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EMPLOYMENT

Goucher College
Assistant Professor of Economics

Baltimore, MD
2021 - present

EDUCATION

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

Bock, M., A. Cardazzi, and B. Humphreys. Where the rubber meets the road: Pavement damage reduces traffic safety and speed. [NBER Working Paper 29176](#) (**Forthcoming at *Journal of Urban Economics***).

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

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

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

Bock, M., J. Hall, and R. Sobel. “Bulls on Parade: Do Economic Policies Explain Preferences for Heavy Metal?” (**Revisions requested at *Metal Music Studies***).

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. Paravinitana. "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

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)

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

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

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

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

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

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