

# Alexander N. Taylor

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## Education

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**George Mason University**

*PhD, Economics*

**Fairfax, VA**

Expected May 2024

**George Mason University**

*MA, Economics*

**Fairfax, VA**

May 2021

**Hillsdale College**

*BA, Economics, Minor in Mathematics, cum laude*

**Hillsdale, MI**

May 2019

## Experience

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**Research Assistant**

*To Dr. Thomas Stratmann*

*To Dr. Mark Koyama*

*To Dr. Christopher Coyne*

**George Mason University**

2023–Present

2021–2023

2019–2021

**Instructor**

*ECON 385: International Economic Policy*

**George Mason University**

Spring 2022

- Introduces economic way of thinking on trade and international finance. Presents historical and current information on consequences of trade and protectionism.

*ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas*

Fall 2021

- Economic growth characteristic of developing countries. Economic development, obstacles to development, policies, and planning.

## Research

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**Research Interests**

- Political Economy
- Economic History
- Applied Econometrics

**Working Papers**

- [2] Taylor, Alexander N. (2023). “Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South,” Working Paper, *Revise & Resubmit, Explorations in Economic History*
  - Uses TWFE and event study models to examine the impact of Confederate monument dedications on socio-political outcomes in the Post-Reconstruction South
- [1] Johnson, N. D., Taylor, A. T., and Thomas, A. (2023). “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press,” Working Paper, *Under Review*
  - Uses a 2SLS model to measure the impact of the Black Death on the emergence of new markets and the adoption of new technologies, namely the market for books and the printing press

**Work in Progress**

- [4] Crepelle, A., Stratmann, T., and Taylor, A. N. (2023) “Institution Building in Indian Country: Tribal Courts”
- [3] Johnson, N. D. and Taylor, A. N. (2023). “Spatial Specialization of Early Printing: A Cosine Similarity Analysis of Titles from 1450 to 1650”
- [2] Taylor, Alexander N. (2022). “The Word of God or Man? Bibles, Dictionaries, and the Vernacular Shift”
- [1] Hall, J. H. and Taylor A. N. (2022). “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”

**In the Media**

- [2] Taylor, Alexander. 2023. “When Confederate-glorifying monuments went up in the South, voting in Black areas went down.” *The Conversation*. August 8.
  - Summary of findings in “Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South”

- [1] Balko, Radley. 2022. “Code Snitching: Nashvillians Are Weaponizing Metro Codes Against ‘Undesirable’ Neighbors”. *The Nashville Scene*. July 28.
- Explores the disproportionate use of metro code violation complaints in gentrifying neighborhoods
  - My contribution found that lower-valued homes were more likely to have complaints filed against them, even when controlling for a home’s condition, in gentrifying areas. I did not find the same relationship in non-gentrifying areas.

## Professional Activities

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### Conferences & Seminars (Including Planned)

- **2024**
  - ASSA Meetings, ASREC Conference, Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy (Discussant)
- **2023**
  - Public Choice Society Meetings, Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, Virginia Association of Economists Meetings, ACEI Meetings, World Cliometric Conference, Werner Troesken Memorial Conference, EHA Meetings, Markets & Society Conference, SEA Meetings
- **2022**
  - Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference, Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, World Economic History Congress, GMU Economic History Group, SEA Meetings
- **2021**
  - Public Choice Society Meetings

### Memberships

American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Southern Economic Association

## Skills

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**Software:** R & RStudio (GIS, Web Scraping, Textual Analysis), Stata, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Beamer

**Languages:** English (Native), French (Beginner)

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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<b>PhD Fellowship, Mercatus Center</b> <i>George Mason University</i>	2023–Present
<b>Presidential Fellowship</b> <i>George Mason University</i>	2019–2023
<b>Student Fellows Program</b> <i>Public Choice Society</i>	2023
<b>Conference Accelerator Grant</b> <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2022
<b>Humane Studies Fellowship</b> <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2021–2022

## References

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