

# TRAVIS R. WHITACRE

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Research Interests:** Health Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

**Teaching Interests:** Health Economics, Econometrics, Labor Economics

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics**

*Southern Methodist University*

May 2024 (Expected)

**Masters of Arts in Economics**

*Southern Methodist University*

May 2021 (Expected)

**Bachelor of Science in Economics**

*West Texas A&M University*

May 2019

Minor in Mathematics

Summa Cum Laude

Attebury Honors Scholar

Capstone Thesis: “An Experimental Approach to Travel Warnings”

## RESEARCH

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“Measurement Error in Mental Health: The Effect of ADHD Diagnostic Errors on Life Outcomes”, *in progress*

“Partisan Political Mortality Cycles”, with Daniel Millimet (Southern Methodist University), *in progress*

“Health Trends in the LGBTQ+ Community”, with Wookun Kim (Southern Methodist University), *in progress*

## PRESENTATIONS

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“Partisan Political Mortality Cycles”

Southern Economic Association in Houston, TX (2021, *pending*)

“Measurement Error in Mental Health: The Effect of ADHD Diagnostic Errors on Life Outcomes”

Spring Microeconomics Workshop at SMU (2021)

“Gender Inequality and the Solow Model”

13th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (2019)

West Texas A&M University Student Research Conference (2019)

“An Experimental Approach to Travel Advisories”

12th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (2018)

West Texas A&M Student Research Conference (2018)

15th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium in Canyon, TX (2018)

“Economic Impact of Zika on the Tourism Industry of Miami-Dade County”

Great Plains Honors Conference in Beaumont, TX (2017)

West Texas A&M University Student Research Conference (2017)

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant, SMU**

PhD Econometrics III (Fall 2022)

Managerial Economics (Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2022)  
Environmental Economics (Spring 2021)  
Economics of Human Rights (Spring 2021)  
Economic and Business Forecasting (Fall 2020, Fall 2022)  
Introductory Econometrics (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)  
Strategic Behavior (Spring 2020)  
Money and Banking (Spring 2020)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2020)  
International Trade (Fall 2019)

#### **Teaching Assistant, West Texas A&M**

Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2017 - Spring 2019)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2016 - Spring 2019)

#### **Research Assistant, SMU**

Prof. Daniel Millimet (Summer 2021)  
Prof. Wookun Kim (Summer 2021)

#### **Research Assistant, West Texas A&M**

Prof. Ryan Mattson and Prof. Anne Barthel (Fall 2016 - Spring 2019)

### **PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

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**Programming:** R, Stata, SAS, MATLAB, C++, Julia

**Typeset:** LaTeX (Overleaf, TeX Maker and LyX), Markdown, html, Microsoft Suites

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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**Teaching Assistantship**, Southern Methodist University (2019-2024)

**Outstanding Economics Graduate**, West Texas A&M College of Business Symposium (2019)

**Student Research Enhancement Award**, with Ryan Mattson and Anne Barthel, West Texas A&M College of Business Symposium (2019)

**1st Place Undergraduate Paper**, West Texas A&M Student Research Conference (2017, 2018 and 2019)

**Economics Club Leadership Award**, West Texas A&M College of Business Symposium (2018)

**2nd Place Undergraduate Presentation**, West Texas A&M Student Research Conference (2017)

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

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**Professional Memberships:** Member of American Society of Health Economics (2021 - present), Omicron Delta Epsilon (2018 - Present), Beta Gamma Sigma (2018 - Present), Rogers LEAD WT Program (2017-2019)

**Professional Workshops:** 2021 Add Health Virtual Workshop, Electronic Health Economics Colloquium (2021), SMU Microeconomics Workshop (2021), SMU Experimental Economics Workshop (2020)

**Professional Services:** President of SMU Econ Club (2021-2022), Board Member for SMU Econ Club (2020-2021), Mentor for Economics Department Mentoring Program (2020-2021), Student Hiring Search Committee for SMU University Chaplain (2020), President of WT Econ Club (2018-2019), Peer Review Board Member for Dallas Federal Reserve Economic Scholars Program (2018), Discussant for Dallas Federal Reserve Economic Scholars Program (2017-2019)