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Current Affiliations

2014-Present Associate Professor, Economics Department, George Mason University
2008-Present Center for the Study of Public Choice, George Mason University
2008-Present Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
2018-Present Affiliate Member, CESifo Research Network

Previous Appointments

2008-2014 Assistant Professor, George Mason University
2007-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, SUNY at Buffalo
2006-2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, The Hobart and William Smith Colleges
2004-2007 Assistant Professor, California State University–Long Beach (on leave 2006-2007)

Education

1998-2004 Ph.D, Economics, Washington University in St. Louis
1991-1995 B.A., Economics and History, Kenyon College

Research Interests

Primary: Economic History
Secondary: Applied Econometrics
Economic Growth and Development

Refereed Publications

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| 2019 | Jedwab, R., Johnson, N. D., and Koyama, M. (<i>Forthcoming</i>). Negative shocks and mass persecutions: Evidence from the Black Death. <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i> |
| 2017 | Anderson, R. W., Johnson, N. D., and Koyama, M. (2017). Jewish persecutions and weather shocks: 1100–1800. <i>The Economic Journal</i> , 127(602):924–958 (<i>Awarded Best Paper of the Year</i>) |
| 2017 | Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2017b). States and economic growth: Capacity and constraints. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> , 64:1–20 |

- 2017 Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2017a). Jewish communities and city growth in preindustrial Europe. *Journal of Development Economics*, 127:339 – 354
- 2016 Franck, R. and Johnson, N. D. (2016). Can public policies lower religiosity? Evidence from school choice in France, 1878-1902. *The Economic History Review*, 69(3):915–944
- 2014 Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2014b). Taxes, lawyers, and the decline of witch trials in France. *Journal of Law & Economics*, 57(1)
- 2014 Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2014a). Tax farming and the origins of state capacity in England and France. *Explorations in Economic History*, 51:1–20 (*Lead Article*)
- 2014 Johnson, N. D., Ruger, W., Sorens, J., and Yamarik, S. (2014). Corruption, regulation, and growth: An empirical study of the United States. *Economics of Governance*, 15(1):51–69
- 2014 Franck, R., Johnson, N. D., and Nye, J. V. C. (2014). From internal taxes to national regulation: Evidence from a French wine tax reform at the turn of the twentieth century. *Explorations in Economic History*, 51:77–93
- 2013 Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2013). Legal centralization and the birth of the secular state. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 41(4):959–978 (*Lead Article*)
- 2012 Johnson, N. D. and Mislin, A. (2012). How much should we trust the world values survey trust question? *Economics Letters*, 116:110–112
- 2011 Johnson, N. D. and Mislin, A. (2011). Trust games: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 32:865–889
- 2011 Johnson, N. D. and Nye, J. V. C. (2011). Does fortune favor dragons? *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 78(1-2)
- 2011 Johnson, N. D., Lafountain, C. L., and Yamarik, S. (2011). Corruption is bad for growth (even in the United States). *Public Choice*, 147(3-4):377–393
- 2010 Compton, R., Johnson, N. D., and Yamarik, S. (2010b). War! What is it good for? *BE Press: Peace Economics, Peace Science, and Public Policy*, 16(1)
- 2010 Compton, R., Giedeman, D., and Johnson, N. D. (2010a). Investing in institutions. *Economics and Politics*, 22(3)
- 2009 Balla, E. and Johnson, N. D. (2009). Fiscal crisis and institutional change in the Ottoman Empire and France. *Journal of Economic History*, 69(03):809–845
- 2006 Johnson, N. D. (2006a). Banking on the king: The evolution of the royal revenue farms in Old Regime France. *Journal of Economic History*, 66(4):963–91

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| 2006 | Johnson, N. D. (2006b). The cost of credibility: The company of general farms and fiscal stagnation in eighteenth century France. <i>Essays in Economic and Business History</i> , 24:16–28 |
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Books

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| 2019 | Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2019). <i>Persecution & Toleration: The Long Road to Religious Freedom</i> . Cambridge University Press |
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Other Publications

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| 2018 | Johnson, N. D. and Koyama, M. (2018). The state, toleration, and religious freedom. In Iyer, L., Rubin, J., and Carvalho, J.-P., editors, <i>Advances in the Economics of Religion</i> . Palgrave MacMillan |
| 2018 | Johnson, N. D. (2018). Geospatial information systems. In Blum, M. and Colvin, C. L., editors, <i>An Economist's Guide to Economic History</i> . Palgrave MacMillan |
| 2016 | Johnson, N. D. (2016). Review of Vincent J. Pitts, 'Embezzlement and High Treason in Louis XIV's France: The Trial of Nicolas Fouquet'. <i>EH.net Economic History Services</i> |
| 2015 | Johnson, N. D., Koyama, M., and Nye, J. V. C. (2015). Establishing a new order: The growth of the state and the decline of witch trials in France. In Greif, A., Kiesling, L., and Nye, J. V. C., editors, <i>Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization</i> . Princeton University Press |
| 2014 | Johnson, N. D. (2014). Review of Guy Rowlands, 'The financial decline of a great power: War, influence, and money in Louis XIV's France'. <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , 74(4):1225–1226 |
| 2012 | Johnson, N. D. (2012b). Review of Jan Luiten Van Zanden, 'The long road to the industrial revolution: The european economy in a global perspective, 1000-1800'. <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , 72(3) |
| 2012 | Johnson, N. D. (2012c). Review of Mark Dincecco, 'Political transformations and public finances: Europe, 1650-1913'. <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , 72(4) |
| 2012 | Johnson, N. D. (2012a). Review of James Simpson, 'creating wine: The emergence of a world industry, 1840-1914'. <i>EH.net Economic History Services</i> |
| 2007 | Johnson, N. D. (2007). Review of Jeff Horn, 'The path not taken: French industrialization in the age of revolution'. <i>EH.net Economic History Services</i> |

