



# AUSTIN COLLEGE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT & DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*Center for Southwestern and Mexican Studies Summer Internship  
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## Overview of the Internship Experience

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- Research Assistant for Professor Mikidadu Mohammed
- Intern in the Archives and Special Collections department of the Abell Library under Justin Banks supervision

## Research Assistantship Experience: Description

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- Read documents related to Financial and Physical Capital Drivers
- Learned about some mathematical notions
- Collected and Organized Data
- Reviewed the final research paper

# Research Assistantship Experience: Description

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## Do returns to capital matter for gold prices?

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### Abstract

This paper proposes a novel multi-dimensional measure of returns to capital. We calculate this new measure of returns to capital for the United States (U.S.) and the United Kingdom (U.K.) using monthly data from 1999-2019. We find that the U.S. return to capital leads the U.K. return to capital by one month. Also, we evaluate the predictive capacity of the proposed return to capital measure in predicting the global spot price of gold. Our findings reveal that both U.S. and U.K. returns to capital do not predict global spot gold price. Rather gold price has predictive power on the U.S. and the U.K. returns to capital, although the predictive power is stronger on the U.S. return to capital. Finally, we operationalized a tri-variate structural vector autoregressive (SVAR) model to examine whether spot gold price is susceptible to unexpected shocks in U.S. return to capital and U.K. return to capital. We find that while an unexpected surge in investor confidence about the U.S. economy is inconsequential to gold price, an unexpected rise in investor confidence about the U.K. economy depresses gold price. Taken together, the findings suggest that investors and other market stakeholders should pay attention to movements in the proposed multi-dimensional returns to capital and its relationship with global gold prices.

## Research Assistantship Experience: Benefits

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- Economic History of China
- Political Risk measures
- Macroeconomic return vs Microeconomic return
- Other Economic Macroeconomic Notions and Concepts

## Abell Library Internship Experience: Description

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- Created marketing and website blurbs
- Gave feedback on the website
- Learned about the Archives and Special Collections Department
- Digitized a document

# Abell Library Internship Experience: Description

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Freshmen Hats



Simplex and Old Police Camera



# Abell Library Internship Experience: Description

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Austin College Archives & Special Collections website. The URL is [acarchives.soutrnglobal.net/Portal/Default/en-US/search/simplesearch#tab1](http://acarchives.soutrnglobal.net/Portal/Default/en-US/search/simplesearch#tab1). The page features a search bar at the top left, navigation links for Home, Advanced Search, About, Visit, Contact, Policies, and Digital Archives, and a 'Log In/Logout' button. A 'WELCOME' section provides an overview of the department's location and services. Below this is a 'DIGITAL ARCHIVES' section with a carousel of images showing books and documents. A 'FEATURED COLLECTIONS' and 'QUICK LINKS' section is also visible. At the bottom, there is an 'About' section with a brief description of the department.

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Digital Archives

WELCOME

The Archives and Special Collections department of Austin College is located in the Abell Library Center, second floor. Search or browse the catalog to access select digital archives content, along with information about the collections and artifacts managed by the department.

FEATURED COLLECTIONS

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The screenshot shows the 'Browse Austin College Newspaper Collection' page on the Austin College Archives Online website. The URL is [austincollege.lunaimage.com/luna/servlet/AustinCollege-1-1](http://austincollege.lunaimage.com/luna/servlet/AustinCollege-1-1). The page features a search bar at the top right, navigation links for EXPLORE, CREATE, SHARE, and HELP, and a 'Log In' button. The main content area displays the 'Austin College Newspaper Collection' with three newspaper covers: 'hopper', 'THE KANGAROO', and 'AC OBSERVER'. Below the covers are buttons for 'BROWSE ALL' and 'CATEGORY PAGES'. A paragraph at the bottom provides a detailed description of the collection, including the names of the newspapers and their publication dates.

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Austin College Collections

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hopper

THE KANGAROO

AC OBSERVER

BROWSE ALL

CATEGORY PAGES

Austin College student-run newspapers were published under three names, the Kangaroo (1918 - 1968), the Hopper (1972 - 1981), and the AC Observer (1982 - present). All issues of the Hopper and the AC Observer, preserved in the College Archives vault, have been digitized and are ready for use. The Kangaroo is in the process of being uploaded to the site. Select Browse All to access the issues chronologically or conduct a keyword search within the text of all of the papers in the collection.



# Abell Library Internship Experience: Digitization

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Identify the document to digitize



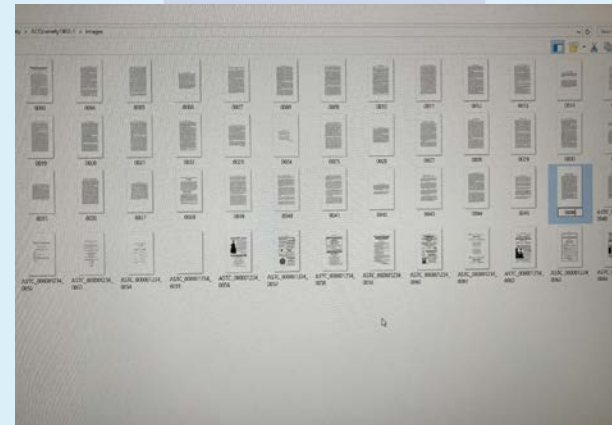
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Scan the document



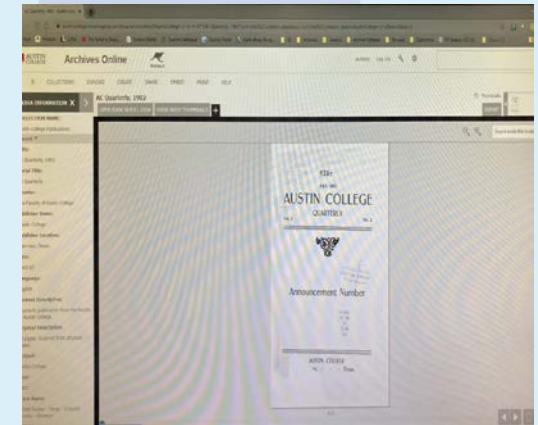
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3

Deskew the scanned document



Step  
4

Upload the document



# Abell Library Internship Experience: Benefits

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- Austin College History
- Digitization process
- Educational Background of an Archivist
- Implications of being an Archivist



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