrimonialism: Authority, Gender, and Max Weber's Political Sociology, pp. 298-326 in Joshua Derman and Peter E. Gordon, eds. Max Weber at 100: Legacies and Prospects. (Oxford, England: Oxford University Press).
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/max-weber-at-100-9780197604922>

Julia Adams. 2020. “Patriarchy Resartus,” in Julia Adams, Benita Roth, and Pavla Miller, “Debating Patriarchy,” *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal* 26: 221-38.
http://press-files.anu.edu.au/downloads/press/n7444/pdf/10_debating_patriarchy.pdf

Julia Adams and Isaac Ariail Reed. 2020. “Coda: Crossing Companies, Theories of Agency and Early Modern Empire,” *Journal of World History* 31 #3 (September): 477-97. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/763267>

Julia Adams, Hannah Brueckner and Cambria Naslund. “Who Counts as a Notable Sociologist on Wikipedia? Gender, Race, and the ‘Professor Test,’” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 5 #1 (2019): 1-14. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2378023118823946>

Wei Luo, Julia Adams and Hannah Brueckner. “The Ladies Vanish? American Sociology and the Genealogy of its Missing Women on Wikipedia,” *Comparative Sociology* 17 #5 (2018): 519-56.
https://brill.com/view/journals/coso/17/5/article-p519_3.xml

Ben Herzog and Julia Adams. “Women, Gender, and the Revocation of Citizenship in the United States,” *Social Currents* 5 #1 (2018): 15-31. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2329496517725331>

Julia Adams and Steve Pincus. “Imperial States in the Age of Discovery,” in K. J. Morgan and A. S. Orloff, eds. The Many Hands of the State: Theorizing Political Authority and Social Control (Cambridge University Press, 2017): 333-48. https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/AF23899C4E49A584D37BF198D685EABC/9781316471586c13_p333-348_CBO.pdf/imperial_states_in_the_age_of_discovery.pdf

Julia Adams and Hannah Brueckner. 2015. “Wikipedia, Sociology, and the Promise and Pitfalls of Big

Data,” *Big Data and Society*, July-December 2015: 1-5.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2053951715614332>

Julia Adams and Chris Shughrue, “Bottlenecks and East Indies Companies: Modeling the Geography of Agency in Mercantilist Enterprises,” in Emily Erikson (ed.) *Chartering Capitalism: Organizing Markets, States and Publics* (Political Power and Social Theory Book Series, Volume 29) Emerald, pp. 207-18.

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/S0198-871920150000029009/full/html>

Julia Adams and George Steinmetz. “Sovereignty and Sociology: From State Theory to Theories of Empire,” *Political Power and Social Theory*, Volume 28, 2015, pp. 269-85.

<https://doi.org/10.1108/s0198-871920150000028011>

David L. Weakliem and Julia Adams. “What Do We Mean by ‘Class Politics?’” *Politics & Society*, p. 1-21, Vol. 39 #4, pp. 475-96, 2011. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0032329211420047>

Liping Wang and Julia Adams. “Interlocking Patrimonialisms and State Formation in Qing China and Early Modern Europe,” in *Patrimonial Power in the Modern World* (eds. Julia Adams and Mounira M. Charrad), vol. 636 of *The Annals*, The American Academy of Political and Social Sciences (New York, NY: Sage), pp. 164-181, 2011.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0002716211402922>

Mounira M. Charrad and Julia Adams. “Patrimonialism, Past and Present,” in *Patrimonial Power in the Modern World* (eds. Julia Adams and Mounira M. Charrad), vol 636 of *The Annals*, The American Academy of Political and Social Sciences (New York, NY: Sage), pp. 6-15, 2011. <http://ann.sagepub.com/content/636/1/6.extract>

Julia Adams. “1-800-How-Am-I-Driving? Agency in Social Science History,” *Social Science History* 35 #1, pp. 1-17, 2011. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/social-science-history/article/1800howamidriiving/64EB9DDC601F49D04F5419DD76FC58E9>

Isaac Reed and Julia Adams. “Culture in the Transitions to Modernity: Seven Pillars of a New Research Agenda,” *Theory and Society* 40 #2, pp. 247-272, 2011. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41475694>

Julia Adams. “The Unknown James Coleman: Culture and History in *Foundations of Social Theory*,” *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 39 #3, pp. 253-8, 2010.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0094306110367907>

Julia Adams. “Class Analysis and Culture: What the Sneeches Can Teach Us,” *Yale Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 5, pp. 5-12, 2005.

https://sociology.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/yjs_fall_2005.pdf

Julia Adams. “The Rule of the Father: Patriarchy and Patrimonialism in Early Modern Europe,” pp. 237-266 in *Max Weber’s Economy and Society: A Critical Companion* (eds. C. Camic, P. S. Gorski and D. M. Trubek), Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2005.

