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**CURRENT DETAILS:** Recurring Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College

## **EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, Ph.D. Department of Government, 2009

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana, M.Div., 2000

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, England, M.Sc. in The Politics and Government of Western Europe, 1993

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana, BA in Government and International Studies, 1992

## **ACADEMIC THESES**

Ph.D. Thesis: “Managing Change: Party Competition in the New Ireland”

M.Div. Thesis: “20<sup>th</sup> Century Apostolic Lay Movements in the Catholic Tradition”

M.Sc. Thesis: “Rethinking Continuity and Change in the Irish Party System”

B.A. Thesis: “Changing Tides: British Public Opinion on the European Issue under Margaret Thatcher”

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Boston College, Recurring Visiting Professor, Spring 2019-Present

**TRUSTEY FAMILY FOUNDATION**, Co-Director, September 2020-Present

**MINDA DA GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**, Harvard University, Visiting Scholar, September 2019 – August 2020

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**, University of Notre Dame, Assistant Professor, 2009-2017

**MINDA DA GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES** Harvard University, Visiting Faculty Fellow, Spring 2013

**KELLOGG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**, University of Notre Dame, Faculty Fellow, 2009-2019

**KEOUGH NAUGHTON INSTITUTE FOR IRISH STUDIES**, University of Notre Dame, Faculty Fellow, 2009-2019

**NANOVIC INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**, University of Notre Dame, Faculty Fellow, 2009-2019

**INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**, University of Notre Dame, Faculty Fellow, 2013-2019

**JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**, Research Assistant for Professor Robert Putnam, Harvard University, 2004-06

**KELLOGG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**, Notre Dame, Indiana, Visiting Scholar, 2002-03

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS**, Niles, Illinois

- President, 2002; Taught freshman history; assistant freshman basketball coach; head varsity tennis coach, 2000-2003;

**ST. PAUL of the CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Park Ridge, Illinois: Deacon/Visiting Assistant Pastor, 2000-2003

**KEOUGH INTERNSHIP IN IRISH STUDIES**, Dublin Ireland

Assistant to Alan Dukes, TD, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Summer, 1996

**ALLIANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION (ACE)**, Notre Dame, Indiana

- Co-Founder and Advisory Board member, 1993-2018
- Chair, ACE Advisory Board, 2013-2018
- Designed and implemented a program to place over two thousand talented college graduates as teachers in under-resourced U.S. Catholic elementary and secondary schools

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

McGraw Sean and Tiernan, Jonathan, *The Politics of Irish Primary Education Reform in an Era of Secularisation*. New York: Peter Lang, 2022.

McGraw, Sean and O'Malley, Eoin, Eds. *One Party Dominance: Fianna Fáil and Irish Politics 1926-2016*. 2018. New York: Routledge.

McGraw, Sean D. *How Parties Win: Shaping the Irish Political Arena*. 2015. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

### **REFEREED ARTICLES**

McGraw Sean D. and Kowalski, Monica J. and Tiernan, Jonathan, "Catholic education in Ireland and the United States: Teachers' comparative perspectives", *Research in Comparative & International Education*, 2020, Vol. 15(2) 171-185.

McGraw, Sean and Mainwaring, Ben, "How Catchall Parties Compete Ideologically: Beyond Party Typologies", *European Journal of Political Research*, Volume 58, Issue 2, May 2019, 676-96.

McGraw, Sean, 2017, "Rethinking the Franchise Party: Adding the Ideological Dimension - The Irish Case," *Parliamentary Affairs, Volume 71, Issue 3, July 2018, pp.578-602.*

McGraw, Sean. 2017. "Multi-dimensional Party Competition: Abortion Politics in Ireland." *Government and Opposition*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1-25. doi:10.1017/gov.2017.7.

McGraw, Sean, "Fianna Fáil: The Art of Adaptive Survival," 2017. *Irish Political Studies*, Special Issue *Patriotism, Pragmatism and Power: Fianna Fáil 1926-2016*, Sean McGraw and Eoin O'Malley, Eds., 32 (1): 72-95.

McGraw, Sean and Eoin O'Malley. 2017. "Fianna Fáil: The Glue of Ambiguity, An Introduction." *Irish Political Studies*. Special Issue *Patriotism, Pragmatism and Power: Fianna Fáil 1926-2016*, Sean McGraw and Eoin O'Malley, Eds., 32, (1): 1-29.

McGraw, Sean. 2016. "Ideological Flexibility and Electoral Success: An Analysis of Irish Party Competition." *Irish Political Studies*. 31 (4): 461-82.

McGraw, Sean. 2008. "Managing Change: Party Competition in the New Ireland." *Irish Political Studies*. 23 (4): 627-648.

McGraw, Sean and Kevin Whelan. 2005. "Daniel O'Connell in Comparative Perspective 1800-1850." *Eire-Ireland: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Irish Studies*. 40: (1) & (2).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

McGraw, Sean. 2021. "Ireland's Partition: The Birth and Consolidation of Catch-All Parties." *Ireland and Partition: Contexts and Consequences*, N.C. Fleming and James H. Murphy, Eds. Clemson, SC: Clemson University Press. Chapter 12.

Del Fra, Louis, William Mattison, Sean McGraw, and Timothy Scully 2018. "Education in a Catholic Key". *The Anthology of Christian Education*, William Jeynes, Ed. Indianapolis: Wiley-Blackwell.

McGraw, Sean and Jackson, Meadow. 2017. "Irish Parliamentarians Views towards a United Ireland". *A Publication of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement*, House of Oireachtas (Republic of Ireland Parliament).

McGraw, Sean. 2012. "Elusive Governance: The Art of Party Politics in Contemporary Ireland." *Irish Governance in Crisis*, Niamh Hardiman, Ed. Manchester: Manchester University Press. 43-63.

