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## EMPLOYMENT

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*Goucher College*  
Assistant Professor of Economics

*Baltimore, MD*  
2021 - present

## EDUCATION

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*West Virginia University*  
Ph.D. in Economics

*Morgantown, WV*  
2021

Dissertation: The Road Less Traveled: Economic Analysis of Roads and Highways

Dissertation Committee: Joshua C. Hall (chair), Brad R. Humphreys, Adam Nowak, Janet Fraser

*West Virginia University*  
M.A. in Economics

*Morgantown, WV*  
2019

*Shepherd University*  
B.S. in Economics

*Shepherdstown, WV*  
2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Bock, M.**, J. C. Hall, and R. Sobel. (Forthcoming, 2025). Bulls on Parade: Do Economic Policies Explain Preferences for Heavy Metal? *Metal Music Studies*.

**Bock, M.**, A. Cardazzi, and B. Humphreys. (2025). Where the rubber meets the road: Pavement damage reduces traffic safety and speed. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 149, 103786.

**Bock, M.** and B. Blemings. (2024). Road maintenance over the local election cycle. *Public Choice*, 198, pp. 129–151.

**Bock, M.** (2021). The first to legalize: Demographic and spatial influences on Colorado Amendment 64. *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, 36(1), pp. 25-40.

**Bock, M.** (2019). The impact of family on the success of female entrepreneurs in Vietnam. *Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 2018 Conference Proceedings*, pp. 30-54.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Asquith, B. and **M. Bock**. (2023). The Case for Dynamic Cities. In J.C. Hall and A.L. Kassens (eds.) *Challenges in Classical Liberalism: Debating the Policies of Today Versus Tomorrow*. Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 13- 34.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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**Bock, M.** (2018). Review of the book *Handbook on the Geographies of Innovation*, by Shearmur, R., Carrincazeaux, C., & Doloreux, D., in *The Review of Regional Studies* 48(3), 432-434.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- Blemings, B., **M. Bock**, and A. Scarcioffolo. "Hoggin' the Road: Slaughter Trucks, Transportation Externalities, and Vehicle Repair Jobs." [Working Paper \(Under Review\)](#).
- Bock, M.**, B. Humphreys, and D. Paronavitana. "Adaptive Traffic Control Systems and Congestion: Evidence from Los Angeles." [Working Paper \(Under Review\)](#).
- Bock, M.** "The Causal Effect of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes on Commuting Times in California." [Working Paper](#).
- Bock, M.** "Digitizing using QGIS: Active Learning in Urban Economics." *Working Paper*.
- Bock, M.** and A. Cardazzi. "Rough yet smooth: Understanding the importance of Mean Profile Depth for highway externalities." *Working Paper*.
- Bock, M.** "Unintended Consequences of the Appalachian Development Highway System on Mortality." [Working Paper \(Under Review\)](#).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### COURSES TAUGHT:

#### GOUCHER COLLEGE:

**2021 - present** *Assistant Professor, Department of Economics*

- EC 111: Essentials of Economics I
- EC 205: Urban Economics
- EC 225: Environmental Economics
- EC 242: Public Finance and Fiscal Policy
- EC 312: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- EC 320: Econometrics
- EC 497: Capstone in Economics

#### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY:

**2018 – 2020** *Instructor with full responsibilities, Department of Economics*

- ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics: Summer 2018, Spring 2020 (large section)
- ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2019 (large section)
- ECON 462: Urban Economics: Fall 2019

#### OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

**Spring 2018** *Research Assistant, Department of Economics (Schuh)*

**2016 – 2018** *Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics*

- ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics: Fall 2016 (Yao), Spring 2017 (Nowak)
- ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics: Fall 2017 (Nowak)
- ECON 702: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (Ph.D. level): Fall 2018 (Basistha)

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### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS:

**2023:** Colgate University

**2022:** San José State University\*, EEA 2022, NBER New Directions in Transportation Economics (Participant)\*, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century (Participant)\*, SEA 2022

**2021:** EEA 2021\*, AEA CTREE 2021 (Participant)\*, NBER New Directions in Transportation Economics (Participant)\*, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century (Participant)\*, NARSC 2021

**2020:** Temple University Seminar\*, SEA 2020\*, NARSC 2020\*, University of North Texas Economics Research Group Workshop\*, UEA 2020\*, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century\*, UEA PhD Student

Workshop\* (Participant), WEAI 2020\* Session Chair (Vehicles: Congestion, Pollution, and Health), SRSA Virtual Conference\*

**2019:** NARSC 2019 Session Chair (Transportation II), Scaled-Up Seminar at Susquehanna University, MCRSA 2019, APEE 2019

**2018:** MCRSA 2018 Session Chair (Entrepreneurship), AERUS 2018 Session Chair (Policy Analysis)

\*online setting

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#### **AWARDS/FUNDING:**

##### **GOUCHER COLLEGE:**

**2024** Excellence in Teaching Award for Non-Tenured Faculty  
**2024** Summer Research Grant  
-Atchison Non-Tenured Faculty Professional Advancement Fund  
**2022** Summer Research Grant  
-Atchison Non-Tenured Faculty Professional Advancement Fund

##### **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY:**

**2021** Cliff Hawley Award  
**2020** **External:** Best Graduate Student Author Paper (1st Runner-Up)  
-North American Regional Science Council  
**2020** Best Doctoral Student Paper Award  
**2020 - 2021** **External:** Benjamin H. Stevens Fellowship in Regional Science  
\$30,000  
-North American Regional Science Council  
**2019 - 2020** **External:** Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century Initiative  
\$76,758  
-National Bureau of Economic Research - National Science Foundation  
-NBER Grant #36363.01.02.00  
**2019** Burks Family Fund for Economic Research  
**2019** **External:** APEE Young Scholar Program Award

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#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

**2021** Governing, "[The U.S. Needs to Fix Existing Roads, Not Build New Ones](#)"

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#### **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:**

##### **GOUCHER COLLEGE:**

##### **Supervision of Undergraduate Research Projects:**

**2024 - 2025** Thesis committee member for Noah Moudarres, "Tax Cuts: An In-Depth Analysis on the Impact of Increased Charitable Deductions on Total Charitable Contributions in the United States"  
(Year-long independent study, Economics)  
**2023 - 2024** Thesis committee member for Myles Maxwell, "Chinese Blues in the Congolese Dirt: America's Green Energy Dilemma" (Year-long capstone project, International Relations)

##### **Economics Department Service:**

**2025 - 2026** Economics Department Chair  
**2022 - present** Economics Department Academic Advisor

##### **College-wide Service:**

##### **Search Committee Service:**

**2023 - 2024** Business Management Search Committee Member

**2022 - 2023**      Economics Search Committee Member

**Faculty Governance and Committee Membership:**

**2024 - present**      Lectures and Fellowships Committee

**Miscellaneous Service:**

**2022 - present**      Women's Tennis Team Faculty Mentor

**2023**                  Gopher Day Economics Booth

**2022**                  LAUNCH Network Faculty and Staff Panel Participant

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE:**

**2024**                  Federal Grant Peer-Review Panelist (Invited)

- Institute of Youth, Family and Community, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

**2023**                  Mentee, "CSWEP CeMENT Workshop", American Economic Association

**Referee Duties:**

Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Economics and Finance, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Economic Policy, Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice, Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics

**Professional Affiliations:**

American Economic Association, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Eastern Economic Association, Regional Science International Association, North American Regional Science Association, Southern Economic Association, Southern Regional Science Association, Urban Economic Association