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Malone begins work as 2026–2027 Congressional Science Fellow

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Zachary Malone is the 2026–2027 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Congressional Science Fellow.

Zachary Malone was selected as the 2026–2027 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Congressional Science Fellow. He began his work in September in the office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin. As Fellow, Dr. Malone will focus on the environmental portfolio, with issues spanning agriculture to natural resource management.

"I am very excited to join Senator Baldwin's office as a congressional science fellow. I look forward to learning what policymaking looks like in practice from an experienced team and to work in an office with a strong history of sponsoring agricultural and environmental progress."

Malone received a Ph.D. in Environmental Systems at the University of California, Merced. He conducted policy-informed research, studying how compost can be used to improve urban soil systems in relation to California Senate Bill 1383 (statutes of 2016), which seeks to divert organic matters from landfills. Malone's research gave him the opportunity to engage in science communication efforts both in public and traditional academic settings. Through the American Geophysical Union (AGU), he has been involved in congressional visits days, the Local Science Partners Program, and the Voices for Science Program.

The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Congressional Science Fellowship Program is unique opportunity for Society members with an interest in working at the intersection of science and government. For more than 30 years, ASA, CSSA, and SSSA have selected a Society member to spend one year in Washington, DC, applying their professional and scientific expertise as a special assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee. The program is part of the larger Congressional Science & Engineering Fellows Program managed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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