# 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 George Mason University

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

Graduate Lecturer George Mason University ECON 385: International Economic Policy (Syllabus) 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 (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: Jan 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: 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

"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**

Conference Presentations  Association for Cultural Economics International 2023 (Bloomington, IN)  - "Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South"	June 2023
Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (Fairfax, VA)  – "Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South"	Mar 2023
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
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

 $\textbf{Software:} \ \ R \ \& \ \ RStudio \ (GIS, \ Web \ Scraping, \ Textual \ Analysis), \ Stata, \ QGIS, \ LAT_EX$ 

Languages: English (Primary), French (Basic)

## Awards

### Presidential Fellowship

Aug 2019-Present

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**

 $\mathrm{Aug}\ 2021\mathrm{-Aug}\ 2022$ 

 $Institute\ for\ Humane\ Studies$