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## **Positions**

### **Troy University**

Professor of Economics, August 2023-Present  
Department Chair Economics and Finance, August 2019-August 2021  
Associate Professor of Economics, August 2017-August 2023  
Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2013-July 2017

### **Mercer University**

Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2012-May 2013

## **Education**

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, April 2012**

West Virginia University: Morgantown, WV

### **Master of Arts in Economics, December 2007**

Central Michigan University: Mount Pleasant, MI

### **Bachelor of Arts in Economics, May 2005**

Hillsdale College: Hillsdale, MI

## **Research Interests**

Primary: Public Economics, U.S. Economic History, Political Economy

Secondary: Development Economics, State and Local Public Finance

## **Journal Articles**

41. Dove, John A. and Noah J. Trudeau. "Occupational Licensing Restrictions and Early-Stage Entrepreneurship: A State-Level Analysis." Forthcoming at *Applied Economics Letters*.
40. Dove, John A. and William J. Byrd. (2025). "Assessing State Resilience: Lynching and its Ramifications on State Credit in the US." *Kyklos*. 78(2): 305-321.

39. Dove, John A. and Laura R. Dove. (2023). "Institutions and Incarceration: The Role of Economic Freedom at the MSA Level." *Social Science Quarterly*. 104(4): 436-463.
38. Dove, John A. (2023). "One Size Fits All? The Differential Impact of Federal Regulation on Entrepreneurial Activity Across US States." *Journal of Regulatory Economics*. 63(1-2): 57-73.
37. Dove, Laura R. and John A. Dove. (2023). "Legal Institutions, Perceptions, and Entrepreneurship: An Empirical Investigation." *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*. 38(1): 58-88.
36. Poelmans, Eline, John A. Dove, Jason E. Taylor, Ranjit S. Dighe. (2022). "Factors Influencing the Timing and Type of State-Level Prohibitions Prior to 1920." *Public Choice*. 192(3): 201-226.
35. Dove, John A. and William J. Byrd. (2022). "Judicial Independence and Lynching in Historical Context: An Analysis Of US States." *Cliometrica*. 16(3): 639-672.
34. Dove, John A. and Andrew T. Young. (2021). "What is a Classical Liberal Constitution?" *The Independent Review*. 26(3): 385-405.
33. Byrd, William J. and John A. Dove. (2021). "Dismantling the South-West Coalition: Further Evidence of Distributive Politics in Preemption Legislation." *Economics of Governance*. 22(3): 193-214.
32. Dove, John A. (2020). "Detroit: A Microcosm of Municipal Finance, Bankruptcy, and Recovery." *Essays in Economic and Business History*. 38(1): 335-342.
31. Dove, John A. and Laura R. Dove. (2020). "State Tort Reform and Entrepreneurial Activity." *Review of Law & Economics*. 16(3):
30. Dove, John A. (2020). "Opportunity Entrepreneurship and Regulation: A State Level Analysis." *Applied Economics Letters*. 27(12): 987-991.
29. Dove, John A. (2019). "Do Tax and Expenditure Limits Influence Federal Lobbying by State and Local Governments? Evidence from a Panel Dataset." *Public Finance & Management*. 19(1): 128-150.
28. Dove, John A. and Andrew T. Young. (2019). "US State Constitutional Entrenchment and Default in the Nineteenth Century." *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 15(6): 963-982.
27. Dove, John A. (2019) "Is There a Relationship Between TELs and Default? Evidence from US Municipalities." *Papers in Regional Science*. 98(1): 433-450.

