Fiona Rodger

frodger@nd.edu
South Bend, IN
https://politicalscience.nd.edu/people/graduate-students/fiona-rodger/

Position: PhD Student, Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Education:

Expected 2029	PhD, Political Science, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN Fields: American Politics, Methodology
Expected 2026	M.A., Political Science, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
2018-2022	BS, Political Science, Towson University, Towson, MD Minor: Communication Studies

Research Interests

American politics: political behavior, LGBTQ rights, public opinion, gender and politics, political identity, political rhetoric, experimental survey design, democratic norms and attitudes

Publications:

- Rodger, Fiona and Wolbrecht, Christina. "Transgender Attitudes and Anti-Democratic Sentiment After the 2024 Election" *The Forum*. https://doi-org.proxy.library.nd.edu/10.1515/for-2025-2027

Works in Progress:

Under Contract

- Christina Wolbrecht, Mirya R. Holman, Lakshmi Iyer, Samantha Chapa, **Fiona Rodger**, and Emma Schroeder. *Gender and Local Political Ambition*. Cambridge University Press Elements Series on Gender and Politics. (Forthcoming)

Grants and Awards:

- Democracy Initiative- Democracy Catalyst Grant ($5,000)
- Franco Graduate Student Research Award ($2,500)
- Graduate School Professional Development Award ($2,000)
- Graduate Student Government- Conference Presentation Grant ($500)

- Franco Family Institute 2025-2026 Annual Research Theme Grants (w/Amy Brooke Grauley, Abigail Hemmen, Tyler Leigh, Shay Hafner) ($5,000)

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame:

Fall 2025 Teaching Assistant, POLS 10100, "American Politics", with discussion sections

Lab Memberships:

- Politics, Organizations, and Psychology Lab (University of Notre Dame)
- Representation of Women Lab (University of Notre Dame)

Professional Memberships:

- Midwest Political Science Association, Spring 2025 – Present
- The European Consortium For Political Research, Spring 2026 – Present
- American Political Science Association, Spring 2026 - Present

Professional Experience:

- Summer 2025- Research Assistant, Representation of Women Lab
- Spring 2026- Research Assistant, Christina Wolbrecht

Skills:

Software

- R, LaTex, Qualtrics