

# Thomas J. Leeper

Email: [thosjleeper@gmail.com](mailto:thosjleeper@gmail.com)

Web: <https://www.thomasleeper.com/>

GitHub: <https://github.com/leeper>

ORCID: 0000-0003-4097-6326

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 
- » PhD training plus 5 years academic experience producing quantitative social science research & teaching quantitative research methods at all levels
  - » Recognized expertise in survey-experimental methods & computational social science
  - » Prolific developer of R software and “trusted user” (>30,000 rep) on StackOverflow
- 

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 
- » **Research Scientist**, *Facebook Core Data Science* (2018 – )
  - » **Associate Professor**, *London School of Economics* (Aug 2017 – 2018)
  - » **Assistant Professor**, *London School of Economics* (Sep 2015 – Aug 2017)
    - Conducted original quantitative social science research in collaboration with various partners and industry vendors in the United States, United Kingdom, and Denmark
    - Taught courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on research design, econometrics, public opinion research, and survey-experimental methods
    - Prepared numerous written articles and presentations for a variety of audiences including academics, journalists, and the general public
  - » **Postdoc**, *Department of Political Science, Aarhus University* (Jan 2013 – Aug 2015)
    - Conducted original survey research in the United States and Denmark
    - Presented original research extensively at international professional conferences in the North America and Europe
    - Taught courses at postgraduate level on research design, statistical analysis (regression, panel data, multilevel modelling), experimental design, and survey methodology
  - » **Graduate Fellow**, *Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University* (Jan 2009 – Dec 2012)
    - Managed Northwestern Political Research Laboratory subject pool
    - Conducted original research using innovative survey and laboratory experimental methods to study media exposure and public opinion dynamics
  - » **Research Assistant**, *National Youth Leadership Council* (Jan – Aug 2008)
    - Contributed quantitative research support to a team of service-learning researchers
- 

## EDUCATION

- 
- » **PhD and MA, Political Science**, *Northwestern University* (Dec 2012)
  - » **B.A. magna cum laude, Political Science**, *University of Minnesota* (Dec 2007)
    - Early election, Phi Beta Kappa (2007); Dean’s List (2005–07)
- 

## SKILLS

- 
- » Software: R, Stata, LaTeX, MS Office; familiarity with SQL, Python, SPSS, SAS
    - Developer of more than 30 R packages
  - » Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), Danish (beginner)
-

# Thomas J. Leeper

## SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 
- » Thomas J. Leeper, and Joshua Robison. “More Important, but for What Exactly? The Insignificant Role of Subjective Issue Importance in Vote Decisions.” *Political Behavior*: In press.
  - » Thomas J. Leeper. 2018. “Am I a Methodologist? Asking for a Friend.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51(3): 602–606.  
doi:10.1017/S1049096518000549
  - » Thomas J. Leeper. 2017. “How Does Treatment Self-Selection Affect Inferences About Political Communication?” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 4(1): 21–33.  
doi:10.1017/XPS.2017.1
  - » Kevin J. Mullinix, Thomas J. Leeper, James N. Druckman, and Jeremy Freese. 2015. “The Generalizability of Survey Experiments.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2(2): 109–138.
  - » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Cognitive Style and the Survey Response.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(4): 974–983.
  - » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “The Informational Basis for Mass Polarization.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(1): 27–46.
  - » James N. Druckman, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2012. “Learning More from Political Communication Experiments: Pretreatment and Its Effects.” *American Journal of Political Science* 56(4): 875–896.
  - » James N. Druckman, Jordan Fein, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2012. “A Source of Bias in Public Opinion Stability.” *American Political Science Review* 106(2): 430–454.

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 
- » Editorial experience: Editorial board member, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Journal of Open Source Software*; Associate-PI, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences; Peer reviewer for over 30 academic journals
  - » Professional awards: APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2015); APSA Experimental Research Section (2015); APSA Political Psychology Section (2014); APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2012); APSA Political Communication Section (2012); Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2009)
  - » Recent Presentations: 2018: Durham University, University of Oxford, University of Washington; 2017: University of Konstanz, University of Vienna, ETH Zurich, NTNU Norway, European University Institute Florence; 2016: University of Essex, University of National Research University Higher School of Economics, The Ohio State University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Institute for Advanced Study-Toulouse; 2015: Nuffield College–Oxford, Louisiana State University, McGill University, University of Copenhagen, 2013: University of Southern Denmark; 2012: University of Chicago
  - » Grant Funding: Secured institutional, national, and international research funding from LSE, Northwestern University, the Danish Council for Independent Research, US National Science Foundation, and UK Economic and Social Research Council
-