

# Brian C. Albrecht

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## Research Interests

Mechanism/Information Design, Political Economy, Optimal Policy

## Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota (expected)	2020
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2017
M.Sc.	Economics of Public Policy	Barcelona Graduate School of Economics	2014
B.A.	Physics and Political Science	St. Olaf College	2012

## Working Papers

“[Investment without Coordination Failures](#),” Job Market Paper, September 2019 ([slides](#))  
“[On the Informational Efficiency of Decentralized Price Formation](#)” with Rafael R. Guthmann, November 2019  
“[Price Competition and the Use of Consumer Data](#)”, September 2019  
“[Time Inconsistency, Inflation, and MMT](#)” with Jackson Mejia (co-authored with undergraduate student), September 2019 (*under review*)  
“[Evolution, Uncertainty, and the Asymptotic Efficiency of Policy](#)” with Joshua Hendrickson and Alexander Salter, September 2018 (*under review*)  
“[Coase, the Austrians, and Models as Foils](#)” with Brian Kogelmann, December 2018 (*under review*)  
“[Political Persuasion](#),” September 2017  
“[Entrepreneurship as Coordination](#),” May 2016

## Publications

“[Preventing Plunder: Military Technology, Capital Accumulation, and Economic Growth](#)” with Joshua Hendrickson and Alexander Salter, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 2018.  
“Exchange, Search Theory, and Buchanan’s Foundations of Politics,” in *Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of James M. Buchanan*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2018.  
“[The Breakdown of Spontaneous Order: Smith and Hayek Diverge](#),” *NYU Journal of Law & Liberty*, 2017.  
“[Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting ‘Optimal’ Policies](#),” *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2017.

## Works in Progress

“Production Efficiency and Hidden Trading: A Mechanism Design Approach” with V.V. Chari, Adway De, and Keyvan Eslami, September 2019  
“Market Persuasion: Kamenica-Gentzkow meets Prescott-Townsend”, September 2019 ([preliminary draft](#))  
“Nonlinear Ocean Dynamics, Economic Growth, and the Social Cost of Carbon” with Adway De  
“Wampum: The Political Economy of an Institutional Tragedy” with Andrew Young ([preliminary draft](#))

## Honors and Awards

2019 - 2020	<i>Visiting Dissertation Fellow</i> , Mercatus Center, George Mason University
2015 - 2020	<i>Humane Studies Fellow</i> , Institute for Humane Studies
2018 - 2019	<i>Oskar Morgenstern Fellow</i> , Mercatus Center, George Mason University
2018	<i>Thank a Teacher Certificate</i> , College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota
2014 - 2017	<i>Adam Smith Fellow</i> , Mercatus Center, George Mason University
Summer 2015	<i>Graduate Research Partners Program Fellow</i> , University of Minnesota
2014 - 2015	<i>Distinguished Teaching Assistant</i> , Department of Economics, University of Minnesota. Received the award twice.
2014 - 2015	<i>John S. Chipman Fellow</i> , Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
2008 - 2012	<i>Presidential Academic Scholarship</i> , St. Olaf College

## Teaching Experience

2018 -	<i>Online Instructor</i> , Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2017 - 2018	<i>Instructor</i> , Comparative Economic Systems, University of Minnesota
2016 - 2017	<i>Large Lecture Instructor (~500 students) and Course Co-Lead</i> , Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2015 - 2016	<i>Instructor</i> , Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
Spring 2015	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Minnesota
2014	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2010	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Analytical Physics I, St. Olaf College
2009	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Introductory Astronomy, St. Olaf College

## Invited Talks

2019	University of Mississippi (departmental), George Mason University (experimental brown bag), Clemson University (departmental)
2017	New York University (law and economics workshop)

## Conference Presentations

2019	"Evolution, Uncertainty, and the Asymptotic Efficiency of Policy," <i>Southern Economic Association</i>
2018	"Consumer Data and the Limits of Price Competition," <i>Summer Research Fellowship Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies</i> "Market Persuasion," <i>Summer Research Fellowship Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies</i>
2017	"Models as Foils," <i>International Network for Economic Method</i> "Political Persuasion," <i>The Economics &amp; Philosophy of James Buchanan, Duke University PPE</i>
2016	"Political Persuasion," <i>Southern Economic Association</i> "Lawless Money and Credit," <i>Southern Economic Association</i> "Lawless Money and Credit," <i>Graduate Research Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies</i> "Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting 'Optimal' Policies," <i>The Philosophy, Politics &amp; Economics of Liberty Colloquium, George Mason University</i> "Entrepreneurship as Coordination," <i>Association for Private Enterprise Education</i> "Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting 'Optimal' Policies," <i>Public Choice Society</i>
2015	"The Breakdown of Spontaneous Order: Smith and Hayek Diverge," <i>The Philosophy, Politics &amp; Economics of Liberty Colloquium, George Mason University</i>

**Dissertation**

Title: "Information and Persuasion in Competitive Markets and Politics"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor David Rahman

Expected Completion: Summer 2020

**References**

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