

# Alexander N. Taylor

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## Education

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

## Experience

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<b>Research Assistant</b> <i>To Dr. Thomas Stratmann</i> <i>To Dr. Mark Koyama</i> <i>To Dr. Christopher Coyne</i>	<b>George Mason University</b> Aug 2023–Present Aug 2021–Jul 2023 Aug 2019–Jul 2021
<b>Instructor</b> <i>ECON 385: International Economic Policy (<a href="#">Syllabus</a>)</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 (<a href="#">Syllabus</a>)</i> – Economic growth characteristic of developing countries. Economic development, obstacles to development, policies, and planning.	<b>George Mason University</b> Spring 2022  Fall 2021

## Research

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- Research Interests**
- Political Economy
  - Economic History
  - Applied Econometrics

### Working Papers

- “Monumental Effects: Confederate Monuments in the Post-Reconstruction South”* Draft: Jul 2023
- **Revise & Resubmit at Explorations in Economic History**
  - 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
- “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”* Under Review, Draft: Apr 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

- “The Word of God or Man? Bibles, Dictionaries, and the Vernacular Shift”*
- “Institution Building in Indian Country: Tribal Courts”*
- with Adam Crepelle and Thomas Stratmann
- “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”*
- with Jacob Hall
- “The History of the Urban-Rural Divide in American Politics”*
- with Jacob Hall and Pradyot Sharma

### In the Media

- Taylor, Alexander. 2023. “When Confederate-glorifying monuments went up in the South, voting in Black areas went down.” *The Conversation*. 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

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### 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

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**Software:** R & RStudio (GIS, Web Scraping, Textual Analysis), Stata, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Languages:** English (Primary), French (Basic)

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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**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*

## References

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