Ben Southgate







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Education

Carleton College

2009-2013

- B.A., major in economics (*magna cum laude*)
- Received distinction in major and senior thesis from economics department.
- Coursework: Data Mining, Data Structures, Econometrics, Linear Algebra, Multi-variable Calculus

George Washington University

2014-present

- Grad. Cert. Mathematics (expected 2015)
- Coursework: Mathematical Statistics, Real Analysis

Research Experience

Research Assistant

2013-Present

The Urban Institute - Washington, DC

- Quantitative research on retirement security and the welfare of older Americans
- Stata and SAS for survival analysis, group decomposition, (non) linear regression, and graphics generation
- Python for microsimulation, data cleaning and structure manipulation, and task automation, JavaScript for interactive data visualization development.

Research Assistant

2012

University of Texas, Pop. Research Center - Austin, TX

- Conducted primary research utilizing U.T. Austin freshman applicant data, resulting in a working paper entitled
 "Race as a Consideration in the Creation of a Freshman
 Class: The University of Texas Case" (co-author)
- Stata programming for various regression and descriptive analyses, as well as graphics generation

Other Academic Experience

Teaching Assistant

2012-2013

Carleton College - Northfield, MN

- Junior / Senior level Macroeconomic Theory Course (ECON 331), which included Growth Modeling, Dynamic Optimization, Interest Rate Targeting, and RBC Analysis
- Ran review sessions, developed graphical and mathematical review material in LATEX, and conducted individual tutoring sessions

Selected Publications

Independent Journals

 Benjamin G. Southgate. "LOOP and the Internet Marketplace", Michigan Journal of Business, Volume 7 Issue 1 (forthcoming)

The Urban Institute

- Richard W. Johnson, Benjamin G. Southgate. "How Will State and County Government Employees Fare under Kentucky's New Cash Balance Pension Plan?", April 30, 2014
- Richard W. Johnson, Barbara Butrica, Owen Haaga, Benjamin G. Southgate. "When Do State and Local Pension Plans Encourage Workers to Retire?", April 30, 2014
- Richard W. Johnson, Barbara Butrica, Owen Haaga, Benjamin G. Southgate. "How Long Must State and Local Employees Work to Accumulate Pension Benefits?", April 30, 2014

Programming Experience

Python — 3 years (Pandas / web scraping / DTW)

Stata — 3 years (Regression analysis / decomposition)

LATEX — 3 years (Sweave / Stata weaving)

R — 2 years (Regression analysis / data mining)

Java — 2 years (Data mining / academic exp.)

SAS — 1.5 years (Extensive macro programming)

JavaScript — 1 year (CoffeeScript / JQuery / D3 / Raphael)