Alexander Kane

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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2028 (expected)

B.A., Economics and Mathematics (with Distinction), Yale University, 2022

Fields of Interest

Economic History, Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics

Working Papers

"The Gendered Effects of the Civil War Cotton Famine: Evidence from Massachusetts Textile Towns," November 2026.

"Efficiency and Distributional Effects of Federal College Subsidies During the Great Depression," (with Gerald Jaynes), October 2023. (Superseded by "Political Economy of Local Public Goods Delivery")

Work in Progress

"Yankeys Not Yet: Immigrant Enlistments in the Union Army During the American Civil War"

"Iron Horses and Iron Chains: The Effect of Railroad Expansion and Market Access on Slavery" (joint with James Feigenbaum)

"Political Economy of Local Public Goods Delivery: Racial Equality in New Deal Education Policy" (joint with Gerald Jaynes)

"Political Incentives and Candidate Messaging" (joint with Evan Sadler)

Presentations

Harvard University, Graduate Student Workshop in Economic History, Cambridge, MA, 2025, 2026
Cliometrics Conference, Williamstown, MA, 2025 (egg timer)

Fellowships and Awards

Institute for Economic Development Grant, Boston University, 2024, 2025, 2026
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, 2022-2027
Tobin Scholar, Yale University, 2021 (top four students in undergraduate core economics courses)

Work Experience

Academic

Research Assistant for Evan Sadler, Boston University, Fall 2026
Research Assistant for Jean-Jacques Forneron, Boston University, Spring 2024
Research Assistant for Eduardo Dávila, Yale University, Summer 2021
Research Assistant for Gerald Jaynes, Yale University, 2020-2021

NON-ACADEMIC

Research Intern, BJM Solutions, LLC (Remote), Summer 2020-Spring 2021
Research and Client Relations Intern, A Wider Circle, Silver Spring, MD, Summer 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis, Department of Economics, Boston University (Fall 2023, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
Teaching Fellow, Econometrics (Masters), Department of Economics, Boston University (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (conversational)

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, STATA, MATLAB, ArcGIS, LaTeX

CITIZENSHIP/VISA STATUS

U.S. Citizen