<https://sociology.yale.edu/publications/rule-father-patriarchy-and-patrimonialism-early-modern-europe>

Julia Adams and Ann Shola Orloff. “Defending Modernity? High Politics, Feminist Anti-Modernism, and the Place of Gender,” *Politics and Gender* 1 #1 (March): 166-182, 2005.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/politics-and-gender/article/defending-modernity-high-politics-feminist-antimodernism-and-the-place-of-gender/8F89BF5D3017EC03098D7EFBD7A4E170>

Julia Adams, Elisabeth Clemens and Ann Shola Orloff. “Social Theory, Modernity and the Three Waves of Historical Sociology,” pp. 1-72 in *Remaking Modernity: Politics, History and Sociology*, eds. J. Adams, E. Clemens and A. S. Orloff), Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

<https://www.dukeupress.edu/remaking-modernity>

Tasleem Padamsee and Julia Adams. "Signs and Regimes Revisited," *Social Politics* 9 #2, 187-202, 2002. <https://academic.oup.com/sp/article/9/2/187/1635113>

Julia Adams and Tasleem Padamsee. "Signs and Regimes: Rereading Feminist Work on Welfare States," *Social Politics* 8 #1: 1-23, 2001. <https://academic.oup.com/sp/article/8/1/1/1626041>

Julia Adams. "Culture in Rational-Choice Theories of State Formation," pp. 98-122 in *State/Culture: State Formation after the Cultural Turn*, ed. George Steinmetz, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1999. <https://www.degruyter.com/cornellup/view/book/9781501717789/10.7591/9781501717789-006.xml>

Julia Adams. "Feminist Theory as Fifth Columnist or Discursive Vanguard? Some Uses of Gender Analysis in Historical Sociology," *Social Politics* 5 #1: 1-16, 1998.

Julia Adams. "Principals and Agents, Colonialists and Company Men: The Decay of Colonial Control in the Dutch East Indies," *American Sociological Review* 61 #1: 12-28, 1996. https://www.jstor.org/stable/2096404?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

Julia Adams. "The Familial State: Elite Family Practices and State-making in the Early Modern Netherlands," *Theory and Society* 23 #4: 505-39, 1994.

Julia Adams. "Trading States, Trading Places: The Role of Patrimonialism in Early Modern Dutch Development," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 36 #2: 319-55, 1994.

Julia Adams. "Working-class Politics in Nineteenth-century Toulouse, France: Paths of Proletarianization Revisited," *Social Science History* 17 #2: 195-225, 1993.

Sara McLanahan and Julia Adams. "The Effects of Children on Adults' Psychological Wellbeing: 1957-1976," *Social Forces* 68 #1: 124-46, 1989.

Richard Lachmann and Julia Adams. "Absolutism's Antinomies: Class Formation, State Fiscal Structures and the Origins of the French Revolution," *Political Power and Social Theory* 7: 135-75, 1988.

Sara McLanahan and Julia Adams. "Parenthood and Psychological Wellbeing," *Annual Review of Sociology* 13, eds. R. Turner and J. Short. Palo Alto, CA: Annual Reviews: 237-57, 1987.

SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Editorial Consultant, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2025-continuing
Board of Trustees, *Reed College*, 2018-continuing
Board of Trustees, *Social Science Research Council*, 2015-2018
Editorial Board, *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2011-17
Board of Trustees, *The American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 2006-2013

MAJOR EDITORSHIPS

Co-editor (with George Steinmetz), *Politics/History/Culture: Series in Politics, History and Culture*, Duke University Press (series concluded)
<https://www.dukeupress.edu/series/politics-history-and-culture>

Co-editor (with J. Alexander, R. Eyerman, and P. Gorski), *Sociological Theory*, 2005-2009