26. Dove, John A. (2018). "It's Easier to Contract than to Pay: Judicial Independence and U.S. Municipal Default in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century." *Journal of Comparative Economics*. 46(4): 1062-1081.
25. Dove, John A. and Daniel Sutter. (2018). "Is There a Tradeoff Between Economic Development Incentives and Economic Freedom? Evidence from the US States." *Review of Regional Studies*. 48(1): 55-69.
24. Poelmans, Eline, John A. Dove, and Jason E. Taylor. (2018). "The Politics of Beer: Analysis of The Congressional Votes for the Beer Bill of 1933." *Public Choice*. 174(1-2): 81-106.
23. Dove, John A., Courtney A. Collins, and Daniel J. Smith. (2018). "The Impact of Public Pension Governance Structures on State Bond Ratings." *Economics of Governance*. 19(1): 51-73.
22. Dove, John A. (2017). "The Relationship between Local Government Economic Freedom and Bond Ratings." *Journal of Financial Economic Policy*. 9(4): 435-449.
21. Dove, John A. (2017). "Judicial Independence and US State Bond Ratings: An Empirical Investigation." *Public Budgeting & Finance*. 37(3): 24-46.
20. Dove, John A. (2017). "Some Additional Evidence on the Interplay between Corruption, Taxes, and Firm Entry Using US States." *Applied Economics Letters*. 24(18): 1307-1310.
19. Dove, John A. (2017). "Local Government Type and Municipal Bond Ratings: What's the Relationship?" *Applied Economics*. 49(24): 2339-2351.
18. Dove, John A. (2017). "Property Tax Limits, Balanced Budget Rules, and Line-Item Vetoes: A Long-Run View." *Eastern Economic Journal*. 43(2): 288-317.
17. Crowley, George R., John A. Dove, and Daniel Sutter. (2017). "Voter Preferences, Institutions, and Economic Freedom." *Contemporary Economic Policy*. 35(1): 76-92.
16. Dove, John A. (2016). "The Economic Effects of Judicial Selection." *Faulkner Law Review*. 8(1): 157-173.
15. Dove, John A. (2016). "U.S. State Fiscal Constraints and Railroad Development through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century." *Scandinavian Economic History Review*. 64(3): 243-257.
14. Sobel, Russell S. and John A. Dove. (2016). "Analyzing the Effectiveness of State Regulatory Review." *Public Finance Review*. 44(4): 446-477.

13. Dove, John A. (2016). "Do Fiscal Constraints Prevent Default? Historical Evidence from U.S. Municipalities." *Economics of Governance*. 17(2): 185-209. **[This article won the "Fred Bateman Award" for Best Paper Presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic and Business History Society's 2015 Conference].**
12. Dove, John A. (2016). "Judicial Independence and Economic Freedom across the U.S. States." *Applied Economics Letters*. 23(1): 78-83.
11. Dove, John A. (2015). "The Impact of Contracting and Property Rights Institutions on Entrepreneurship in the United States." *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*. 8(1): 1-21.
10. Dove, John A. (2015). "The Effect of Judicial Independence on Entrepreneurship in the US States." *Economic Systems*. 39(1): 72-96. **[This article received the "Editors' Choice Award" from *Economic Systems* for 2015].**
9. Dove, John A. and Laura R. Dove. (2014). "An Examination of Multistate Antitrust Enforcement by U.S. State Attorneys General." *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*. 32: 43-71.
8. Dove, John A. (2014). "Antitrust Enforcement by State Attorneys General: Institutional, Legal and Political Considerations." *Business and Politics*. 16(2): 291-312.
7. Dove, John A., Gary M. Pecquet, and Clifford F. Thies. (2014). "The Michigan Free Bank Experience: Wild Cat Banking or Interference with Contract?" *Essays in Economic and Business History*. 32: 47-79. **[This article won the "James Soltow Award" for Best Article Published in *Essays in Economic and Business History* for 2014].**
6. Dove, John A. (2014). "Financial Markets, Fiscal Constraints, and Municipal Debt: Lessons and Evidence from the Panic of 1873." *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 10(1): 71-106.
5. Young, Andrew T., and John A. Dove. (2013). "Policing the Chain Gang: Panel Cointegration Analysis of the Stability of the Suffolk System, 1825-1858." *Journal of Macroeconomics*. 37: 182-196.
4. Collins, Courtney A. and John A. Dove. (2013). "Analyzing Electoral Timing and Outcomes through Georgia's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax." *Public Finance and Management*. 13(4): 288-304.
3. Dove, John A. (2012). "Public Protection versus Public Choice: An Analysis of Merger Enforcement Behavior by State Attorneys General." *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*. 28(2-3): 115-132.
2. Dove, John A. (2012). "Credible Commitments and Constitutional Constraints: State Debt Repudiation and Default in Nineteenth Century America." *Constitutional*

*Political Economy*. 23(1): 66-93. [This article won the “Jon Vilasuso Best Student Publication Award” at West Virginia University for 2011].

