

# Meredith McLain

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Tufts University</b> , Medford, MA Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023—present	
EDUCATION	<b>Vanderbilt University</b> , Nashville, TN Ph.D., Political Science, August 2023 <i>Fields:</i> American Politics & Political Methodology <i>Dissertation:</i> “Strategic Presidential Unilateralism in the Face of Institutional and Public Sanctioning” <i>Committee:</i> Sharece Thrower (Chair), David E. Lewis, Alan Wiseman, Douglas L. Kriner	
	<b>Vanderbilt University</b> , Nashville, TN M.A., Political Science, December 2021	
	<b>University of North Carolina- Asheville</b> , Asheville, NC B.A., Political Science, May 2018 • <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Separation of Powers; Presidency; Unilateral Policymaking; Executive Politics; Congressional Oversight	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	McLain, Meredith. 2024. “The Traceability of Presidential Policymaking in the Face of Congressional Sanctioning” <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> . 77(4): 1415-30.	
EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<b>McLain, Meredith</b> and Sharece Thrower. 2021. “Executive Unilateralism and Individual Rights in a Federalist System.” <i>William and Mary Law Review Journal</i> . 29(3): 713-74.	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<i>Book Project:</i> Playing the Field: Presidents’ Strategic Choice in Unilateral Action “The Public, Congress, and Presidents’ Use of Unilateral Directives” “The Call is Coming from Inside the House: Presidents’ Strategic Use of Directives at the Risk of Non-Compliance” “No Evaluation without Representation: The Influence of Student Representation on School Board Policy” (with Sara Kirshbaum)	

CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association, 2022, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association, 2022, 2024

Southern Political Science Association, 2023

GRANTS, AWARDS,  
AND CERTIFICATES

Tufts University Neubauer Faculty Fellow, 2023-2024

Patrick J. Fett Award for "Presidential Policymaking in the Face of Congressional Sanctioning" from the Midwest Political Science Association for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency, 2023

Certificate in College Teaching, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 2022

J.Leiper Freeman Memorial Fund Award, 2022

TEACHING

Introduction to American Politics, Instructor (Fall 2023; Fall 2024)

The American Presidency and Executive Branch, Instructor (Fall 2023; Spring 2025)

Seminar: Policymaking Under Separation of Powers, Instructor (Spring 2024)

Seminar: The American Presidency, Instructor (Fall 2024)

The American Congress, Instructor (Spring 2025)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

To the discipline

Referee for *The Journal of Politics; Congress & the Presidency; Presidential Studies Quarterly*

Tufts University

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha

Member, Political Science Department Awards Committee, 2025

Member, Tufts Committee on Academic Standing and Honors, 2024-25

Vanderbilt University

Secretary, Political Science Graduate Student Council, 2022-23

Mentorship Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student, 2021-22

Representative, Graduate Student Council Representative, 2020-21

