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EMPLOYMENT

The Ohio State University , <i>Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society</i> Assistant Professor	Starting Fall 2025
University of Pennsylvania , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Postdoctoral Fellow	2023 - Present
George Mason University , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Graduate Lecturer	2021 - 2022

EDUCATION

George Mason University Ph.D., Economics	2019 - 2023
B.S., Economics	2015 - 2018

CURRENT RESEARCH

Working Papers

1. [Itinerant Kings](#).
2. [Magna Carta](#) (with Mark Koyama and Desiree Desierto).
3. [Travel Speed over the *Longue Durée*](#).
4. Railroads and American Institutional Change (with Slade Mendenhall)

Select Works in Progress

1. Islam, Trade, and the Rise of Northwestern Europe (with Marcus Shera).
2. The King's French (with Alex Taylor).
3. The Political Economy of the Spanish Inquisition (with Patrick Fitzsimmons and Henry Thompson).

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

3. Fitzsimmons, P., Geloso, V., and **Hall, J.** (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), pp. 109-123. (Reprinted in [Klein and Briggeman \(2022\)](#))
1. **Hall, Jacob** and Shera, Marcus. (2020). "Classical Liberals on Social Justice." *Economic Affairs*, 40(3), pp.467-483.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Academic

1. Klein, D., Briggeman, J., and **Hall, J.** (2021). “Foreword to Hume’s Manuscript Account of the Extraordinary Affair Between Him and Rousseau.” *Econ Journal Watch* 18(2): 278-326.

Popular

1. “David Hume on the Common Law and English Liberty.” *Adam Smith Works*. 27 June 2022. [Link](#).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Law & Economics Fellow <i>International Center for Law & Economics</i>	2024/2025
John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Fellow <i>John and Daria Barry Foundation</i>	2023 - Present
Adam Smith Program Fellow <i>George Mason University, Economics Department</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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Experience: *Public Choice* (3)

Memberships: American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Network for Constitutional Economics and Social Philosophy (Invited Member), Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars (Including Planned)

2025: ASSA Meetings, U. of Nebraska Omaha (invited), Public Choice Society, Ohio State University (invited)

2024: Public Choice Society, Markets & Society Conference, WINIR, Southern Economics Association

2023: Public Choice Society, Virginia Association of Economists, Southern Economic Association

2022: Economic History Society, Southern Economics Association, George Mason University (Invisible Hand Seminar)

2021: Southern Economics Association, APEE

2018: Virginia Association of Economists

2017: Southern Economics Association

Workshops & Colloquia

Oklahoma State University’s Idea & Paper Development Workshop Feb. 2024

ICLE Big Ideas Workshop Dec. 2024

Media Appearances

“Markets and their Critics,” Webinar (x2)
Penn Institute for the Study of Markets

Mar./Apr. 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Foundations of Market Economies (UPenn, with Jesus Fernández-Villaverde)

Fall 2023, 2024

Economics of Developing Areas (George Mason)

Spring 2022

Topics in Economic History (George Mason)

Fall 2021

Guest Lectures

University of Richmond

Nov. 2024

REFERENCES

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