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Alexander Tolkin
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Education

2018 - 2024 Joint PhD in Political Science and Communication, **University of Pennsylvania**

- Dissertation: *Seeing Politics as a Sport: Sports and Beliefs About Political Competition*
- Dissertation Committee: Diana Mutz, Yphtach Lelkes, Michelle Margolis, Michael X. Delli-Carpini

2009 - 2013 BA in Political Science, **Washington University in Saint Louis**

- Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Under Review

Controversy and Public Attitudes Toward the Supreme Court: Effects of the Kavanaugh Nomination (with Diana Mutz)

- Presented at APSA 2019, ICA 2019

Working Papers

Good Sports and Sore Losers: How Watching Team Sports Increases Acceptance of Election Losses

- Presented at APSA 2023

A Constant Competition: Sports and Zero-Sum Thinking.

- Presented at APSA 2023, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop 2023, MPSA 2022

Sports Versus War: Disambiguating the Game Frame

- Presented at APSA 2023, ICA 2023, Polarization Research Lab 2023

Field of (American) Dreams: Sports and Belief in Meritocracy

- Presented at APSA 2022

Grants and Awards

Upenn Political Science Graduate Student Summer Grant ($1000) 2023
Polarization Research Lab (survey time) 2022
Annenberg Summer Fellowship ($4,000/year) 2019-2023

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

APSA	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
MPSA	2018, 2019, 2022
ICA	2019, 2023
Polarization Research Lab	2023

Teaching

Teaching Fellow	**Quantitative Research Methods in Communication**	2022
Teaching Fellow	**Introduction to American Politics**	2020
Teaching Fellow	**Introduction to Data Science**	2019

Service

Panel Chair	APSA	2023
Representative	ASC Graduate Student Council	2019-2020
Coordinator	Democracy and Information Group	2019-2020

Professional Experience

2015 - 2018 Data Scientist, *Locus Analytics*

2013 - 2015 Technical Services, *Epic Systems*

Programming Skills

R, Python, LaTeX

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