

Zachary Thomas McDowell

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia (Athens, GA) May 2022
Master of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Research Methods

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

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Advanced Quantitative Methods; Time-Series Econometrics; Comparative Politics Analytical Methods; Politics of Income Inequality; American Political Polarization; Congressional Procedure; Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties; Political Economy of War; Political Psychology, International Political Economy; Legal Research Methodologies

PROFESSIONAL / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

SELECTED 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." Working Paper.

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