

Alexander N. Taylor

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Education

George Mason University

PhD, Economics

Fairfax, VA

Aug 2019–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

Research Assistant

To Dr. Thomas Stratmann

To Dr. Mark Koyama

To Dr. Christopher Coyne

George Mason University

Aug 2023–Present

Aug 2021–Jul 2023

Aug 2019–Jul 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

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

Conference Presentations (Including Planned)

- **2024**
 - ASSA Meetings
- **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 (Poster), Markets & Society Conference, SEA Meetings
- **2022**
 - Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference, Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, World Economic History Congress, GMU Econ History PhD Student Group, SEA Meetings
- **2021**
 - Public Choice Society Meetings

Memberships

American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Southern Economic Association

Skills

Software: R & RStudio (GIS, Web Scraping, Textual Analysis), Stata, QGIS, L^AT_EX, Beamer

Languages: English (Native), French (Beginner)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

PhD Fellowship, Mercatus Center <i>George Mason University</i>	Aug 2023–Present
Presidential Fellowship <i>George Mason University</i>	Aug 2019–Jul 2023
Conference Accelerator Grant <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– For: “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”	Aug 2022
Humane Studies Fellowship <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	Aug 2021–Aug 2022

References

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