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EDUCATION

George Mason University

Ph.D. in Economics

Expected May 2029

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

B.A. in Economics, Minor in Mathematics

May 2025

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Private Governance and the Limits of State Antiquity" (with Claudia Williamson Kramer). 2026. *Public Choice*, forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

- "Winning Big, Swinging Wide: Electoral Competition and Ideological Extremism"
- "Sexism in Syntax: Language and Its Association with Female Leadership"

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "The Deguilding Age: Fiscal Substitution and Guild Decline in Tudor England"
- "Rented Peace: How Tax Structure Bought Order in Medieval England"

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Mercatus Center

Aug. 2025–Present

Ph.D. Fellowship, Mercatus Center

Aug. 2025–Present

Second Place, Douglas B. Rogers Essay Competition

Oct. 2025

John C. Stophel Distinguished Student Award

Jan. 2023

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association | Houston, TX

Nov. 2026

Markets and Society | Falls Church, VA

Oct. 2026

Economic Freedom and Human Flourishing Workshop | La Crosse, WI

June 2026

Economic and Business History Society | Washington, D.C.

May 2026

Public Choice Society | San Antonio, TX

Mar. 2026

Southern Economic Association | Tampa, FL

Nov. 2025

APEE Undergraduate Poster Competition | Guatemala City, Guatemala

Apr. 2025

Midwest Economics Association Undergraduate Competition | Kansas City, MO

Mar. 2025

UT-Chattanooga Economics Brown-Bag | Chattanooga, TN

Mar. 2025

SKILLS

Programming: Stata, L^AT_EX, R, Java, Python