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Major Fields of Concentration

Growth and Development, Innovation, Public Economics

Education

Degree	Field	Institution	Year
PhD	Economics	University of Minnesota (expected)	2027
BA	Economics and Mathematics	University of Richmond (Summa Cum Laude)	2019

Dissertation

Title: "Essays on Growth and Development"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Kjetil Storesletten
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References

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Professor Kjetil Storesletten	kstoresl@umn.edu	Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 4-101 Hanson Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455
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Honors and Awards

2026–2027	*Heller Public Policy Fellowship*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2026	*Center for Economic Studies (CES) Dissertation Mentorship Program*
2024–Present	*Special Sworn Status*, U.S. Census Bureau
2024	*First Place, Third-Year Paper Competition*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2024	*First Place, Sandor Poster Competition*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2022–2023	*David Lilly Family Fellowship*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2021–2022	*College of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2015–2019	*National Merit Scholar*
2019	*James D. Crump Prize in Mathematics*, University of Richmond
2019	*Robert L. Taylor Award for Excellence in Economics*, University of Richmond
2017	*Robert E. Loving Book Award*, University of Richmond

Research Experience

Jul 2023–Aug 2026	*Research Analyst*, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN. Research Assistant to Marco Bassetto.
2019–2021	*Analyst (Antitrust and Competition Policy)*, NERA Economic Consulting.
Summer 2016, 2017	*Pathways Intern*, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022, Spring 2023	*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Course: Graduate Econometrics Sequence.

Publications

Bassetto, Marco and Hall, Jason (2024). "Discussion of 'Fiscal Federalism and monetary unions' by Berriel, Gonzalez-Aguado, Kehoe, and Pastorino." *Journal of Monetary Economics*.

Bassetto, Marco, Benzoni, Luca, and Hall, Jason (2024). "On the Mechanics of Fiscal Inflations." *Quarterly Review*.

Bassetto, Marco, Galli, Carlo, and Hall, Jason. "The Role of Dispersed Information in Maintaining Low Interest Rates"

Presentations by coauthors: Bocconi, Bologna, EIEF, GRIPS, IMF-ECB Workshop on Fiscal Policy and Sovereign Debt, Johns Hopkins, Kyoto Workshop on Digitalization and Macroprudential Policy, NBER Long-Term Fiscal Policy, SED 2026 (Athens), Tilburg.

Working Papers

Hall, Jason. "The Lasting Effects of Government R&D" **(Job Market Paper)**

Batra, Honey, Hall, Jason, and Sommers, Scott. "Barriers to Adoption: Evidence from BT-Corn"

Hall, Jason. "Inventors are Rival, Inventions are Not"

Work in Progress

Hall, Jason and Hasenzagl, Thomas. "Spatial Spillovers and Optimal R&D Policy"

Hall, Jason and Lewis, Graham. "The Macroeconomics of an Aging Innovation Workforce"

Hall, Jason. "The (Market-)Structure of Scientific Labor Markets"

Bassetto, Marco and Hall, Jason. "Time-Consistent Policy with Pre-Tax or Post-Tax Retirement Accounts"

Referee Experience

Referee Activities: Review of Economic Dynamics

Computer Skills

R (fluent), Julia (fluent), SQL (proficient), Stata (proficient), Mathematica (proficient)

Languages

English (native)

Abstract(s)

Hall, Jason. "The Lasting Effects of Government R&D" **(Job Market Paper)**

A key channel for the contribution of federal funding for R&D is the creation of new specialized scientific human capital. To measure the aggregate importance of this channel, I construct a new dataset linking all U.S. patents from 1976 to 2025 to a near universe of Ph.D. dissertations. Descriptively, I find that Ph.D.s appear on roughly 45% of U.S. patents with domestic inventors, and nearly 50% of patents in critical technologies. I then build a model of endogenous growth with a heterogeneous university sector to quantify the effects of changes in government funding for research and development on aggregate growth.

Batra, Honey, Hall, Jason, and Sommers, Scott. "Barriers to Adoption: Evidence from BT-Corn"

How well suited to the developing world are developed world technologies? This question is central to understanding differences in technology adoption across the development spectrum, but has been challenging for the literature to address empirically. We make progress on this question by exploiting unique characteristics of one of the most important agricultural innovations in recent history — BT corn — to construct a new dataset. This dataset matches BT crops with the set of insects each kills. We then leverage recent advances in large language models to extract information from the scientific literature on the country-level importance of each of those insects. Our approach allows us to directly construct counterfactual yield gains under adoption across the global income distribution. We find that the gradient of potential yield gains with respect to development is flat. The level of predicted gains is also substantial in much of the developing world, with our baseline estimates averaging 53% in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Hall, Jason. "Inventors are Rival, Inventions are Not"

I develop a general equilibrium model of dynamic competition where oligopolistic firms compete in product and researcher labor markets and thus internalize their ability to affect competitors' cost of innovation. I calibrate the model using micro evidence on discrepancies between inventive output and wages at small and large firms. I then use the model to compare welfare effects of differential research subsidies for leading and laggard firms. At the calibrated steady state, I find that laggard firms overhire researchers relative to the social optimum. Consequently, tilting R&D subsidies towards leading firms results in welfare gains of 0.25%.

Bassetto, Marco, Galli, Carlo, and Hall, Jason. "The Role of Dispersed Information in Maintaining Low Interest Rates"

When public debt is issued in domestic currency, any sudden confidence crisis in the repayment ability of the government need not trigger a default, since it can be accommodated by temporary monetary financing, converting default risk into inflation risk. When the default risk premium is determined by well-informed financial intermediaries while inflation arises from the choices of less-informed workers and producers, this conversion masks adverse news, at least temporarily, and results in lower interest rates following adverse shocks. In this paper, we assess the importance of this channel, and the extent to which it is eroded when persistent fiscal shortfalls shift the prior held by all agents in the economy about the eventual resolution of the imbalance.