

# Brendan Houg

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## Summary

Applied economist with a background in public policy research. Recently submitted my Ph.D. thesis in the Economics of Education at the University of Melbourne, where I also gained 9 years of experience at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research. Earlier, I commenced my career at the Australian competition regulator.

## Education

Ph.D., Economics of Education* (part-time)	University of Melbourne (exp. 2018)
B. Commerce / B. Software Engineering	University of Melbourne (2005)

\* Thesis submitted March 2018. Transferred from Master of Economics (2009-) in 2010.

## Technical Skills

Proficient in R and Stata. See for example [R version](#) of Microsoft's TrueSkill algorithm. Experience with Python, SQL, command-line tools, etc.

## Work Experience

**Research Officer**, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic & Social Research, University of Melbourne, January 2009 - Present

Conducted and collaborated on public policy research mostly in the area of Economics of Education for the Victorian Department of Education, and completed a PhD in Economics part-time. Experienced in data analysis, report writing and presentations for academic and general audiences. Refer to [CV](#) for further details. Jointly created and programmed an online books marketplace (March - July 2011).

**Graduate/Project Officer**, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission, February 2006 - July 2008

Contributed to investigations of merger transactions after completing the graduate program in the telecommunications, energy and mergers branches at the Australian competition regulator. Analysed price data to assess the potential change in local competition arising from proposed transactions.