Del Fra, Louis A., Timothy. R. Scully, and Sean McGraw. 2007. "Epilogue: A Community of Educators J. Watzke, ed., *Beyond Alternative Teacher Education: Integrating Teaching, Community, Spirituality and Leadership*. Notre Dame: Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Press. 237-242.

McGraw, Sean and Timothy R. Scully. 2002. "Building ACE: Improvising on Providence," *Teaching Service and Alternative Teacher Education*, Michael Pressley, ed., Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press. 15-34.

## **SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Assembled and chaired the Panel: “Ireland’s Political Landscape in 2016: Commemoration, Continuity and Change,” with David Farrell (University College Dublin), Eoin O’Malley (Dublin City University) and Theresa Reidy (University College Cork); American Conference of Irish Studies Annual Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 31, 2016.

“Fianna Fáil: The Art of Adaptive Survival,” presented at the book conference for the *Irish Political Studies* Special Issue *Patriotism, Pragmatism and Power: Fianna Fáil 1926-2016*, Dublin City University, Keough-Naughton Notre Dame Centre, Dublin, Ireland, May 18, 2016.

“Measuring Catchall Parties: Evidence from the Irish Case.” Benjamin Mainwaring and Sean McGraw, presented at American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2016.

“Ideological Flexibility: A Dynamic Understanding of Irish Electoral Politics.” Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Galway, Ireland October 16-19, 2014.

“Electoral Strategies: How Ireland’s Major Political Parties Shape Voter Choices.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, August 31, 2013.

“Religion and Politics in Ireland: The Politics of Avoidance.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 25, 2012.

McGraw, S. “Localist Politics as Variant of Clientelism: Preserving Party Dominance in Rapidly Changing Societies,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, September, 2011.

“Faith Based Schools: The American Experience,” at the McAuley Conference Series: “Leadership and Change in Faith Based Second Level Schools,” Invited Lecture with Minister of Education, Ruairi Quinn, TD, Mary Immaculate College at the University of Limerick, May 26, 2011.

“The Cycle of Ideological Competition: How Established Parties Adapt,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 1, 2011.

“Historical Legacies, Party Competition, and the Evolution of the Electoral Arena in Contemporary Ireland,” Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, Schloss Ringberg, Germany. July 18-21, 2007.

“The Nature of Party Competition: A Case Study of the 1973 and 2007 Irish General Elections,” Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, 19-21 Dublin, Ireland, October 2007.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

McGraw, Sean. 2017. "Hints of God's Boundless Wonders." *5 Minutes with the Psalms and the Wisdom Books*, Lou Del Fra, C.S.C. and Ann Primus Berends, eds. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame. 54-56.

McGraw, Sean. 2016. “January 31”, “March 30”, and “May 14.” *The Cross, Our Only Hope: Daily Reflections in the Holy Cross Tradition*, Revised edition, Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C. and Kevin Grove, C.S.C., eds. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press.

McGraw, Sean. 2014. "Saint Patrick." *5 Minutes with the Saints*, Lou Del Fra, C.S.C. and Ann Primus Berends, eds. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press. 115-116.

McGraw, Sean. 2011. "Doubting Thomas." *5 Minutes with Christ*, Lou Del Fra, C.S.C. and Ann Primus Berends, eds. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press. 187-189.

McGraw, Sean. 2008. "October 10" and "November 20" *The Cross, Our Only Hope: Daily Reflections in the Holy Cross Tradition*. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C. and Kevin Grove, C.S.C., eds. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press.

## **INVITED LECTURES and ADDRESSES**

"How Parties Win: Shaping the Irish Political Arena," University of British Columbia, Vancouver, February 4, 2016.

"The Congregation of Holy Cross: An International Education Mission," Port-au-Prince, Haiti, January 15, 2016.

"How Parties Win: Shaping the Irish Political Arena," Columbia University, New York, October 12, 2015.

"Catholic Education in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities," Advisory Board of Catholic Extension Society, University of Notre Dame, May 2014.

"Notre Dame's Commitment to K-12 Education in the United States and Internationally," University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees, May 2014.

"Irish Politics: New Frontiers and the Role of Political Parties," John F. Kennedy Summer School, New Ross, County Wexford, Ireland, September 7, 2012.

"Democracy's Choices: Irish Political Parties and the Constraining of the Political Arena," Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, November 2, 2012.

"Faith Based Schools: The American Experience," The McAuley Conference Series: "Leadership and Change in Faith Based Second Level Schools," Invited Lecture with Minister of Education, Ruairi Quinn, TD, Mary Immaculate College at the University of Limerick, Ireland, May 26, 2011.

"Christ Teacher Lecture," Notre Dame Alumni Senate Annual Meeting, Notre Dame, IN, April, 2011.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Harvard University**

- Best Paper Award at the Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, October 2014
- The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies Graduate Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2008-09
- Fulbright Scholarship for Research in Ireland, 2006-07
- The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies Graduate Dissertation Research Grant, 2006-07
- Harvard University GSAS Traveling Fellowship for Research in Ireland, 2006-07
- Representative of Harvard Government Department at the 2007 Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society in Schloss Ringberg (Bavaria), Germany
- Representative of Harvard Government Department, Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Phoenix, Arizona, January 3-13, 2006
- The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies Graduate Student Summer Travel Grant, 2005

### **University of Notre Dame**

- Kellogg Institute Research Grants, 2010, 2012, and 2016

- Nanovic Institute Research Grant 2016
- Co-recipient of the National Catholic Education Association's C. Albert Koob Merit Award Recipient for the Most Significant Contribution to Catholic Education, 1995
- Inaugural National Demonstration Award - Corporation for National Service, 1994