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Academic Appointments

Fall 2025	CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA <i>Adjunct Instructor, Busch School of Business</i>
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Fall 2024	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>Graduate Lecturer, Department of Economics</i>
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Education

2022-Present	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>PhD Candidate, Economics</i> Advanced to Candidacy on November 24, 2025 <i>Fields of Specialization: Public Choice (with distinction), Theory of Market Process, Smithian Political Economy</i> GPA: 3.89 <i>Expected Dissertation Defense: Spring 2027</i>
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2022-2024	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>MA in Economics</i> GPA: 3.90
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2018-2022	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA <i>BA in Economics, honors</i>
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Fellowships and Awards

2026	PUBLIC CHOICE SOCIETY <i>Student Fellow</i>
2025, 2026	ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE EDUCATION <i>Young Scholar Award</i>
2024–Present	ADAM SMITH PROGRAM, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>Student Fellow</i>
2023–Present	MERCATUS CENTER <i>PhD Fellow</i>

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Mandeville, B. (2025). The government–robber comparison: A long-standing tradition beyond avowed libertarianism. *Economic Affairs*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecaf.70020>

“House Rules.” Forthcoming at *Journal of Private Enterprise* (Accepted March 24, 2026)

Book Chapters

Mandeville, Brian . “Robber and the Government: Differences and One Great Big Likeness.” *Just Sentiments: 22 More Smithian Essays*, edited by Daniel B. Klein and Erik W. Matson, CL Press, 2026, pp. 249–259.

Working Papers

“Learning to Trust: Why Family-Embedded Experiences Matter for Social Cooperation.” Conditionally accepted at *Cosmos + Taxis* (March 2026).

“From Earned Authority to Imposed Authority: How Government Funding Transforms Nonprofit Accountability”

“Information Without Accountability” Under review at *Journal of Institutional Economics* (submitted April 10, 2026).

Works in Progress

“Beyond Voluntary Failure: Charitable Value, Discovery, and the Limits of the Partnership Paradigm”

“An Institutionally Antiseptic Economics of Nonprofits.”

“The Highwayman and Books of Casuistry: Smith’s Indictment of Governmentalization in TMS”

“Profitable Persistence”

Teaching

Catholic University of America Markets & Prosperity II (Spring 2026)

Markets & Prosperity I (Fall 2025)

George Mason University Macroeconomic Principles (Spring 2026)

International Economics (Fall 2025)

Macroeconomic Principles (Spring 2025)

International Economic Policy (Fall 2024)

Conferences and Presentations

Presenter at APEE 50th Meeting (Las Vegas, NV, *April 2026*)

- Frontiers in Public Choice Session; Information Without Accountability: Expressive Donations and Social Costs in the Nonprofit Sector
- Ideology, Political Capitalism, and Populism Session; From Earned Authority to Imposed Authority: How Government Funding Transforms Nonprofit Accountability

Presenter at 2026 Public Choice Society Meetings (San Antonio, TX, *March 2026*)

- Organizations in the Polity: Commons, Capture & Collective Action Session (Session Chair); From Earned Authority to Imposed Authority: How Government Funding Transforms Nonprofit Accountability

Presenter at 1776 and Today: Charlottesville Conference (Charlottesville, VA, *February 2026*)

- The Robber-Government Comparison: Two Traditions Other Than Avowed Libertarians

Presenter at Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL, November 2025)

- Industrial Organization IV Session; Information Without Accountability: Expressive Donations and Social Costs in the Nonprofit Sector

Presenter at 2025 Markets and Society Conference (Falls Church, VA, October 2025)

- New Perspectives on Governance Session; House Rules

Presenter at Timbro Classical Liberalism Summer Seminar (Sigtuna, Sweden, July 2025)

- The Robber-Government Comparison: Two Traditions Other Than Avowed Libertarians

Presenter at APEE 49th Meeting (Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 2025)

- New Perspectives on Adam Smith Session; The Highwayman and Books of Casuistry: Smith's Indictment of Governmentalization in TMS

Presenter at 2025 Public Choice Society Meetings (Louisville, KY, March 2025)

- Applications of Political Economy and Economic Freedom Session (Session Chair); Expressive Donating: The Manipulation of Information in Pit-Bull Advocacy

Public Writing

Mandeville BW (2025) "The Robber and the Government: Differences and One Great Big Likeness." *Just Sentiments*, hosted by [Libertarianism.org](https://libertarianism.org), December 24.

Mandeville BW, Grezler R, and Baker M (2021) "Besides Lost Jobs, 3 More Ways Minimum Wage Laws Hurt Workers They're Meant to Help." *The Daily Signal*, July 28.

Mandeville BW and Grezler R (2021) "A Commonsense Bill That Will Ensure IRS Agents Do Their Jobs." *The Daily Signal*, June 30.

Professional Services

Editorial Work: Editor of four books by Bryan Caplan: *Voters as Mad Scientists* (2023), *You Will Not Stampede Me* (2024), *Self-Help as a Vaccine* (2024), and *You Have No Right to Your Culture* (2026).

Peer Review: Reviewer (2026) for *Cosmos + Taxis*, Special Issue on The Family in a Self-Governing Society.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Garrett Jones; August 2023–May 2025
Courses: *Undergraduate Intermediate Macroeconomics*, *Undergraduate Public Choice*, *MA Macroeconomics*

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Bryan Caplan; August 2022–May 2023; August 2025–Present

Courses: Undergraduate Labor Economics, Graduate Economics of Education, Undergraduate Economic Problems and Public Policies; Undergraduate Labor Economics, Graduate Economics of Immigration, Graduate Public Choice, and Graduate Microeconomics II.

References

Dr. Christopher Coyne, George Mason University, [ccoyn@gmu.edu](mailto:ccoyne@gmu.edu) {Dissertation Chair}

Dr. Peter Leeson, George Mason University, pleeson@gmu.edu

Dr. Daniel Klein, George Mason University, dklein@gmu.edu

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