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## SUMMARY

Economist with advanced training in finance, statistics and econometrics. Desire to translate academic experience into a non-academic career in Nashville, TN.

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D., Economics

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, August 2016  
Fields: Money and Finance, Econometrics

### Master of Arts, Economics

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, May 2012

### Bachelor of Science, Mathematical Economics

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, May 2010

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Finance Chair and Assistant Professor of Economics, Oberlin College (August 2016-June 2022)  
*Select Courses: Principles of Finance, Financial Markets, U.S. Financial Crises, Honors Seminar*

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

“Off the Rails: The Real Effects of Railroad Bond Defaults Following the Panic of 1873,” *AEA: Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 111, 2021.

“Electrification, Telecommunications and the Finance-Growth Nexus: Evidence from Firm-Level Data,” with Peter L. Rousseau and Nam T. Vu, *Energy Economics*, Vol. 94, 2021.

“Correspondent Banking, Systematic Risk, and the Panic of 1893,” with Peter L. Rousseau [*submitted*]

“Regulatory Competition, State Banking, and Economic Growth during the National Banking Period”

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical and Econometric Modeling: Logistic and probit regression, instrumental variables and two-stage regression, fixed effects panel data regression.

Financial Modeling: Discounted cash flow and NPV, credit risk modeling, financial econometrics (e.g. VaR and expected shortfall).

Programming and Data Analysis: Primary: R (packages include xts, rpart, qrmtools, dplyr, ggplot2)  
Secondary: Stata, Excel, Python (beginner)

Other technical skills: SQL, ArcGIS, Bloomberg

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Contributing author, *Principles of Economics*, by Stephen Buckles. Published by Top Hat.

Presented research at over a dozen conferences and seminars including at the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Atlanta and the American Economic Association.

Faculty sponsor for the Ashby Business Scholars program at Oberlin College. Traveled with students to network with leaders at financial institutions such as Morgan Stanley, Bank of America, and Fidelity.