

Alexander N. Taylor

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Education

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

Experience

Research Assistant <i>To Dr. Mark Koyama</i> <i>To Dr. Christopher Coyne</i>	George Mason University Aug 2021–Present Aug 2019–Aug 2021
Teaching <i>ECON 385: International Economic Policy (Syllabus)</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 (Syllabus)</i> – Economic growth characteristic of developing countries. Economic development, obstacles to development, policies, and planning.	George Mason University Spring 2022 Fall 2021

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: Mar 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

Work 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

Presentations

<i>Werner Troesken Memorial Conference</i> (Pittsburgh, PA)	Sep 2023
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>World Cliometric Conference</i> (Dublin, Ireland)	Jul 2023
– “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”	
<i>Association for Cultural Economics International 2023</i> (Bloomington, IN)	Jun 2023
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>Virginia Association of Economists Annual Meetings</i> (Richmond, VA)	Apr 2023
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference</i> (Fairfax, VA)	Mar 2023
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>Public Choice Society Annual Meetings</i> (Seattle, WA)	Mar 2023
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings</i> (Fort Lauderdale, FL)	Nov 2022
– “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”	
<i>GMU Econ History PhD Student Group</i> (Fairfax, VA)	Oct 2022
– “Monumental Effects: The Lost Cause & Confederate Symbols in the Post-Reconstruction South”	
<i>19th World Economic History Congress</i> (Paris, France)	Jul 2022
– “The Impact of the Black Death on the Adoption of the Printing Press”	
<i>Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference</i> (Fairfax, VA)	Apr 2022
– “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”	
<i>Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference</i> (Virtual)	Mar 2022
– “Public Symbols and Voting Behavior: Post-Reconstruction Confederate Symbols”	
Workshops & Colloquia	
<i>Center for Free Enterprise @ WVU Summer Empirical Workshop</i>	Aug 2021

Skills

Software: R & RStudio (GIS, Web Scraping, Textual Analysis), Stata, QGIS, L^AT_EX

Languages: English (Primary), French (Basic)

Awards

Presidential Fellowship	Aug 2019–Present
<i>George Mason University</i>	
Conference Accelerator Grant	Aug 2022
<i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	
– For: “Policy, Printing, and Linguistic Homogenization: The Case of Early Modern French”	
Humane Studies Fellowship	Aug 2021–Aug 2022
<i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	