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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

Fairfax, VA
Dec. 2023
Dec. 2018

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 Desierito).
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)		
<i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Adam Smith	Spring 2026	

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

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

2025 - Present
2025 - Present

REFERENCES

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