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EDUCATION

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Economics — exp. May 2027
Dissertation: Three Essays in the Economic History of Conflict and Political Mobilization
Advisor: Noel Johnson ◇ *Committee:* Vincent Geloso, Thomas Stratmann

M.A., Economics — 2021

B.S., Economics — 2019

EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE LECTURER — FALL 2021—SUMMER 2024

George Mason University — Fairfax, VA

- ECON 104: Principles of Macroeconomics — Summer 2023 & Summer 2024
- ECON 306: Intermediate Microeconomics — Fall 2023
- ECON 360: Economics of Developing Areas — Summer 2022, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
- ECON 385: International Economic Policy — Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANT — MARCH 2022—MAY 2024

Dr. Mark Koyama, Mercatus Center at George Mason University — Fairfax, VA

RESEARCH

JOB MARKET PAPER

Late Medieval Unrest in the Holy Roman Empire: Climate, Institutions, and Documented Unrest

Abstract: I link a geolocated, event-level catalog of popular unrest to an annual panel of city-council representation across 301 cities of the Holy Roman Empire, 1300–1520. Guild representation's apparent associations with unrest come from the years in which representation changed, often in the course of unrest; away from those years, neither guild nor burgher representation shows a clear association with unrest. Contrary to the closest published study, documented unrest is, if anything, more frequent in wetter years.

WORKING PAPERS

Did Newspaper Competition Promote Rebellion? The Case of the 1837–38 Rebellions in Quebec
(with Vincent Geloso) ◇ SSRN Working Paper

The Specter of Slavery: Election Timing and the Campaign Agenda in the Party Press, 1860–1864

IN PROGRESS

The Effects of Bureaucracy on Pandemic Outcomes
(with Vincent Geloso and Malik Altaf Hussain)

Council or Court? Judicial Competition in Early Modern Germany

Political Autonomy and Long-Run Urban Growth in Germany

Eroding the Narrative: Military Bloggers, Mobilization, and Information Asymmetries in Wartime Autocracy
(with Patrick Fitzsimmons and Konstantin Zhukov)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Economic History; Political Economy of Conflict; Institutional Economics

Secondary: Media Economics; Urban Economics; Growth and Development

PRESENTATIONS

Markets & Society Conference 2026

CSQIEP Mentorship Conference 2026

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

PUBLIC WRITING

"How Newspaper Competition Fueled Quebec's 1837 Rebellion," *ProMarket* (Stigler Center, University of Chicago) July 2026

SKILLS

Programming: R, Python, QGIS, LaTeX, Quarto, Git

Methods: Spatial econometrics and GIS; text-as-data (topic models, supervised classifiers, LLM-assisted annotation with human validation); historical data construction (digitization, web scraping, geocoding, record linkage)

Languages: English; Spanish (reading and writing)

REFERENCES

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