

Seth C. Clark, Curriculum Vitae

“There are two things that interest me: the relation of people to each other, and the relation of people to land.” - Aldo Leopold

Employment

January, 2021 - Present Macon-Bibb County Consolidated Government

Mayor Pro Tempore, County Commissioner

- Elected to represent District 5 on the nonpartisan Macon-Bibb County Commission in 2020.
- Elected to serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore by bipartisan votes from the county commission. The Mayor Pro Tempore is the second highest elected municipal position in the fourth largest city in Georgia.
- Develop committee structure and assignments for the Macon-Bibb County Commission.
- Work closely with the Mayor of Macon and County Commission on policy-making and the management of a Macon-Bibb County’s \$211 million budget.
- Re-elected in 2024 for a second, four year term.

April 2021 - Present Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative (ONPPI)

Executive Director

- The Executive Director of ONPPI leads the effort to create Georgia’s first National Park and Preserve in middle Georgia and is one of the largest freshwater, wildlife habitat corridors, and cultural conservation efforts in the southeast. Our mission is to conserve tens of thousands of acres of public hunting and fishing land and Muscogee (Creek) cultural sites in middle Georgia in the form of a National Park and Preserve.
- As the organization’s first full-time Executive Director, I transitioned the organization from a volunteer organization to a fully staffed, non-tribal+tribal partnership with an operating budget of over \$800,000.00 and leveraged tens of millions of private and philanthropic dollars to put thousands of acres into conservation.
- Manage the ONPPI staff + board relations.
- Work with willing sellers to acquire land to expand the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park and the Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
- Work with local, state, tribal, and federal elected officials in pursuit of the expansion of the park.
- Work with bipartisan members of Congress and the White House on the drafting and passage of park creation legislation and securing pertinent appropriations.
- Coordinate resources and strategy with 40+ local, state, and national philanthropic and local, state, and federal governmental partners.
- Work closely with the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Department of Interior, Department of Defense, and other federal agencies.
- Manage a team of government relations experts from multiple agencies in pursuit of the legislative creation of Georgia’s first National Park and Preserve.
- Fundraise within the local, state, and national philanthropic and foundational community.

May, 2018 - December 2020

Harbor Strategies, LLC

Founder/Owner

- Harbor Strategies was an all-purpose research, media relations, and paid communications consulting firm with a focus on community-based issues and candidate-based campaigns.

2017 - May, 2018 *Stacey Evans for Georgia Governor*

Campaign Manager/Senior Advisor

- Manage and raise a multi-million dollar budget for a statewide campaign for governor.
- Craft and manage every aspect of the campaign's messaging.
- Maintain a strong working relationship with the Georgia and national press corps.
- Manage a staff of 20+ paid employees.

2012 - 2017 *State Representative Stacey Evans*

Chief of Staff

- Issues research: including but not limited to conservation, K-12 education, HOPE Grant for technical college students, lottery corporation, HOPE Scholarship, and juvenile justice code.
- Work with Legislative Counsel to draft legislation based on above-mentioned research.
- Manage digital lists, produce newsletters, and social media presence.
- Execute a bipartisan strategy for passage of measures that increased access to technical college.
- Conduct fundraising, organize community events, town halls.

2014 – 2015 *State Senator Elena Parent*

Chief of Staff + Legislative Director

- Issues research: Including but not limited to K-12 education, Pre-K, and city creation.
- Work with Legislative Counsel to draft legislation based on above-mentioned research.
- Maintain relationships with lobbyists, advocates, and members of the press corps.
- Manage a staff of legal externs, policy aides, and administrators.
- Conduct fundraising, organize community events, town halls.
- Manage constituent services and voter database.

2013 – 2014 *Michelle Nunn For United States Senate*

Deputy Research Director

- Draft Issue based memos on topics including but not limited to: Federal support of technical education, BRAC + military installation policy, federal higher education policy, economic development, environmental and agricultural policy in Georgia, and military towns across the state of Georgia.
- Maintain relationships with advocates and members of the press corps.
- Work with the candidate, the campaign manager, and Communications Director on media relations.

- Participate in the issue development and debate preparation.
- Manage a Policy Director, Research Associates, and research fellows.

2011- 2012 **State Senator Jason Carter**
Legislative Aide

- Issue research: Including but not limited to HOPE Scholarship/Grant, technical colleges and public education.
- Bill Summary, research and parliamentary procedural review for the Senate Minority Leader.
- Help plan public events with Senator Carter’s grandparents, President and First Lady Carter.
- Manage constituent services and voter database.
- Organize community events, town halls.

2008-2009 **Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless + AmeriCorps**
Legal Protection Program Director / AmeriCorps VISTA State Supervisor

- Conduct legal research, assist in litigation and discovery using legal software
- Conduct social casework for client grant writing.
- Founded and Supervised Homeless Experience Legal Protection (H.E.L.P) Legal Clinic employees, interns and volunteers under supervision of staff attorney.
- Supervise 10 AmeriCorps VISTAs for the National Coalition for the Homeless throughout the state of Georgia.

Education

Georgia State University 2010-2012
 History, Political Science

Emory University 2009-2010
 Associate’s degree in Paralegal Studies

Mercer University, University of Tuebingen 2003- 2006
 Music, Philosophy, German, and Religion

Current and Past Board Involvement, Awards and Community Service

- Georgia Trend 40 Under 40 Award, 2023
- Macon Magazine 5 Under 40 Award, 2022
- Southeastern Tourism Society’s Government Official of the Year, 2022
- Macon Rotary member
- Board of Directors, Visit Macon
- Former Chairman, Macon Area Transportation Policy Commission
- Vice-Chair of Board of Directors, Macon-Bibb County Board of Public Health
- Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council member
- Leadership Macon, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, Class of 2021
- Deacon, Highland Hills Baptist Church
- Georgia Municipal Association, Former Federal and State policy committees member

- Glass Leadership Institute, Anti-Defamation League
- Trout Unlimited member
- Ducks Unlimited member
- Georgia Conservancy member
- Georgia Wildlife Federation member
- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers member
- 2 term State and National AmeriCorps member (2006-2007 term and 2007-2008 term)

Other Skills and Relevant Qualifications

- Certified Paralegal
- Legal research experience – PACER, LexisNexis and WestLaw
- Legal editing and writing experience
- Litigation experience
- Proficient in GIS Data cartography – using shapefiles and FIPS codes to map data
- Proficient in Wordpress + SEO management
- Proficient in paid digital targeting across multiple platforms
- Fluent in German; conversational, reading, and writing ability