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EMPLOYMENT

The Ohio State University, *Salmon P. Chase Center*
Assistant Professor

Columbus, OH
Starting Fall 2025

University of Pennsylvania, *Dept. of Economics*
Postdoctoral Fellow

Philadelphia, PA
2023 - Present

George Mason University, *Dept. of Economics*
Graduate Lecturer

Fairfax, VA
2021 - 2022

EDUCATION

George Mason University
Ph.D., Economics
B.S., Economics with departmental honors

Fairfax, VA
Dec. 2023
Dec. 2018

RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

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, J.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, J.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. [Link](#).

Working Papers & Research in Progress

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

7. The Political Economy of the Spanish Inquisition (with Patrick Fitzsimmons and Henry Thompson).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & 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 (Annual)</i>	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

TEACHING

The Ohio State University

CIVICTL 1100: The American Civic Tradition

Fall 2025

University of Pennsylvania

ECON 4610: Foundations of Market Economies
(with Jesus Fernández-Villaverde)

Fall 2023, 2024

George Mason University

ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas
ECON 365: Topics in Economic History

Spring 2022
Fall 2021

REFERENCES

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