## Melissa Gentry

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Research interests Applied microeconomics

Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.

Education Texas A&M University August 2021 – May 2026 (Expected)

PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr (*Chair*), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey **University of South Carolina**August 2017 – August 2018

MA in Economics, Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics

**University of South Florida**August 2014 – August 2017

BS in Quantitative Economics

Publications "Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Indi-

viduals with Disabilities" with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer. National

Tax Journal, Forthcoming

"Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?" with Danila Serra

and Jonathan Meer. AEA: Papers and Proceedings, 2023

Job Market Paper "Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Dis-

abilities" Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources (funded by NBER

RDRC Fellowship)

Work in Progress "Going the Distance: The Contemporaneous and Intergenerational Effects of

Accessible Transportation" (funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship)

"No Time Like the Present: The Effects of On-Demand Trips for Paratransit Customers on Rider Mobility, Well-being, and Health" with Michael Cassidy

and Ludovica Gazze (funded by JPAL)

"Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Dis-

abled Adults in the UK" with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey

"Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities

in an SMS Intervention" with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holz-

man

Pre-doctoral Work "Who Are the "Rich," How Do We Identify Them, and How Are They Different

from Everyone Else?" with Jeffrey Thompson.  $\it Journal of Income Distribution,$ 

Forthcoming.

"Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa" with Kwabena

Gyimah-Brempong. Journal of African Development, 2020.

"Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border" with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)

Research experience	Research Assistant at Texas A&M University		
	Andrew Barr, Kalena Cortes, Catherine Eckel, and Danila Serra  Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston		
	Jeffrey Thompson September 2018 – July	y 2021	
Honors and	S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2025	
scholarships	Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (Texas A&M University)	2025	
	Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER)	2024	
	Retirement and Disability Dissertation Grant (UMBC and SSA, declined)	2024	
	MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M University, PERC)	2024	
	Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2021	
	Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina )	2017	
Teaching experience	Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A&M Spring	g 2025	
	Two guest lectures on social insurance. Average student rating: 4.7/5.		
	Personnel Economics (ECON419), Texas A&M Spring	g 2025	
	One guest lecture on disability topics. Average student rating: 3.8/4.		
	Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&M Summe	r 2024	
	Instructor of Record. Average student rating: 4.9/5.		
	Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M Fal	ll 2023	
	Instructor of Record. Average student rating: 4.2/5.		
Presentations	2025: Eastern Economics Association, Allied Social Science Associ	ations	
	(ASSA), Home and Community Based Services Annual Conference, Southern		
	Economics Association (expected)		
	2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied		
	Microeconomics Student Workshop, STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference		
	<b>2023:</b> Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Eco	: Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Economic	
	Association Annual Conference		
Referee Experience	Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Educational Re-		
	searcher, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal	of Be-	
	havioral Public Administration		
Professional Service	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop	2025	
	Coordinator		
	Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator	023-24	
	Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative 20	022-23	
	Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative 20	021-22	