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Bio

BIO

Adam Bonica is a Professor of Political Science. His research is at the intersection of data science and politics, with interests in money in politics, campaigns and elections, judicial politics, and political methodology. His research has been published in journals such as the American Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, and JAMA Internal Medicine.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Stanford University, Department of Political Science, (2025- present)
- Associate Professor, Stanford University, Department of Political Science, (2018-2025)
- Assistant Professor, Stanford University, Department of Political Science, (2011-2018)
- Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Princeton University, (2010-2011)
- Faculty Mentor, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Princeton University, (2012-2012)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Portland , Political Science (2006)
- Ph.D., New York University , Politics (2011)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Spr)

2024-25

- American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Spr)
- Machine Learning for Social Scientists: POLISCI 150B, POLISCI 355B (Win)
- Money in Politics: POLISCI 427C (Spr)

2023-24

- American Political Institutions in Uncertain Times: POLISCI 120C, PUBLPOL 124 (Spr)
- Introduction to American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Win)

- Machine Learning for Social Scientists: POLISCI 150B, POLISCI 355B (Win)
- Money in Politics: POLISCI 427C (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral (Program)

Justin-Casimir Braun, Rick Brown, Luz Tlahui Rodriguez, Alena Smith, Nico Studen

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Estimating Judicial Ideology** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES*
  Bonica, A., Sen, M.
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- **All-mail voting in Colorado increases turnout and reduces turnout inequality** *ELECTORAL STUDIES*
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- **Why Are There So Many Lawyers in Congress?** *LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY*
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- **Ideological Sorting of Physicians in Both Geography and the Workplace.** *Journal of health politics, policy and law*
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- **Legal Rasputins? Law Clerk Influence on Voting at the US Supreme Court** *JOURNAL OF LAW ECONOMICS & ORGANIZATION*
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- **Physician activism in American politics: The opposition to the Price nomination.** *PloS one*
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- **Are Donation-Based Measures of Ideology Valid Predictors of Individual-Level Policy Preferences?** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
  Bonica, A.
  2019; 81 (1): 327–33
- **Inferring Roll-Call Scores from Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Bonica, A.
  2018; 62 (4): 830–48
- **Physicians' political preferences and the delivery of end of life care in the United States: retrospective observational study** *BMJ-BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*
  Jena, A. B., Olenski, A. R., Khullar, D., Bonica, A., Rosenthal, H.
  2018; 361: k1161
- **Ideological Extremists in the US Congress: Out of Step but Still in Office** *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Bonica, A., Cox, G. W.

2018; 13 (2): 207–36

- **The Legal Academy's Ideological Uniformity** *JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES*
  Bonica, A., Chilton, A., Rozema, K., Sen, M.
  2018; 47 (1): 1–43
- **The Politics of Selecting the Bench from the Bar: The Legal Profession and Partisan Incentives to Introduce Ideology into Judicial Selection** *JOURNAL OF LAW & ECONOMICS*
  Bonica, A., Sen, M.
  2017; 60 (4): 559–95
- **Judicial Reform as a Tug of War: How Ideological Differences Between Politicians and the Bar Explain Attempts at Judicial Reform** *VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW*
  Bonica, A., Sen, M.
  2017; 70 (6): 1781–1811
- **The Political Ideologies of Law Clerks** *AMERICAN LAW AND ECONOMICS REVIEW*
  Bonica, A., Chilton, A. S., Goldin, J., Rozema, K., Sen, M.
  2017; 19 (1): 96-128
- **Professional Networks, Early Fundraising, and Electoral Success** *ELECTION LAW JOURNAL*
  Bonica, A.
  2017; 16 (1): 153-171
- **A Common-Space Scaling of the American Judiciary and Legal Profession** *POLITICAL ANALYSIS*
  Bonica, A., Sen, M.
  2017; 25 (1): 114-121
- **Avenues of influence: on the political expenditures of corporations and their directors and executives** *BUSINESS AND POLITICS*
  Bonica, A.
  2016; 18 (4): 367-394
- **Measuring Judicial Ideology Using Law Clerk Hiring** *American Law and Economics Review*
  Bonica, A., Chilton, A., Goldin, J., Rozema, K., Sen, M.
  2016
- **THE POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES OF AMERICAN LAWYERS** *JOURNAL OF LEGAL ANALYSIS*
  Bonica, A., Chilton, A. S., Sen, M.
  2016; 8 (2): 277-335
- **A Common-Space Measure of State Supreme Court Ideology** *JOURNAL OF LAW ECONOMICS & ORGANIZATION*
  Bonica, A., Woodruff, M. J.
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- **The Political Alignment of US Physicians: An Update Including Campaign Contributions to the Congressional Midterm Elections in 2014.** *JAMA internal medicine*
  Bonica, A., Rosenthal, H., Rothman, D. J.
  2015; 175 (7): 1236-1237
- **Senate Gate-Keeping, Presidential Staffing of "Inferior Offices," and the Ideological Composition of Appointments to the Public Bureaucracy** *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Bonica, A., Chen, J., Johnson, T.
  2015; 10 (1): 5-40
- **Measuring public spending preferences using an interactive budgeting questionnaire** *Research & Politics*
  Adam, B.
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- **The political polarization of physicians in the United States: an analysis of campaign contributions to federal elections, 1991 through 2012.** *JAMA internal medicine*
  Bonica, A., Rosenthal, H., Rothman, D. J.

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- **Mapping the Ideological Marketplace** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Bonica, A.
  2014; 58 (2): 367-386
- **The Punctuated Origins of Senate Polarization** *LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY*
  Bonica, A.
  2014; 39 (1): 5-26
- **Why Hasn't Democracy Slowed Rising Inequality?** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES*
  Bonica, A., McCarty, N., Poole, K. T., Rosenthal, H.
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- **Ideology and Interests in the Political Marketplace** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Bonica, A.
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