1. Coyne, Christopher J., Russell S. Sobel, and John A. Dove. (2010). “The Non-Productive Entrepreneurial Process.” *Review of Austrian Economics*. 23(4): 333-346.

### **Book Chapters**

2. Dove, John A. (2020). “Economic Development Incentives: Fostering Productive or Unproductive Entrepreneurship?” in Arielle John and Dianna Thomas (volume editors), *Mercatus Studies in Political Economy*. Palgrave Macmillan
1. Dove, John A. and Russell S. Sobel. (2017). “Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Legal Federalism.” in Jonathan Klick (volume editor), Richard Posner and Francesco Parisi (series editors), *Research Handbook on the Economics of Federalism*. UK: Edward Elgar

### **Working Papers and Articles Under Review**

- Byrd, William J. and John A. Dove. “From Open Borders to Exclusion: US Congressional Voting Patterns in the Chinese Immigration Debates of the Late 19th Century.” **Under Review**
- Dove, John A. and Junnatun Naym. “State Attorneys General, Misconduct Enforcement Activity, and Political Budget Cycles.”
- Dove, John A. and Noah Trudeau. “Corruption Perceptions, The Pendleton Act, and Sovereign Borrowing Costs.”
- Dighe, Ranjit, John A. Dove., Eline Poelmans, and Jason Taylor. “The Unraveling of State-Level Alcohol Prohibitions in the USA.”

### **Policy Papers**

- Dove, John A. and Daniel J. Smith. “Alabama at the Crossroads: An Economic Guide to a Fiscally Sustainable Future.” *Mercatus on Policy*
- Dove, John A. “Legal Reform in Alabama: Recommendations and Implications.” *Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy White Paper*.
- Sobel, Russell S. and John A. Dove. “State Regulatory Review: A 50 State Analysis of Effectiveness.” *Mercatus on Policy*.

### **Grants and other Academic Honors**

- IREX – Soran University & Troy University Partnership: Spring 2023 -- \$58,000

- Troy University Faculty Development Fund: Spring 2023; Spring 2024 -- \$1,000; Fall 2016; Fall 2015; Summer 2015; Spring 2014; Fall 2013 -- \$750 each
- Sorrell College of Business Economics, Finance, and RMI Department Teacher of the Year Award. 2022-2023.
- Sorrell College of Business Economics and Finance Department Teacher of the Year Award. 2017-2018.
- Sorrell College of Business Economics and Finance Department Faculty Research Award. Fall 2015
- The Fred Bateman Award: Spring 2015
- The Apgar Foundation: Spring 2015 -- \$15,000
- Free Market Institute at Texas Tech (under a grant from the Templeton Foundation): 2014-15 -- \$10,000
- The James Soltow Award: Spring 2014
- Jon Vilasuso Advanced Doctoral Student Award: Fall 2011
- Jon Vilasuso Best Doctoral Student Publication Award: Fall 2011
- W. Marston and Katharine B. Becker Doctoral Fellow: Jan. 1, 2009 – July 1, 2009

## **Outreach**

### **Radio, TV, and Print Media**

*AL.com; Alabama 810 WCKA-FM; Alabama News Network; Alabama Public Television; Al Ghad TV; The Alice Stewart Show; Birmingham Business Journal; The Birmingham News; Capitol Journal; The Dale Jackson Show; The Dan Morris Show; Econversations; The Fred Holland Show; The Matt Murphy Show; The Michael Hart Show; Model City A.M.; The Montgomery Advertiser; The State Journal; Straight Talk; The Troy Messenger; WSFA-TV; Viewpoint – 93.1 WACV; Viewpoints Alabama*

