

# ZACHARY A. MCGEE

## PERSONAL

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS: American political institutions, particularly the U.S. Congress; public policy, focusing on decision-making and network analysis; political parties and interest groups

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2023-PRESENT Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kenyon College

2022-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Government, St. Lawrence University

2021-2022 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, St. Lawrence University

## EDUCATION

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2021 Ph.D., Government, *The University of Texas at Austin*  
Committee: Sean M. Theriault (chair), Alison W. Craig, Bryan D. Jones, and David W. Rohde  
Fields: American Politics & Public Policy

2017 M.A., Government, *The University of Texas at Austin*  
Thesis: Keeping Your Friends Close: How the House Freedom Caucus Organized for Survival

2015 B.S., Political Science, *Towson University*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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2025 Bird, Christine C., Jonathan M. King, and **Zachary A. McGee**. "The Voting Behavior of the Federalist Society Senators in Federal Judicial Nominations." *The Journal of Law and Courts*. Forthcoming.

2024 **McGee, Zachary A.** and Precious D. Hall. "Using Prediction Markets as a Tool for Classroom and Civic Engagement." *Journal of Political Science Education*. 2(21): 243-266. DOI: [10.1080/15512169.2024.2385366](https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2024.2385366)

2023 Bird, Christine C. and **Zachary A. McGee**. "Looking Forward: Interest Group Legal Strategy and Federalist Society Affiliation in the United States Circuit Courts of Appeal." *Polity*. 55(2):389-399. DOI: [10.1086/724189](https://doi.org/10.1086/724189)

- 2022 Bird, Christine C. and **Zachary A. McGee**. “Going Nuclear: Federalist Society Affiliated Judicial Nominees’ Prospects and a New Era of Confirmation Politics.” *American Politics Research*. 51(1):37-56. DOI: [10.1177/1532673X221109534](https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221109534)
- 2021 **McGee, Zachary A.** and Sean M. Theriault. “Partisanship in Congressional Travels Abroad.” *International Politics*. 59(5):925-954. DOI: [10.1057/s41311-021-00366-5](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-021-00366-5)
- 2021 **McGee, Zachary A.** and Philip R. Moniz. “Gift Travel in the U.S. House of Representatives.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 75(3):706-719. DOI: [10.1177/10659129211020830](https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129211020830)
- 2020 Fagan, E.J. and **Zachary A. McGee**. “Problem Solving and the Demand for Expert Information in Congress.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 47(1):53-77. DOI: [10.1111/lsq.12323](https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12323)
- 2019 Fagan, E.J., **Zachary A. McGee**, and Herschel F. Thomas III. “The Power of the Party: Conflict Expansion and the Agenda Diversity of Interest Groups.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 74(1):90-102. DOI: [10.1177/1065912919867142](https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912919867142)
- 2019 **McGee, Zachary A.** and Bryan D. Jones. “Reconceptualizing the Policy Subsystem: Integration with Complexity Theory and Social Network Analysis.” *Policy Studies Journal*. 47(S1): S138-58. DOI: [10.1111/psj.12319](https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12319)

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

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- 2024 **McGee, Zachary A.**, Sean M. Theriault, and Daniel Little. “Social Fabric Decay: The Case of Congressional Travels Abroad.” In *The Polarization of U.S. Foreign Policy: When Politics Crosses the Water’s Edge*, eds. Gordon Friedrichs and Jordan Tama. New York: Palgrave. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-58618-79](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-58618-79)
- 2021 **McGee, Zachary A.**, Brooke N. Shannon, and Bryan D. Jones. “Bounded Rationality in Political Science.” In *Routledge Handbook on Bounded Rationality*, eds. Riccardo Viale and Konstantinos Katzikopoulos. New York: Routledge. DOI: [10.4324/9781315658353](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315658353)
- 2019 Shannon, Brooke N., **Zachary A. McGee**, and Bryan D. Jones. “Bounded Rationality and Cognitive Limits in Political Decision Making.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.961](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.961)
- 2018 Jones, Bryan D. and **Zachary A. McGee**. 2018. “Agenda Setting and Bounded Rationality.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*, eds. Alex Mintz and Lesley Terris. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190634131.013.19](https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190634131.013.19)

## BOOK PROJECTS

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IN PROGRESS	“The Organizational Affiliate Network in American Politics” (with Christine C. Bird)
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## WORKING PAPERS

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IN PROGRESS	“Congressional Distribution of Power and the Reach of the Federal Government, 1865-1946” (with Sean M. Theriault)
IN PROGRESS	“Who Else Is Going?: Shared Gift Travel in the U.S. House of Representatives” (with Philip R. Moniz)
IN PROGRESS	“The Federalist Society’s Agenda and Priorities in American Politics” (with Christine C. Bird)
IN PROGRESS	“Court Curbing Bills and Legislative Effectiveness in the U.S. Congress” (with Christine C. Bird)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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APSA	2021, 2020
APSA Teaching & Learning	2023
CAP	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017
CEL	2021
Congress & History	2025
MPSA	2023, 2022, 2021, 2020*, 2019, 2018, 2017
Shawnee Trail	2024
SPSA	2025*, 2024, 2021, 2019
SWPSA	2017
WDPFP	2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2023-PRESENT	Co-Director, <i>Bird Law and Public Policy Research Lab</i>
2023-PRESENT	Faculty Associate, <i>Center for the Study of American Democracy</i>
2021-PRESENT	Faculty Associate, <i>Comparative Agendas Project, U.S. Chapter</i>
2016-2021	Graduate Research Fellow, <i>Comparative Agendas Project, U.S. Chapter</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### KENYON COLLEGE

Since 2023      Liberal Democracy in America, The U.S. Congress, Public Policy, Campaigns & Elections, Seminar on American Political Parties, Political Analysis

### ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

2022-2023      Introduction to American Politics (2 sections, 1 writing-intensive), Congressional Elections, The U.S. Congress, Seminar on American Political Parties, Research Seminar on Policy Agenda Setting

- [Read](#) or [listen](#) for more information about the simulation conducted in my congressional elections course.

