Mike Konczal

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Career Highlights

- A leader on economic policymaking, guiding the debates around economic inequality, recessions and recoveries, and financial reform over the past decade.
- A researcher contributing original empirical analysis on topics ranging from inflation metrics to banking regulations. Directed teams of researchers investigating the economic questions of the day.
- A writer and public advocate who can translate and communicate to both experts and the public. Cited in hundreds of press articles, with dozens of media appearances, such as *CBS Sunday Morning* and *Washington Journal*. Published author who has written for publications such as *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Experience

Director, Roosevelt Institute, New York, NY — 2010 - current

- Director of Macroeconomic Analysis at the Roosevelt Institute, a policy think tank, leading our research and analysis on the recovery, full employment, and overall state of the economy. Supervises 4 researchers and staff in creating original research, meeting deliverables, and communicating economic arguments to the public. Regularly briefs legislators and policymakers.
- Managed 3 multiyear research and policy teams, with projects on economic recovery, corporate governance, inequality, and creating new economic paradigms. Headed our policy work on financial reform, including the passage and implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Written dozens of white papers, ranging from original research to public policy briefs. Edited 4 volumes of reports, 3 on financial reform and 1 on corporate sector reform. Co-authored, with Joseph Stiglitz, a book on economic inequality. Professional R data scientist certification from *Datacamp*.
- Designed, secured funding for, and carried out research supported by several institutions, including the Kauffman Foundation, Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, and Open Philanthropy.

Financial Engineer, Moody's KMV, San Francisco, CA — 2007 - 2009

- Created testing benchmarks for the Moody's KMV Vasicek-Kealhofer credit risk model, built on a Black-Scholes-Merton framework. Worked with RiskFrontier software over 5 system releases, testing models of capital requirements, stress testing, and loss reserving.
- Prototyped research algorithms covering options-based credit risk pricing in R, SAS, Matlab and Excel VB. Automated the collection and analysis of data that reduced test execution time by 40 percent. Assisted with support to clients.

Senior Test Engineer, Motorola, Schaumburg, IL — 2001-2005

- Directed the execution of load and stress testing across four system releases of the iDEN phone network, coding with Python, Perl, and SQL. Designed test cases to achieve Six Sigma quality levels. Trained 6 employees in our methods used testing. Awarded Motorola BRAVO Award (11/04) for "above and beyond performance contribution."

Education

M.S. Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — 2007

- Completed PhD-level coursework in microeconomics, econometrics, and empirical finance.

B.A. Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — 2001

Full C.V. available upon request.