

Zach Lang

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Academic Positions

2024-present: Assistant professor, Department of History and Political Science, Anderson University

Education

2019-2024: University of Missouri. Ph.D.
Concentrations: American Politics, Public Policy

2015-2019: St. Lawrence University. B.A.,
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Government
Minor: History

Teaching Experience

Anderson University- Assistant Professor

PS 101- *American Government*- Fall 2024

PS 303- *Political Institutions*- Fall 2024

PS 435- *Campaigns and Elections*- Fall 2024

University of Missouri- Graduate Instructor

PS 1100: *American Government*- Fall 2022

PS 2004: *Topics in Political Science: The Politics of Star Wars*- Fall 2023

University of Missouri- Lead Graduate Assistant for American Government Game-Based Learning Grant

Worked under Dr. Tori Mondelli to create an American government video game and in-person tabletop games. In charge of TA implementation and student playtesting. Lead designer of

political typology test, political participation game, and Supreme Court nomination game. Co-designer of bureaucratic politics game. Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Guest Lecturer and Invited Speaker

St. Lawrence University

GOVT 371: *The International Relations of Game of Thrones*- Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

University of Missouri

PS 1100: *American Government*- Spring 2020, Fall 2022

PS 2455: *The Constitutional Debates*- Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

PS 2800: *Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good*- Fall 2019

PS 4190: *Elections and Democracy in the US*- Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Other

Substitute Teacher: European History- Spring 2017 (Hereford High School, MD)

Creator, Director, Head Coach: Hereford Zone Running Camp- Summer 2016-2021

KOPN Radio show guest: “Politics and Philosophy” – Fall 2021

Teaching and Professional Development Program. University of Missouri, Spring 2023

Teaching & Research Interests

Federalism and intergovernmental relations, The Constitution, state politics, classical, medieval, and enlightenment political theory, political ideology and philosophy

Publications

“Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science with HBO’s House of the Dragon.” With Ronnie Olesker. *Journal of Political Science Education*. (2024). Available at:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15512169.2024.2330931?src=exp-la>

“State Politics in the Early Republic and the Development of the American Executive: Representation, Party Politics, and Executive Selection Mechanisms 1788-1832.” With Aric Gooch. (*R&R at Congress and the Presidency*)

Selected Non-Academic Publications

“In Gun Debate, Both Sides Have Evidence to Back Them up” with Jen Selin. *The Conversation* (April 2021). <https://theconversation.com/in-gun-debate-both-sides-have-evidence-to-back-them-up-158118>

Conference Presentations

November 2018. “Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” Northeastern Political Science Association. Montreal, Quebec.

June 2019. “Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” British International Studies Association. London, England.

April 2021. “The Elitist Few or the Populist Many? Public Demand, Representation, and Health-Interest Groups in the American States.” Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana (virtual).

April 2021. “The Aftermath of the 2020 Election.” Panel chair, Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana (virtual).

March 2023. “Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science Through House of the Dragon.” International Studies Association. Montreal, Quebec.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Selected for Graduate Student Workshop, Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Columbia, MO.

January 2024. “Red Tape: Bureaucracy in Action” board game presentation at CUNY Adult Learning Games Conference. New York, New York (virtual).

Service

University of Missouri- Truman School of Government and Public Affairs

Spring 2021-Spring 2023- *Graduate Student Mentor*: Joe Harrison, Antony Jackson

Fall 2022-Spring 2022- Secretary, Graduate Association of Political Scientists

University of Missouri- Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

Fall 2022- *First Year Interest Group and Residential College Fellow.*

Organized and led off campus trip to Jefferson City and private tour of the Missouri capital building.

Fall 2022- *DC Summer Scholars Program Acceptance Committee Member*

Awards

Boy Scouts of America

2013- *Eagle Scout, Silver Palm, Order of the Arrow*

St. Lawrence University

2016-2019 *Presidential Scholarship*

2016-2019 *Sesquicentennial Scholarship*

2016-2019 *NCAA Division III Liberty League All-Academic Team: Cross Country and Track & Field*

2018- *Summer Research Fellowship*

2019- *Outstanding Student Athlete Award*

University of Missouri

Fall 2019-spring 2024 *Graduate Fellowship*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri.

Fall 2022-spring 2024 *Conference Travel Grant*. University of Missouri.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

References

Dr. Peverill Squire- University of Missouri
Hicks and Martha Griffith Chair in American Political Institutions
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Dr. Ronnie Olesker- St. Lawrence University
Michael and Virginia Ranger Professor of Government
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
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Dr. Jennifer L. Selin- Pennsylvania State University
Visiting Professor
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Dr. Jay Dow- University of Missouri
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