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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

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

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

2024 **McGee, Zachary A.** and Precious D. Hall. "Using Prediction Markets as a Tool for Classroom and Civic Engagement." *Journal of Political Science Education*. Forthcoming. 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

- 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

- IN PROGRESS "The Organizational Affiliate Network in American Politics" (with Christine C. Bird)

WORKING PAPERS

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| REVISE & RESUBMIT | “The Voting Behavior of the Federalist Society Senators in Federal Judicial Nominations” (with Christine C. Bird and Jonathan M. King) |
| 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 | “Predicting Intraparty Faction Membership Decisions in the U.S. House of Representatives” |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| APSA | 2021, 2020 |
| APSA Teaching & Learning | 2023 |
| CAP | 2025, 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

KENYON COLLEGE

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

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

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 (*Finalist*)

2018 Political Networks Conference Travel Grant - via NSF #1558713 (\$900)

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| 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

KENYON COLLEGE

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| 2024-PRESENT | Co-Director, Public Policy Concentration |
| 2024-PRESENT | Program in Computing Steering Committee, Digital Humanities and Arts Member |
| 2024-PRESENT | LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee |
| 2024-2025 | Fellowships Committee |
| SPRING 2025 | Computing VAP Search Committee |
| FALL 2024 | Psychology Tenure-Track Search Committee |
| SUMMER 2024 | Summer Legal Scholars Advisor (3 students) |
| FALL 2023 | Democracy and Dessert, panelist |
| 2023-2024 | Thesis Reader |

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

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| 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, Network Analysis Reading Group , <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 ^A T _E X |
| ADDITIONAL TRAINING: | 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 2018 | Southern Political Science Association |
| SINCE 2016 | Midwest Political Science Association |
| SINCE 2015 | American Political Science Association |

REFERENCES

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