

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</i>	Hillsdale, MI May 2019

Experience

Research Assistant <i>To Dr. Mark Koyama</i>	George Mason University
Teaching <i>ECON 385: International Economic Policy (Syllabus)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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

- “Monumental Effects: Symbols of the Lost Cause in the Post-Reconstruction South”* *Current Draft: Mar 2023*
- Previously presented as “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”
 - Uses TWFE and event study models to examine the impact of Confederate symbol dedications on political outcomes in the Post-Reconstruction South
- “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”* *Current Draft: Mar 2023*
- 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

Work in Progress

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

In the Media

- “Code Snitching: Nashvillians Are Weaponizing Metro Codes Against ‘Undesirable’ Neighbors”* *July 2022*
- By Radley Balko in the Nashville Scene
 - 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 Development

Presentations (Including Planned)

<i>Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings</i> (New Orleans, LA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Nov 2023
<i>Werner Troesken Memorial Conference</i> (Pittsburgh, PA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Sep 2023
<i>World Cliometric Conference</i> (Dublin, Ireland) – “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”	Jul 2023
<i>Association for Cultural Economics International 2023</i> (Bloomington, IN) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Jun 2023
<i>Virginia Association of Economists Annual Meetings</i> (Richmond, VA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Apr 2023
<i>Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference</i> (Fairfax, VA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Mar 2023
<i>Public Choice Society Annual Meetings</i> (Seattle, WA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Mar 2023
<i>Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings</i> (Fort Lauderdale, FL) – “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”	Nov 2022
<i>GMU Econ History PhD Student Group</i> (Fairfax, VA) – “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	Oct 2022
<i>19th World Economic History Congress</i> (Paris, France) – “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”	Jul 2022
<i>Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference</i> (Fairfax, VA) – “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”	Apr 2022
<i>Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference</i> (Virtual) – “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”	Mar 2022
Workshops & Colloquia <i>Center for Free Enterprise @ WVU Summer Empirical Workshop</i>	Aug 2021

Skills

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

Languages: English (Primary), French (Basic)

Awards

Presidential Fellowship <i>George Mason University</i>	Aug 2019–Present
Conference Accelerator Grant <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> – 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