

UW-Madison: Nate Silver of FiveThirtyEight to visit La Follette School, give public talk

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MADISON – Founder of FiveThirtyEight Nate Silver will visit the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the La Follette School’s 2022 Public Affairs Journalist in Residence.

Silver will give a public talk at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, days ahead of the midterm elections that have the potential to remake the national political landscape. Silver is the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Signal and the Noise*.

Silver will dig into the critical issues facing voters this November and explain what polling data says about public policy solutions to problems like poverty, climate change and inflation. During his visit, he will also meet with faculty, students and local journalists.

Silver’s unique approach to data-driven, probabilistic thinking allows him to analyze polling data in innovative ways. He first gained national attention during the 2008 presidential election when he correctly predicted the results of the presidential winner in 49 states.

Through his data-driven news site FiveThirtyEight, in partnership with ABC News, Silver contributes to election coverage and explores topics including politics, sports, and science. Before his work in politics, Silver wrote a series of books analyzing baseball statistics. He has written for ESPN, Sports Illustrated, Slate, New York Sun, and the New York Times.

The Public Affairs Journalist in Residence is made possible by the La Follette School's Kohl Initiative, University Communications, and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

This event is free and open to the public. To register for the event, visit <https://lafollette.wisc.edu/event/nate-silver/>

The event is also available to view via livestream.