

**CURRICULUM VITAE (condensed)**  
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**MAJOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Margaret H. Marshall Professor of Sociology, Yale University, 2021- continuing  
Chair, Council of Heads of College, Yale University, 2018 - continuing  
Head of College, Grace Hopper College, 2014 - continuing  
Acting Chair, European Studies Council, MacMillan Center of International and Area Studies,  
Fall 2018; 2020-21  
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, Gender and Sexuality; Culture; Colonialism and Empire;  
Early Modern European Politics; Wikipedia and Digital 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

Invitee, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences [declined]  
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  
Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, American Sociological Association (for the conference and edited book 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, with Elizabeth Breese, 2010-2011  
Associates in Teaching Program Award, with Elizabeth Breese, 2010-2011  
Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program Grant, NSF, for/with Andrew Junker, 2010  
Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 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

Julia Adams and Hannah Brueckner. "Mertonian Mechanisms in Digital Space: Wikipedia and Exclusion as an Unanticipated Consequence of Social Action"

James Abbott, Hannah Brueckner and Julia Adams. "Women in Red, Tech Skills, and Wikipedia's Gender Gap in Computer Science"

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

Hannah Brueckner, James Abbott and Julia Adams. "Can Women Be Remembered? Variations in Gender Representation on Wikipedia in Computer Science, Economics, Philosophy and Sociology"

Julia Adams. "Moments of Danger?: Iconoclasm and Memory in American Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities"

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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](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](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](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2053951715614332)

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.

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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/1800howamidriving/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](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.  
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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

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), P/H/C: Series in Politics, History and Culture, Duke University Press  
Co-editor (with Jeffrey Alexander, Ron Eyerman and Philip Gorski), Sociological Theory, 2005-2009