

# 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)

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## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Advanced Quantitative Methods; Time-Series Econometrics; Comparative Politics Analytical Methods; Legal Research Methodologies; Politics of Income Inequality; American Political Polarization; Congressional Procedure; Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties; Resources, Society, and the Environment

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## PROFESSIONAL / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of Georgia** (Athens, GA) August 2017 — May 2019  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- Conducted weekly breakout sessions concerning the previous week's lectures
- Designed lesson plans based on relevant course content
- Hosted weekly office hours to offer additional course instruction
- Provided a comprehensive overview and demonstration of various educational resources
- Discussed current events and American political history with students

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

- Created and managed a large dataset of congressional behavior in Microsoft Excel
- 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  
*Legal Assistant*

- Critiqued and annotated opposing motions and arguments on behalf of legal team
- Calculated economic damages in Microsoft Excel
- Examined documents and pieces of evidence for possible use in lawsuits
- Drafted legal motions for submission to federal district courts

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## 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.

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## SKILLS / EXPERTISE

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

**Coding/Software Languages:** Python, HTML, LaTeX, R

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

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

**Collaborative Work:** Cloud File Management (OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox), Microsoft Sharepoint

**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