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EMPLOYMENT

The Ohio State University , <i>Salmon P. Chase Center</i> Assistant Professor	Columbus, OH 2025 - Present
University of Pennsylvania , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Postdoctoral Fellow	Philadelphia, PA 2023 - 2025
George Mason University , <i>Dept. of Economics</i> Graduate Lecturer	Fairfax, VA 2021 - 2022

EDUCATION

George Mason University Ph.D., Economics B.S., Economics	Fairfax, VA Dec. 2023 Dec. 2018
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RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

6. Hall, Jacob R. (Forthcoming). "Itinerant Kings." *The Journal of Law and Economics*.
5. Hall, Jacob R. (Forthcoming). "Travel Speed over the *Longue Durée*." *European Review of Economic History*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ereh/heag011>.
4. Hall, Jacob R., and Klein, Daniel B. (2026). "Why Lords Went for Luxuries." *The Independent Review*, 30(4): 627-640.
3. Fitzsimmons, P., Geloso, V., and Hall, J.R. (2025). "Did the Great Leveling Begin After 1921?" *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 74 (1): 1-18.
2. Hall, Jacob R. (2022). "From Hume to Smith on the Common Law and English Liberty: A Comment on Paul Sagar." *Econ Journal Watch* 19(1): 109-123.
1. Hall, Jacob R., and Shera, M. (2020). "Classical Liberals on Social Justice." *Economic Affairs* 40(3): 467-483.

Working Papers & Research in Progress

1. **Magna Carta** (with M. Koyama and D. Desierto)
Revise & Resubmit, Journal of European Economic Association
2. **Railroads and American Institutional Change** (with S. Mendenhall)
3. **The King's French: The Political Economy of Language and National Identity** (with A. Taylor)
4. Islam, Trade, and the Rise of Northwestern Europe (with M. Shera)
5. Why No Roman Industrial Revolution?

TEACHING

The Ohio State University

Can We Rule Ourselves? (x2)

Law and Economics (Upcoming Fall '26)

University of Pennsylvania

Foundations of Market Economies (x2, with J. Fernández-Villaverde and I. Luzardo)

George Mason University

Economics of Developing Areas

Topics in Economic History

Invited Guest Lectures

University of Richmond

The Adam Smith Reading Group (with J. Thrasher)

See [my website](#) for readings

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Speaker Series Grant (\$12,000)	2026
<i>International Center for Law & Economics</i>	
Law and Economics Fellow	2024 - Present
<i>International Center for Law & Economics</i>	
John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Fellow	2023 - 2025
<i>John and Daria Barry Foundation</i>	
Adam Smith Program Fellow	2019 - 2023
<i>Department of Economics, George Mason University</i>	
Ph.D. Fellow	2020 - 2023
<i>Mercatus Center</i>	
Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship	2021 - 2023
<i>Mercatus Center</i>	
Humane Studies Fellowship	2019 - 2022
<i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> (Annual)	

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (LAST 5 YEARS)

Invited Presentations

George Mason University	Sept. 2025
The Morningside Institute	Jun. 2025
University of Nebraska at Omaha	Jan. 2025

Workshops & Colloquia

International Center for Law & Economics: Big Ideas Workshop	Dec. 2025
Oklahoma State University, Idea & Paper Development Workshop	Feb. 2025
International Center for Law & Economics: Big Ideas Workshop	Dec. 2024
International Center for Law & Economics: Introduction to Public Choice	Mar. 2024

Conference Presentations (including planned)

2025: ASSA Meetings, Public Choice Soc., Markets & Society, Southern Economics Assoc.
2024: Public Choice Soc., Markets & Society, WINIR, Southern Economics Assoc.

2023: Public Choice Soc., Virginia Assoc. of Economists, Southern Economic Assoc.
2022: Economic History Soc., Southern Economics Assoc.
2021: Southern Economics Assoc., Assoc. of Private Enterprise Education

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Activity: *Explorations in Economic History* (2), *Historical Methods*, *Public Choice* (5), *The Independent Review*

Invited Memberships: *Network for Constitutional Economics and Social Philosophy*, *Academic Freedom Alliance*

Departmental and University Service: Available upon request.

REFERENCES

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