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## EMPLOYMENT

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**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

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**George Mason University**  
Ph.D., Economics  
B.S., Economics

**Fairfax, VA**  
Dec. 2023  
Dec. 2018

## RESEARCH

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### Refereed Publications

4. Hall, Jacob R., and Klein, Dan B. (Forthcoming, Spring 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, 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

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### 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

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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)

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### 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 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**

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

## **REFERENCES**

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