

# Dominic Russel

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## Education

### Harvard University

PH.D. CANDIDATE IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2021 -

### University of Michigan

B.S. IN STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE (DOUBLE MAJOR), POLITICAL SCIENCE (MINOR)

Ann Arbor, MI

Fall 2013 - Spring 2017

- Highest Distinction; Phi Beta Kappa Junior Year (1 of 26 selected in class of over 6,000)

## Working Papers

### The Social Integration of International Migrants: Evidence from the Networks of Syrians in Germany

R&R at *Journal of Political Economy*

(With Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, and Johannes Stroebel)

### FinTech & Financial Frictions: The Rise of Revenue-Based Financing

Reject & Resubmit at *Review of Financial Studies*

(With Claire Shi and Rowan Clarke)

### The Supply Side of Consumer Debt Repayment

(With Justin Katz and Claire Shi)

## Publications

### Social Networks Shape Beliefs and Behavior: Evidence From Social Distancing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

*Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, 2(4), August 2024

(With Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, and Johannes Stroebel)

### JUE Insight: The geographic spread of COVID-19 correlates with the structure of social networks as measured by Facebook

*Journal of Urban Economics*, 127(103314), January 2022

(With Theresa Kuchler and Johannes Stroebel)

### The Determinants of Social Connectedness in Europe

*Social Informatics* 2020

(With Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, Bogdan State, and Johannes Stroebel)

## Research Experience

2022-24	<b>Harvard University</b> , Research Assistant (Professor John Campbell)	Cambridge, MA
2022	<b>Harvard University</b> , Research Assistant (Professors Raj Chetty & Ed Glaeser)	Cambridge, MA
2019-21	<b>NYU Stern School of Business</b> , Junior Research Scientist (Professors Theresa Kuchler & Johannes Stroebel)	New York, NY
2019-21	<b>Facebook - Core Data Science Team</b> , Contractor	New York, NY
2013-14	<b>University of Michigan Political Science</b> , Research Assistant (PhD candidate Timothy J. Ryan)	Ann Arbor, MI

## Teaching Experience

Fall	<b>ECON 2725: Corporate Finance and Banking (PhD elective)</b> ,	Cambridge, MA
2023	Teaching assistant for Professors Sam Hanson and Adi Sunderam	
Spring	<b>TO 412: Big Data Tools for Data Management and Acquisition (undergrad BBA elective)</b> ,	Ann Arbor, MI
2017	Teaching assistant for Professor Hila Etzion (Ross School of Business)	

## Additional Employment

2017-19	<b>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</b> , Director's Financial Analyst	Washington, DC
2016	<b>Applied Predictive Technologies (acquired by Mastercard)</b> , Associate Product Manager Intern	Arlington, VA

## Presentations

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- 2024**      Midwestern Finance Association
- 2023**      Urban Economics Association European Meetings; LACEA HUMANS Seminar
- 2022**      Venice Summer Institute
- 2020**      International Conference of Social Informatics 2020 (SocInfo2020); Data Science Conference on COVID-19

## Honors

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- 2023      **Chae Family Economics Research Fund**, w/ Claire Shi
- 2019      **NYU/Schmidt Futures Computational Economics Fellowship**,
- 2019      **CFPB Team Achievement Award**, for developing R Shiny app for federal rulemaking w/ one other RA
- 2017      **Outstanding Undergraduate in Statistics**, selected by department as a top 4 graduate in class of 2017
- 2016      **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalist**, 1 of 3 finalists from state of Michigan

## Programming

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- Languages**      R (tidyverse, data.table, shiny), Python (polars, pandas, scikit-learn), Stata, Postgres/MySQL/Presto, Fortran,  $\LaTeX$
- Package Contributions**      [nngео](#) (an R package for nearest neighbor spatial joins), contributor

## Refereeing

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American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry

## Other Activities

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- 2023-24      **Co-Organizer**, Harvard Doctoral Finance Workshop *Cambridge, MA*
- 2022-23      **Co-Organizer**, Harvard Doctoral Finance Reading Group *Cambridge, MA*
- 2022-23      **Co-Head**, Harvard Economics Department Peer Support Network *Cambridge, MA*
- 2021      **Co-Organizer**, [Pre-Doctoral Research in Economics Workshop](#) *Remote*
- 2017-19      **Tutor**, weekly sessions for low-income youth with Project Northstar *Washington, DC*
- 2018      **Tax Preparer**, IRS certified for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program *Washington, DC*