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| 2003 | Johnson, N. D. (2003). Banking on bureaucrats: The emergence of bureaucracy in old regime france. In <i>Proceedings of the National Tax Association</i> |
| 2001 | Johnson, N. D. (2001). Committing to civil service reform: The performance of pre-shipment inspection under differing institutional regimes. <i>World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 2594</i> |

Working Papers & Research in Progress

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| 2019 | Jedwab, R., Johnson, N. D., and Koyama, M. (2019). Pandemics, Places, and Populations: Evidence from the Black Death, <i>Under Review – Draft Available</i> |
| 2018 | Finley, T., Franck, R., and Johnson, N. D. (2018). The long-run effects of land redistribution during the French Revolution, <i>Revision Requested</i> |
| 2019 | Johnson, N. D. (2019). Taxes, national identity, and nation building: Evidence from France, <i>Research in Progress – Draft Available</i> |
| 2018 | Johnson, N. D., Rapoport, H., and Weiss, A. (2018). Assimilation and cohesiveness in a hostile environment: Theory and evidence from Jewish communities in Medieval Europe, <i>Research in Progress</i> |
| 2017 | Dudley, R. and Johnson, N. D. (2016). Global supply shocks and market disruption: The Tambora volcanic eruption of 1815, <i>Research in Progress</i> |

Invited Presentations and Visiting Positions

NYU, Abu Dhabi, Spring 2019 (Invitation Accepted)
Bocconi University, Milan, Spring 2019
Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris, Fall 2018 (Visitor)
Northwestern University, Fall 2018
CESifo, Munich, Spring, 2018 (Visitor)
University of Copenhagen, Spring, 2018
University of Southern Denmark, Spring, 2018
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, Fall, 2017
American University, Fall 2017
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Spring 2017 (Visitor)
Yale University, New Haven, Fall 2016
Humboldt University, Berlin, Summer 2016
IOEA, Corsica, Summer 2016
Brown University Conference on Deep Rooted Factors in Development, Spring 2016
American University, Spring 2016
Banque de France, Paris, Fall 2015
University of Maryland, History Dept., Spring 2015
Stellenbosch University, South Africa, Summer 2015
Columbia University/Barnard University Economic History Seminar, Fall 2014
Brown University Conference on Deep Rooted Factors in Development, Spring 2014
University of Vermont, Spring 2014
Northwestern University, Fall 2013
Rutgers University, Fall 2013
NES & HSE Conference on Culture and Diversity, Moscow, Fall 2013
Stanford University, Spring 2013
Chapman University, Spring 2013
The Elliott School of International Affairs, Spring 2013
Caltech, Spring 2013
Harvard University, Fall 2011
American University, Fall 2010
SUNY at Buffalo, Spring 2008
Guelph University, Fall 2007
University of California-Riverside, Spring 2006
University of Manitoba, Spring 2006
University of Vermont, Fall 2005
University of California-Los Angeles, Spring 2005
Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2002
World Bank Tax and Policy Administration Group, Spring 2001

Teaching Experience

Empirical Techniques in Spatial Economics
European Economic History
American Economic History
Economic Growth and Development
Intermediate Micro and Macro

Service

Organizer of Washington Area Development and Economic History Workshop, 2010-Present
College Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2017-18
College Curriculum Committee, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
Writing Assessment Evaluator, Spring 2013
Organizer of Washington Area Economic History Seminar, 2011-Present
Organizer of Economics Department Public Choice Seminar, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 (spring)
Economic History Field Exam Committee, 2009-Present
Referee for *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *National Science Foundation*, *The Economic Journal*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Economics & Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Essays in Business and Economic History*, *Public Choice*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*
Presented at OLLI, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
Course Coordinator for Principles Classes, Spring 2006
Curriculum Committee, Spring 2004 to Fall 2005
Library Committee, Spring 2004 to Spring 2005
Elections Committee, Fall 2005 to Spring 2005

Awards, Honors, and Grants

Royal Economic Society Prize for best paper in the *Economic Journal*, 2017
Washington University Senior Teaching Fellow, (Fall 2002, 2003)
California State University, Competitive Research Grant, (Fall, Spring 2006)
Washington University Competitive Research Grant, (2002, 2001, 1999)
Center for New Institutional Social Sciences Competitive Research Grant, (2000)
Kenyon College, Baker Prize for historical writing, (Spring 1994)
Invited Participant, Lehrman Teaching Institute, Princeton, N.J., (Summer 2006)
METTRANS Transportation Center Competitive Research Grant (with Kristen Monaco), (Spring 2006)
Sage Fellow, Cornell University, (Fall 1995)
Washington University Dissertation Completion Fellowship, (Summer 2002, 2003)
Phi Beta Kappa, (Spring 1995)

References

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