

Tyler Y. Laughlin, Ph.D.

Biography & Education

Tyler is the Assistant Director of Success Coaching at Texas State University's Student Learning Assistance Center. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, Cum Laude, and a Master of Arts in History, both from Western Oregon University. He holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Texas A&M University.

As the Assistant Director of Success Coaching, Tyler is responsible for the hiring, training, development, and supervision of the professional and graduate assistant Success Coaches. He also oversees the success coaching budget and works with Academic Advising and other units across the Texas State University campus to provide continual academic support to students.

Publications

- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2025) *Lithic, Cultural, and Paleoclimatic Changes During the Archaic Period in Central Texas*. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University.
- Waters, Michael R., Joshua L. Keene, Elton R. Prewitt, Mark E. Everett, **Tyler Y. Laughlin**, and Thomas W. Stafford Jr. (2021) *Late Quaternary geology, archaeology, and geoarchaeology of Hall's Cave, Texas*. Quaternary Science Reviews 274: 107276. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2021.107276>.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** and Lindsey Randolph. (2020) Stories from the Texas A&M University Academic Success Center: Levity during COVID-19. *The Learning Assistance Review: Special Issue*, 25:129-132.

Courses Taught

- University Seminar (Texas State University)
- People and Cultures of The World (Texas A&M University)
- Social and Cultural Anthropology (Texas A&M University)
- First Year Seminar: Special Topics in Student Success (Texas A&M University)
- Hullabaloo U: First Year Experience (Texas A&M University)
- United States History I (Blinn College)

- United States History II (Blinn College)
- Western Civilization (Western Oregon University)

Presentations

- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2025) *Effective Communication in Higher Education: How an Imaginary Cat Nearly Got Me Stabbed*. The Annual Student Academic Support Programs Conference (SASP), San Marcos, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2024) *Communication in Coaching: How an Imaginary Cat Nearly Got Me Stabbed*. 3rd Annual Texas Conference on Student Success, College Station, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2024) *Math Anxiety - Supporting Students Resistant to Math*. The Annual Student Academic Support Programs Conference (SASP), San Marcos, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** and Michael Dvoracek. (2023) *The Academic Coaching Program at the Texas A&M University Academic Success Center*. 2nd Annual Texas Conference on Student Success, College Station, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2023) *Creating and Implementing a Math Anxiety Workshop*. 38th Annual Conference of the National College Learning Center Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Patterson, Kristin, Jennifer Porter, and **Tyler Y. Laughlin**. (2023) *Embedding Student Success Resources in Open Disciplinary Materials*. 2nd Annual Texas Conference on Student Success, College Station, Texas.
- Dvoracek, Michael J., **Tyler Y. Laughlin**, Annie Benjamin, and Mike Saenz. (2023) *An Overview of Academic Coaching Programs*. 2nd Annual Conference of the Texas Affiliate of the National College Learning Center Association, Pre-Conference Session, University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2022) *Academic Lessons from a 7-Year-Old Boy and a 9-Year-Old Girl*. 1st Annual Conference of the Texas Affiliate of the National College Learning Center Association, College Station, Texas.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** (2021) *Academic Lessons from a 5-Year-Old Boy and a 7-Year-Old Girl*. 36th Annual Conference of the National College Learning Center Association, Birmingham, Alabama.

- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** and Brittney Oliver. (2021) *GRIT Curriculum*. 36th Annual Conference of the National College Learning Center Association, Birmingham, Alabama.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** and Brittney Oliver. (2019) *Developing GRIT: Helping Students Gain Resilience, Inspiration, and Tenacity*. 34th Annual Conference of the National College Learning Center Association, Louisville, Kentucky.
- **Laughlin, Tyler Y.** and Anna Dean. (2017) *Analysis of a Late Archaic Hearth Feature at the Debra L. Friedkin Site in Central Texas*. 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology Poster Session, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada,