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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>The Ohio State University</b> , <i>Salmon P. Chase Center</i> Assistant Professor	<b>Columbus, OH</b> 2025 - Present
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Postdoctoral Fellow	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b> 2023 - 2025
<b>George Mason University</b> , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Graduate Lecturer	<b>Fairfax, VA</b> 2021 - 2022

## EDUCATION

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<b>George Mason University</b> Ph.D., Economics B.S., Economics	<b>Fairfax, VA</b> Dec. 2023 Dec. 2018
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## RESEARCH

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### Refereed Publications

5. Hall, Jacob R. (Forthcoming). "Travel Speed over the *Longue Durée*." *European Review of Economic History*.
4. Hall, Jacob R., and Klein, Daniel B. (2026). "Why Lords Went for Luxuries." *The Independent Review*, 30(4): 1-14.
3. Fitzsimmons, P., Geloso, V., and Hall, J.R. (2025). "Did the Great Leveling Begin After 1921?" *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 1-18.
2. Hall, Jacob R. (2022). "From Hume to Smith on the Common Law and English Liberty: A Comment on Paul Sagar." *Econ Journal Watch* 19(1): 109-123.
1. Hall, Jacob R., and Shera, M. (2020). "Classical Liberals on Social Justice." *Economic Affairs* 40(3): 467-483.

### Other Publications

2. Klein, D.B., Briggeman, J., and Hall, J.R. (2021). "Foreword to Hume's Manuscript Account of the Extraordinary Affair Between Him and Rousseau." *Econ Journal Watch* 18(2): 278-326.
1. Hall, Jacob R. "David Hume on the Common Law and English Liberty." *Adam Smith Works*. 27 June 2022.

### Working Papers & Research in Progress

1. [Itinerant Kings](#).
2. [Magna Carta](#) (with Mark Koyama and Desiree Desierto).
3. [Railroads and American Institutional Change](#) (with Slade Mendenhall)

4. The King's French: The Political Economy of Language (with Alex Taylor).
5. Islam, Trade, and the Rise of Northwestern Europe (with Marcus Shera).

## TEACHING

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### The Ohio State University

Can We Rule Ourselves?

### University of Pennsylvania

Foundations of Market Economies (x2, with J. Fernández-Villaverde and I. Luzardo)

### George Mason University

Economics of Developing Areas

Topics in Economic History

### Invited Guest Lectures

University of Richmond

### The Adam Smith Reading Group (with J. Thrasher)

*The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

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Law and Economics Fellow <i>International Center for Law &amp; Economics</i>	2024 - Present
John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Fellow <i>John and Daria Barry Foundation</i>	2023 - 2025
Adam Smith Program Fellow <i>Department of Economics, George Mason University</i>	2019 - 2023
Ph.D. Fellow <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2020 - 2023
Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2021 - 2023
Humane Studies Fellowship <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> (Annual)	2019 - 2022

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (LAST 5 YEARS)

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### Invited Presentations

George Mason University	Sept. 2025
The Morningside Institute	Jun. 2025
The Ohio State University	Feb. 2025
University of Nebraska at Omaha	Jan. 2025

### Workshops & Colloquia

International Center for Law & Economics: Big Ideas Workshop	Dec. 2025
Oklahoma State University, Idea & Paper Development Workshop	Feb. 2025
International Center for Law & Economics: Big Ideas Workshop	Dec. 2024
International Center for Law & Economics: Introduction to Public Choice	Mar. 2024

### Conference Presentations (including planned)

2025: ASSA Meetings, Public Choice Soc., Markets & Society, Southern Economics Assoc.

2024: Public Choice Soc., Markets & Society, WINIR, Southern Economics Assoc.  
2023: Public Choice Soc., Virginia Assoc. of Economists, Southern Economic Assoc.  
2022: Economic History Soc., Southern Economics Assoc.  
2021: Southern Economics Assoc., APEE

## SERVICE

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**Referee Experience:** *Explorations in Economic History* (2), *Public Choice* (4), *The Independent Review*

**Departmental Service at The Ohio State University:**

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Civics, Law, and Leadership)	2025 - Present
Grants, Scholarship, and Awards Committee	2025 - Present

## REFERENCES

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