



B. Tyler Leigh

Employment

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Rooney Democracy Institute, University of Notre Dame, July 2024 - present

Education

University of Pennsylvania, Joint Ph.D.'s in Political Science and Communication, August 2025
Committee: Diana Mutz (co-chair), Matthew Levendusky (co-chair), Michael Delli-Carpini, Yphtach Lelkes, Michele Margolis

University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication

Master of Arts in Communication, Summer 2020

University of Oslo and the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Erasmus Mundus Master's in Education Policies for Global Development, 2018

Advisors: Jon Lauglo and Per Hetland

University of Georgia, Honors Program

B.A. summa cum laude in International Affairs with Highest Honors, School of Public and International Affairs, May 2016

B.A. summa cum laude in African Political Development with Highest Honors, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, May 2016

Advisor: Andrew Owsiak

Publications and Presentations

Peer-Reviewed

Hall, Matthew E.K., Leigh, B. Tyler, & Solomon, Brittany C. 2026. "The Overlooked Threat of Democratic Neutrality in the USA." *Nature Human Behavior*. [DOI:10.1038/s41562-026-02430-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-026-02430-7).

Hall, Matthew E.K., Leigh, B. Tyler, & Solomon, Brittany C. "From free speech advocates to critics: Trump administration's new rhetoric promotes support for censorship among Trump voters." (Accepted at *PNAS*).

Works in Progress

Leigh, B. Tyler. "Intolerance in the Digital Age: How Social Media Undermine Public Tolerance for Political Expression."

Leigh, B. Tyler, Hall, Matthew E.K. "Democratic Cynicism: A Latent Dimension of Public Support for Democracy."

Leigh, B. Tyler & Mutz, Diana C. "The Reliability of Survey-based Measures of Social Media Use."

Leigh, B. Tyler & Mutz, Diana C. "Social Media Use and Political Polarization: Results from a Multi-year Longitudinal Panel."

Select Conference Presentations

Leigh, B. Tyler & Hall, Matthew (2025). “Political Cynicism: A New Latent Dimension in Public Support for Democracy” American Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada. September 2025.

Leigh, B. Tyler (2024). “The Presumed Influence of Fringe Ideas on Social Media Undermines Support for Free Expression.” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September 2024.

Leigh, B. Tyler (2023). “The Medium Matters: How the Medium of Expression Undermines Support for Free Expression.” Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2023.

Leigh, B. Tyler & Mutz, Diana C. (2022). “The Reliability of Survey-based Measures of Social Media Use.” Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2022.

Leigh, B. Tyler & Mutz, Diana C. (2019). “Social Media Use and Political Polarization.” Political Communication Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association. September 2019.

Teaching Experience and Guest Lectures

Guest Lecturer, *Social Media and Politics*, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2025, 2026

Guest Lecturer, *Introduction to American Politics*, Trinity College, 2025

Instructor, *Fantastic Politics: Modern Political Issues Illustrated through Fantasy Worlds*, University of Pennsylvania, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Guest Lecturer, Graduate course in *Experimental Design and Issues in Causality*, University of Pennsylvania, November 16, 2021.

Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 338: Statistical Methods for Political Science*, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2021. Supervised by Marc Meredith.

Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 230: Public Opinion and American Democracy*, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2020. Supervised by Michele Margolis.

Honors Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, Fall 2015.

Grants

Rapoport Family Foundation Dissertation Survey Research Grant, January 2023, \$15,000

Provost – GAPSA Fellow for Interdisciplinary Innovation, January 2023, \$6,000

Facebook Integrity Grant, 2018, \$50,000

Academic and Community Service

TA Trainer, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2023.

American Politics Workshop Graduate Student Coordinator, University of Pennsylvania, AY 2023 – 2024.

Graduate Fellow for Teaching Excellence, University of Pennsylvania, AY 2022 – 2023.

Co-chair, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, AY 2021 – 2022.

Co-chair, Graduate Student Research Symposium, Annenberg School for Communication, AY 2019 – 2021.

Professional Development Committee, Annenberg School for Communication, AY 2019 – 2020.

Committee on Methods Training, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2019.

Penn Political Communication Graduate Student Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2019.

Graduate Student Council, Annenberg School for Communication, AY 2018 – 2019.