

Alexander N. Taylor

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Education

George Mason University <i>PhD, Economics</i>	Fairfax, VA 2019–Present
George Mason University <i>MA, Economics</i>	Fairfax, VA May 2021
Hillsdale College <i>BA, Economics, Minor in Mathematics, cum laude</i>	Hillsdale, MI May 2019

Experience

Research Assistant <i>To Dr. Thomas Stratmann</i> <i>To Dr. Mark Koyama</i> <i>To Dr. Christopher Coyne</i>	George Mason University Aug 2023–Present Aug 2021–Jul 2023 Aug 2019–Jul 2021
Teaching <i>ECON 385: International Economic Policy (Syllabus)</i> – Introduces economic way of thinking on trade and international finance. Presents historical and current information on consequences of trade and protectionism. <i>ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas (Syllabus)</i> – Economic growth characteristic of developing countries. Economic development, obstacles to development, policies, and planning.	George Mason University Spring 2022 Fall 2021

Research

Research Interests
– Economic History
– Political Economy
– Applied Econometrics

Working Papers

<i>“Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South”</i> – Previously presented as “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols” – Uses TWFE and event study models to examine the impact of Confederate monument dedications on socio-political outcomes in the Post-Reconstruction South	Under Review, Draft: Jul 2023
<i>“The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”</i> – with Noel Johnson and Andrew Thomas – 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	Under Review, Draft: Apr 2023

Work in Progress

<i>“Dictionaries and Language in Early Modern Europe”</i> – Investigates the impact of printed dictionaries in early modern Europe	
<i>“Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”</i> – with Jacob Hall – Investigates the impact of language policy and state capacity on printed early modern French	
<i>“The History of the Urban-Rural Divide in American Politics”</i> – with Jacob Hall and Pradyot Sharma – Investigates the evolution of political divides between urban and rural America	

In the Media

Taylor, Alexander. 2023. “When Confederate-glorifying monuments went up in the South, voting in Black areas went down.” <i>The Conversation</i> . August 8.	Aug 2023
– Summary of findings in “Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South”	

Balko, Radley. 2022. “Code Snitching: Nashvillians Are Weaponizing Metro Codes Against ‘Undesirable’ Neighbors”. *The Nashville Scene*. July 28. Jul 2022

- 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

Workshops

West Virginia University Summer Empirical Workshop

Aug 2021

Memberships

American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Southern Economic Association

Skills

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

Languages: English (Primary), French (Basic)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

PhD Fellowship, Mercatus Center

Aug 2023–Present

George Mason University

Presidential Fellowship

Aug 2019–Jul 2023

George Mason University

Conference Accelerator Grant

Aug 2022

Institute for Humane Studies

- For: “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”

Humane Studies Fellowship

Aug 2021–Aug 2022

Institute for Humane Studies