Alexander N. Taylor

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Education

George Mason University Fairfax, VA PhD, Economics 2019-Present

George Mason University Fairfax, VA MA, Economics May 2021

Hillsdale College Hillsdale, MI May 2019

BA, Economics, Minor in Mathematics

Experience

Graduate Research Assistant Fairfax, VA

To Dr. Mark Koyama Aug 2021-Present To Dr. Christopher Coyne Aug 2019-Aug 2021

Graduate Lecturer Fairfax, VA Spring 2022

ECON 385: International Economic Policy (Syllabus)

- 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 (Syllabus)

Fall 2021

Economic growth characteristic of developing countries. Economic development, obstacles to development, policies, and planning.

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: Dec 2022

- 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: Dec 2022

- 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

Papers in Progress

"Dictionaries and Language in Early Modern Europe"

- Investigates the impact of printed dictionaries in early modern Europe

"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

"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

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

Conference Presentations Public Choice Society Annual Meetings (Seattle, WA) - "Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South"	Mar 2023
Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (Fort Lauderdale, FL) – "Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French"	Nov 2022
GMU Econ History PhD Student Workshop (Fairfax, VA) – "Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South"	Oct 2022
 19th World Economic History Congress (Paris, France) "The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press" 	Jul 2022
George Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (Fairfax, VA) – "Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols"	Apr 2022
Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference (Virtual) – "Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols"	Mar 2022
Workshops & Colloquia Center for Free Enterprise @ WVU Summer Empirical Workshop	Aug 2021

Skills

Proficient in: R, Stata, GIS, Web Scraping, LATEX

Awards

Presidential Fellowship
George Mason University

Aug 2019—Present

Conference Accelerator Grant Aug 2022

Institute for Humane Studies

– For: "Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French"

Humane Studies Fellowship
Institute for Humane Studies

Aug 2021–Aug 2022