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## EMPLOYMENT

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

## EDUCATION

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<b>George Mason University</b> Ph.D., Economics B.S., Economics with departmental honors	<b>Fairfax, VA</b> Dec. 2023 Dec. 2018
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## RESEARCH

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### 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.

### 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 Desierto).
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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### University of Pennsylvania

*ECON 4610: Foundations of Market Economies*

(with Jesus Fernández-Villaverde and Ivan Luzardo)

Fall 2023, 2024

### George Mason University

*ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas*

Spring 2022

*ECON 365: Topics in Economic History*

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

*George Mason University, Economics Department*

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)*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Referee Experience:** *Explorations in Economic History, 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

### Last 5 Years of Conference & Seminars Presentations (including planned)

2025: ASSA Meetings, U. of Nebraska Omaha (invited seminar), Public Choice Society, The Morningside Institute (invited), George Mason U.(invited seminar)

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

2021: Southern Economics Association, APEE

## REFERENCES

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