

**Title.** Leadership and Research in Turbulent Times: Why They Matter for Democracy

**Abstract:**

Engaging in leadership and research can be complex work in the best of times—for graduate students and professors alike. During times of conflict, confusion, or disorder, the nature of our leadership or research contributions can be additionally shaped or tested in ways that require highly astute responses. Sound leadership and research are part of what underpins the fuller functioning of a democracy, whether manifest in a community, university, or workplace setting. Most students who graduate will be well positioned to take up careers where they provide leadership and create or use evidence in concert with others, over the coming decades. The presentation will examine these propositions and canvass several leadership principles that may be useful for students to apply when navigating turbulent times in work or other settings.