

Zachary Thomas McDowell

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia May 2022
Master of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Research Methods

University of Georgia May 2019
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Fellow at the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO)

MAJOR COURSEWORK

Advanced Quantitative Methods; Time-Series Econometrics; Comparative Politics Analytical Methods; Legal Research Methodologies; the Politics of Income Inequality; American Political Polarization; Congressional Procedure; Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties; International Political Economy; Government & Mass Media; Political Psychology; the Political Economy of Major American Wars; Political Science Research Design

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

University of Georgia (Athens, GA) August 2021 — May 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Conducted weekly classes and designed lesson plans based concerning the previous week's lectures
- Hosted weekly office hours to offer additional course instruction
- Provided a comprehensive overview and demonstration of various educational resources

University of Georgia Congress Project (Athens, GA) August 2017 — May 2019
Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Created and managed a large dataset in Microsoft Excel to examine congressional member behavior
- Examined formal floor procedure and lawmaking histories
- Analyzed coding trends to understand congressional processes and political polarization

AndersonDodson, P.C. (Athens, GA) August 2017 — May 2018
Labor Law Legal Assistant

- Critiqued and annotated opposing motions and arguments on behalf of the legal team
- Calculated economic damages in Microsoft Excel
- Examined documents and pieces of evidence for possible use in lawsuits

WORKING PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

McDowell, Zachary. 2019. "The Legislative History of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 (Medicare & Medicaid)." Presented at the SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium, Richard B. Special Collections Library

McDowell, Zachary. 2022. "The Political Consequences of Falling Profit Rates: An Empirical Analysis of Private Welfare in OECD Countries."

McDowell, Zachary. 2022. "The Complicated State of Welfare: Examining Divided Social Systems in Advanced Countries."

SKILLS / EXPERTISE

Quantitative Research: R-Studio, STATA, VAN, Microsoft Excel, Time-Series Econometrics, Data Visualization

Coding/Software Languages: HTML, LaTeX, R

Foreign Languages (Limited Working Proficiency): Latin, French

Databases: Factiva, the Congressional Record, Westlaw, LexisNexis, CQ Almanac, OECD iLibrary, PolicyMap

Qualitative Research: Legal Research, Archival Research, Legislative Procedure, Public Policy Analysis

Collaborative Work: OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox, Microsoft Sharepoint, Zoom

Data Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Economic Data, OECD Data Warehouse, American National Election Survey, Census Bureau, World Values Survey, World Inequality Database, Penn World Tables