# 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*<br>Committee: Sean M. Theriault (chair), Alison W. Craig, Bryan D. Jones, and David W. Rohde<br>Fields: American Politics & Public Policy |
| 2017 | M.A., Government, *The University of Texas at Austin*<br>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 Jounral 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 |
| 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 |

| 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

## 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

## BOOK PROJECTS

| In Progress | "The Organizational Affiliate Network in American Politics" (with Christine C. Bird) |
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## Working Papers

| In Progress | "Congressional Distribution of Power and the Reach of the Federal Government, 1865-1946" (with Sean M. Theriault) |
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| 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

| APSA | 2021, 2020 |
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| 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

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

# Teaching Experience

### Kenyon College

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

### St. Lawrence University

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| 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<br>• 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

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| Fall 2019 | Assistant Instructor *(Instructor of Record)*, Introduction to American Government<br>• 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

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| Fall 2018 | Contributor (Ancillary Materials), Theriault, Sean M. and Mickey Edwards. 2019. *Congress: The First Branch.* New York: Oxford University Press.<br>• Prepared instructor's manual for each of ten chapters.<br>• Materials include (per chapter):<br>  – 80 questions (multiple choice, short answer, and essay)<br>  – Lecture slides<br>  – Class activities and lecture suggestions<br>  – Supporting online materials |

# Fellowships and Awards

### External

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

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| 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) |
| 2017 | MPSA Best Paper by a Graduate Student - Awarded for "Keeping Your Friends Close: A Study of Punishment and Intraparty Insurgency"($250) |

### INTERNAL

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| 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) |

## INSTITUTIONAL 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-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 |

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| 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

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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

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| SPRING 2020 | Founding Member, Queer in Political Science Group |
| 2018-2019 | Co-President, Graduate Student Organization |
| SPRING 2017 | Co-Organizer, Network Analysis Reading Group, *The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government* |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

## Skills

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| DATA ANALYSIS: | R, Stata, Python |
| OTHER: | LaTeX |
| ADDITIONAL TRAINING: | Faculty Institute - "Building Trust, Deepening Discourse Practices, and Designing for Impact" *(Summer 2025)* |
| | Political Networks Conference - Advanced Workshop *(Summer 2018)* |
| | UT Summer Statistics Institute: Introduction to Data Science in Python *(Summer 2017)* |

## Memberships

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| SINCE 2025 | Institute for Citizens & Scholars |
| SINCE 2018 | Southern Political Science Association |
| SINCE 2016 | Midwest Political Science Association |
| SINCE 2015 | American Political Science Association |

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