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EDUCATION

University of Georgia

May 2022

Master of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Research Methods

University of Georgia

May 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Fellow at the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO)

MAJOR COURSEWORK

Advanced Quantitative Methods; Time-Series Econometrics; Comparative Politics Analytical Methods; Legal Research Methodologies; the Politics of Income Inequality; American Political Polarization; Congressional Procedure; Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties; International Political Economy; Government & Mass Media; Political Psychology; the Political Economy of Major American Wars; Political Science Research Design

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

University of Georgia

August 2021 – May 2022

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 with students that are related to political science topics

Georgia Congress Project

August 2021 – May 2022

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Created and managed a large dataset of congressional behavior to Microsoft Excel and the Congressional Record
- Examined formal floor procedure and informal member behavior
- Analyzed coding trends to understand congressional lawmaking and political polarization
- Observed and recorded aberrations in the Congressional Record

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."

McDowell, Zachary. 2022. "The Complicated State of Welfare: Examining Divided Social Systems in Advanced Countries."

SKILLS / EXPERTISE

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

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

Databases: Factiva, 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