

TYLER LEHMAN ADAMS, PH.D. / MY RESEARCH AGENDA

I am a publishing scholar. I have to my credit a vast array of differing publications. The reader will notice that most of my academic contributions come in the way of books and textbooks. This is because I believe that full professors should be publishing books, instead of mere journal articles. Still, having said that, I believe that I have a proven record of publication in several high-quality venues. Whether it is popular monographs or book reviews, I try to maintain a very balanced approach to my research and publication.

There are three areas where my current research agenda is blooming. First, I am a formally trained communication historian. That line of research focuses upon Marxist-Leninist-Maoist social movements in Latin America. I am currently working on a book concerning the destruction of the Shining Path movement in Peru. I have already been contracted by Greenwood/Praeger for that volume for release in 2019, based upon a rough draft coming from my 1995 dissertation at Florida State University. Second, I am working on four journal articles on a nascent area of communication engineering, known as spintronics. Spintronics is an area of communication electronics, which promises to revolutionize modern circuitry in Internet communication technologies. And finally, I am working on a book chapter that dissects nanotechnology and its effects on the communication discipline. All of these projects keep me very busy and have an important impact on the communication discipline.

It was because of my high research output that I was selected by the U.S. Department of State's CIES Bureau as a Fulbright Senior Specialist for the 2011-2014 cycle. During this time, I was assigned to the Republic of Kazakhstan's KIMEP University as a curriculum mentor. As well, Fulbright led me to the University of Business and Technology as a Vice Dean of the Jeddah College of Advertising (JCA). I value and cherish my overseas experiences as an academic and administrator, and would not trade these posts for anything. Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait have given me a very international perspective on education, and I feel enriched as a scholar and an administrator for having accepted the temporary assignments.

I believe that I am a scholar, first. Accordingly, research is not something "I have to do" to remain employed. It is something I thoroughly enjoy doing, all of the time. It is truly in my blood. So, most of my spare time away from work is spent in the library reading articles and books on topics bearing interest on communication. As well, I believe that even administrators should be publishing high-quality works in their spare time. So, if I were assigned to an administrative appointment, I would still remain an active scholar in the publishing game. Conclusively, I believe that the areas I study are of extreme importance to the communication discipline. And, remaining prolific in the journals and books is something I intend to do no matter the assignment or location.