2021-2022      Introduction to American Politics (3 sections), The U.S. Congress (2 sections), Seminar on American Political Parties

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

FALL 2019      Assistant Instructor (*Instructor of Record*), Introduction to American Government

- Course evaluation for overall performance: 4.4/5.0

SPRING 2019      Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Health

FALL 2018      Teaching Assistant, Congressional Elections

FALL 2017      Personal Tutor, Introduction to American Government

FALL 2016 -  
SPRING 2018      Head Teaching Assistant, Online: Introduction to American Government

FALL 2015 -  
SPRING 2016      Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government

### EXTERNAL CONSULTING

FALL 2018      Contributor (Ancillary Materials), Theriault, Sean M. and Mickey Edwards. 2019. *Congress: The First Branch*. New York: Oxford University Press.

- Prepared instructor's manual for each of ten chapters.
- Materials include (per chapter):
  - 80 questions (multiple choice, short answer, and essay)
  - Lecture slides
  - Class activities and lecture suggestions
  - Supporting online materials

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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### EXTERNAL

2019      Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Grant (\$1,500)

2019	Dirksen Congressional Center Congressional Research Grant (\$2,660)
2019	Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship ( <i>Finalist</i> )
2018	Political Networks Conference Travel Grant - via NSF #1558713 (\$900)
2017	MPSA Best Paper by a Graduate Student - Awarded for “Keeping Your Friends Close: A Study of Punishment and Intraparty Insurgency”(\$250)
INTERNAL	
2021	UT Austin Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2020	UT Graduate School Fellowship (\$20,000)
2020	UT Austin Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2019	Texas Politics Project Research Grant (\$1,500)
2019	UT Graduate School Summer Dissertation Fellowship (\$6,000)
2018	Patricia Witherspoon Research Award (\$2,000)
2018	UT Austin Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2017-2019	J.J. Pickle Chair, International Travel Grant (\$6,000 total)
2017-2019	UT Graduate School Professional Development Award (\$1,275 total)
2017	UT Austin Dept. of Government Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$2,000)
2017	UT Summer Statistics Institute Award (\$100)
2015-2019	UT Austin Dept. of Government Recruitment Fellowship (\$20,000 total)

## UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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### KENYON COLLEGE

2024-PRESENT	Co-Director, Public Policy Concentration
2024-PRESENT	Program in Computing Steering Committee, Digital Humanities and Arts Member
2024-PRESENT	LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee
2024-PRESENT	Fellowships Committee
SUMMER 2025	Summer Legal Scholars Advisor (2 students)
2024-2025	Search Committees: Psychology TT; Founding Director of Computing Program; VAP in Computer Science; CSAD Post-doc

SPRING 2025	Community-Engaged Immersion Panel, panelist
SPRING 2025	Thesis Reader, ENVS
FALL 2024	2024 Election Panel Discussion, panelist
SUMMER 2024	Summer Legal Scholars Advisor (3 students)
2023-2024	Thesis Reader, PSCI
FALL 2023	Democracy and Dessert, panelist
ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	
2023	Study Abroad Application Review Committee (3 programs, 50+ applications)
2023	“Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity” Poster Participant
2022-2023	Internship Advisor
2022-2023	Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor
2022	“Midterm Election Digest” Panelist (2 panels)
2022	May College Panelist (“Take Stock & Upgrade Your Digital Presence”)
2021-2022	Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Awards Committee
2021-2022	Thesis Reader
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	
SPRING 2020	Founding Member, Queer in Political Science Group
2018-2019	Co-President, Graduate Student Organization
SPRING 2017	Co-Organizer, <a href="#">Network Analysis Reading Group</a> , <i>The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government</i>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2025	Section Chair, Political Parties and Interest Groups, Southern Political Science Association
SINCE 2024	Reviewer, <i>American Politics Research</i> , <i>Frontiers in Political Science</i>
SINCE 2020	Reviewer, <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>
SINCE 2019	Reviewer, <i>Policy Studies Journal</i>
SINCE 2018	Reviewer, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>

## SKILLS

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DATA ANALYSIS:	R, Stata, Python
OTHER:	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
ADDITIONAL TRAINING:	Faculty Institute - “Building Trust, Deepening Discourse Practices, and Designing for Impact” ( <i>Summer 2025</i> )
	Political Networks Conference - Advanced Workshop ( <i>Summer 2018</i> )
	UT Summer Statistics Institute: Introduction to Data Science in Python ( <i>Summer 2017</i> )

## MEMBERSHIPS

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SINCE 2025	<a href="#">Institute for Citizens &amp; Scholars</a>
SINCE 2018	Southern Political Science Association
SINCE 2016	Midwest Political Science Association
SINCE 2015	American Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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