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EMPLOYMENT

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

Columbus, OH
2025 - Present

University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Economics
Postdoctoral Fellow

Philadelphia, PA
2023 - 2025

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

4. Hall, Jacob R., and Klein, Dan B. (Forthcoming, Spring 2026). "Why Lords Went for Luxuries." *The Independent Review*, xx-xx.
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.

Working Papers & Research in Progress

1. **Itinerant Kings**.
2. **Travel Speed over the *Longue Durée***.
Revisions Requested at the *European Review of Economic History*.
3. **Magna Carta** (with Mark Koyama and Desiree Desierito).
4. **Railroads and American Institutional Change** (with Slade Mendenhall)

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

TEACHING

The Ohio State University

Can We Rule Ourselves?

Planned Spring 2026

The Adam Smith Reading Group (with John Thrasher)

The Wealth of Nations, Adam Smith

Planned Spring 2026

University of Pennsylvania

Foundations of Market Economies

(with Jesus Fernández-Villaverde and Ivan Luzardo)

Fall 2023, 2024

George Mason University

Economics of Developing Areas

Topics in Economic History

Spring 2022

Fall 2021

Invited Guest Lectures

University of Richmond

Nov. 2024

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Law & Economics Fellow

2024 - 2026

International Center for Law & Economics

John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Fellow

2023 - 2025

John and Daria Barry Foundation

Adam Smith Program Fellow

2019 - 2023

Department of Economics, George Mason University

Ph.D. Fellow

2020 - 2023

Mercatus Center

Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship

2021 - 2023

Mercatus Center

Humane Studies Fellowship

2019 - 2022

Institute for Humane Studies (Annual)

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (LAST 5 YEARS)

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

International Center for Law & Economics: Big Ideas Workshop

Dec. 2024

International Center for Law & Economics: Introduction to Public Choice

Mar. 2024

Oklahoma State University's Idea & Paper Development Workshop

Feb. 2024

Conference Presentations(including planned)

- 2025: ASSA Meetings, Public Choice Society, Markets & Society, Southern Economics Assoc.
- 2024: Public Choice Society, Markets & Society Conference, WINIR, Southern Economics Assoc.
- 2023: Public Choice Society, Virginia Association of Economists, Southern Economic Assoc.
- 2022: Economic History Society, Southern Economics Assoc.
- 2021: Southern Economics Assoc., APEE

SERVICE

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

Departmental Service:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2025 - Present
Scholarship and Awards Committee	2025 - Present

REFERENCES

Jesús Fernández-Villaverde

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