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Education

George Mason University

PhD, Economics

Fairfax, VA

2019–Present

George Mason University

MA, Economics

Fairfax, VA

May 2021

Hillsdale College

BA, Economics, Minor in Mathematics

Hillsdale, MI

Cum Laude with Departmental Honors

May 2019

Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

To Dr. Mark Koyama

To Dr. Christopher Coyne

Fairfax, VA

Aug 2021–Present

Aug 2019–Aug 2021

Graduate Lecturer

ECON 385: International Economic Policy

Fairfax, VA

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

- Economic History
- Political Economy

Papers in Progress

“Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols” *Current Draft: Dec 2021*

- Uses a Two-Way Fixed Effects regression model and an Event Study to examine the impact of Confederate symbols on county voting for the Democratic Party in the Post-Reconstruction South

“The Word of God: The Spread of Vernacular Printing in the Protestant Reformation” *Current Draft: May 2022*

- Uses a 2SLS model to measure the impact of early adoption of Protestantism on printing in non-Latin languages

“The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press” *Current Draft: April 2022*

- with Noel Johnson and Andrew Thomas
- Uses a 3SLS 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.

Professional Development

Conference Presentations

Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

Planned: November 2022

- “The Word of God: The Spread of Vernacular Printing in the Protestant Reformation”

19th World Economic History Congress (Paris, France)

Planned: July 2022

- “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”

George Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (Fairfax, VA)

April 2022

- “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”

Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference (Virtual)

March 2022

– “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”

Workshops & Colloquia

Center for Free Enterprise @ WVU Summer Empirical Workshop

Aug 2021

Skills

Proficient in: R, Stata, Web Scraping, \LaTeX

Awards

Presidential Fellowship

Aug 2019–Present

George Mason University

Humane Studies Fellowship

Aug 2021–Present

Institute for Humane Studies