

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; Legal Research Methodologies; Politics of Income Inequality; American Political Polarization; Congressional Procedure; Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties; Resources, Society, and the Environment; Political Psychology

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 in Microsoft Excel
- Utilized 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
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
- Drafted legal motions for submission to federal district courts

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, 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