

# Alexander N. Taylor

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## Academic Appointments

University of Evansville, Schroeder School of Business  
*Assistant Professor of Economics*

Evansville, IN  
Starting Aug 2024

## Education

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

## Teaching Experience

George Mason University  
*ECON 385: International Economic Policy*  
*ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas*

Spring 2022  
Fall 2021

## Research

### Research Interests

- Political Economy
- Economic History
- Applied Econometrics

### Working Papers

- [2] Taylor, Alexander N. (2024). “Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South,” Working Paper, *Revised & Resubmitted, 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] Taylor, Alexander N. (2024). “The Word of God or Man? Bibles and the Vernacular Shift”
- [3] Stratmann, T., Taylor, A. N., and Crepelle, A. (2023) “Institution Building in Indian Country: Tribal Courts”
- [2] Johnson, N. D. and Taylor, A. N. (2023). “Spatial Specialization of Early Printing: A Cosine Similarity Analysis of Titles from 1450 to 1650”
- [1] Hall, J. H. and Taylor A. N. (2022). “The King’s French”

### Non-Peer Reviewed Work

- [3] Taylor, Alexander. 2024. “Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South” *Cato Institute Research Briefs in Economic Policy*. No. 384. May 22.
- [2] Taylor, Alexander. 2023. “When Confederate-glorifying monuments went up in the South, voting in Black areas went down.” *The Conversation*. August 8.
- [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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### Conference & Seminar Presentations (Including Planned)

- **2024**
  - ASSA Meetings, Centre College (invited seminar), ASREC, University of Evansville (invited seminar), Public Choice Society, Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy (discussant, cancelled)
- **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

### 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>Snively Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies in Economics</b> <i>Department of Economics, George Mason University</i>	2024
<b>PhD Fellowship, Mercatus Center</b> <i>George Mason University</i>	2023–2024
<b>Presidential Fellowship</b> <i>George Mason University</i>	2019–2023
<b>Student Fellows Program (\$470)</b> <i>Public Choice Society</i>	2023
<b>Conference Accelerator Grant (\$2,000)</b> <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2022
<b>Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)</b> <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2021–2022

## References

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