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EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

George Mason University Ph.D., Economics B.S., Economics	Fairfax, VA Dec. 2023 Dec. 2018
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RESEARCH

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

The Ohio State University

Can We Rule Ourselves? Spring 2026

University of Pennsylvania

Foundations of Market Economies (with J. Fernández-Villaverde and I. Luzardo) Fall 2023, 2024

George Mason University

Economics of Developing Areas Spring 2022

Topics in Economic History Fall 2021

Invited Guest Lectures

University of Richmond Nov. 2024

The Adam Smith Reading Group (with J. Thrasher)

The Wealth of Nations, Adam Smith Spring 2026

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Law and Economics Fellow 2024 - Present

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

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

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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