

# Alexander N. Taylor

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## Education

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### 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**

May 2019

## Experience

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### 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

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### Research Interests

- Economic History
- Political Economy
- Applied Microeconometrics

### Papers in Progress

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

*Current Draft: Dec 2021*

- Uses an event study to examine the impact of Confederate symbols on county voting for the Democratic Party in the Post-Reconstruction South

*“The Language of Growth: Printing in the Vernacular and Economic Change”*

*Current Draft: May 2022*

- Investigates the impact of the rise of non-Latin printed books on economic growth

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

*Current Draft: July 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.

### 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

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### Conference Presentations

- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (Fort Lauderdale, FL)* *Planned: November 2022*  
– “The Language of Growth: Printing in the Vernacular and Economic Change”
- 19th World Economic History Congress (Paris, France)* *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

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

## Awards

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- Presidential Fellowship** *Aug 2019–Present*  
*George Mason University*
- Humane Studies Fellowship** *Aug 2021–Aug 2022*  
*Institute for Humane Studies*
- Conference Accelerator Grant** *Aug 2022*  
*Institute for Humane Studies*  
– For “The Language of Growth: Printing in the Vernacular and Economic Change”