## **University Teaching Experience**

### **Graduate Courses (MA Level Courses)**

Economics of Public Policy; Econometrics; MBA Managerial Economics

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Econometrics; Economics of Globalization; Public Choice; Public Finance; Law and Economics; Industrial Organization; Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of Microeconomics

## **University, College, Department, and Professional Service**

### **Professional Service**

Co-Editor in Chief: Essays in Economic and Business History. June 2025-Present  
 President: Economic and Business History Society. June 2024-May 2025  
 President Elect: Economic and Business History Society. May 2023-June 2024  
 Member, Editorial Board. Essays in Economic & Business History. May 2022-Present  
 Board of Trustees: Economic and Business History Society. May 2017 - Present

## **Troy University**

Academic Advisor: Omicron Delta Epsilon

Academic Advisor: Troy University Economics Club

Committee Member: Sorrell College of Business MBA Curriculum Committee

Committee Member: Sorrell College of Business Teaching Effectiveness  
Committee

Committee Member: Sorrell College of Business Faculty Development  
Committee

Committee Member: Department of Economics Graduate Application Committee

Committee Member: Department of Economics Master's in Economics  
Development Committee

## **Mercer University**

Academic Advisor: Mercer University Consulting Club

Committee Member: Board of Appropriations

## **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

Economic and Business History Society Conference. Birmingham, AL. May 2025.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. York, England. June 2024.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. Porto, Portugal. May 2023.

MCRSA Annual Conference. Virtual. June 2022.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. Virtual. May 2021.

Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. James M. Buchanan Centennial Birthday  
Academic Conference. October 2019.

Economic and Business History Society meeting, Detroit, MI, June 2019.

Texas Tech University. April 2019.

Southern Economic Association meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2018.

O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom. Southern Methodist University.  
September 2018.

Kennesaw State University. August 2018.

Applied Research in Political Economy. Mercatus Center. Washington D.C. June 2018.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. Oklahoma City, OK, May 2017.

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Workshop. George Mason University. Fairfax, VA,  
April 2017.

Southern Regional Science Association Conference. Memphis, TN, March 2017.

Southern Economic Association meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2016.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. Montreal, QC, May 2016.

Public Choice Society meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2016.

Southern Economic Association meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2015.

Economic and Business History Society Conference. La Crosse, WI, May 2015.

Association of Private Enterprise Education meeting. Las Vegas, NV, April 2014.

Southern Economic Association meeting, Tampa, FL, November 2013.

Association of Private Enterprise Education meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 2012.

Southern Economic Association meeting, Washington D.C., November 2011.

Association of Private Enterprise Education meeting, Nassau, Bahamas, April 2011.

Southern Economic Association meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

Association of Private Enterprise Education meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 2010.

### **Dissertation Committee Member (PhD)**

Justin Parker, West Virginia University, 2020

### **Thesis Committee Member (MA)**

Tavia Vitkauskas, Troy University, 2020

### **Referee Service for Academic Journals**

*American Journal of Economics and Sociology; Applied Economics (2); Applied Economics Letters (3); Asian Journal of Law & Economics; Climatic Change; Cliometrica; Comparative Economic Studies; Economics and Business Letters (2); The Economic History Review; Economics of Governance (2); Economic Systems (2); Essays in Economic and Business History (6); European Journal of Political Economy (2); Finance Research Letters; The Independent Review (2); International Review of Financial Analysis; International Tax and Public Finance; Journal of Economics and Finance Education (2); Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy (2); Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy; Journal of Financial Economic Policy (2); Journal of Institutional Economics (9); Journal of Private Enterprise (4); Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice; Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy; Political Research Quarterly; Preventive Medicine Reports; Public Administration Review; Public Choice (2); Public Finance & Management; Public Finance Review; Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance; Review of Austrian Economics (3); Review of Industrial Organization; Review of Regional Studies; Southern Economic Journal (2); State Politics & Policy Quarterly*



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