

# Sierra Smith

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## Education

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### Michigan State University

PH.D. IN ECONOMICS

East Lansing, MI  
2020-Present

### Michigan State University

M.A. IN ECONOMICS

East Lansing, MI  
2020-2022

### Florida State University

B.S. IN FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Tallahassee, FL  
2015-2019

- Minor in Mathematics
- Magna Cum Laude

## Teaching

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### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Principles of Microeconomics, Instructor

Winter 2025

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Economics Excellence in Teaching Award, Recipient

2024

Behavioral Economics, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021; Spring 2022, 2023, 2025

Social Science Data Analytics, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2025

Intermediate Microeconomics, Instructor

Fall 2022, 2024; Spring 2024

Microeconomics Ph.D. Preliminary Exam Prep Course, Instructor

Spring 2024

Intermediate Microeconomics (Honors), Teaching Assistant

Fall 2023

Big Ideas in Social Science, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2023

Economics of Sports, Instructor

Summer 2022

Intermediate Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2020

### FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Calculus I, Student Athlete Tutor

Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Calculus I, Learning Assistant

Spring 2018

Principles of Microeconomics, Learning Assistant

Fall 2017

## Research

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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

Surprising Storms: Reference Dependence and Demand for Flood Insurance

Building Blocks of Innovation: Information and Feasibility

Learning by Doing: How Classroom Experiments Spark Economic Understanding

### EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager, Spartan Psychology and Economics Advanced Research Lab (SPEAR)

Fall 2023-Present

Research Assistant, Benjamin Bushong

Summer 2023

Service \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Culture and English Skills Program, Graduate Assistant	2024
Girls Math and Science Day, Economics Presenter	2024
Economics Ph.D. Mentoring Program, First Year Mentor	2022-Present

Professional Development \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOPS

Certificate in College Teaching Institute, Michigan State University	2024
BEEP Workshop on Computational Tools for Experimental Economics, Purdue	2024
Graduate Student Workshop in Experimental Economics, Chapman University	2023

CONFERENCES

Economic Science Association, Columbus, Ohio	2024
VSEEL Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana	2024
Economic Science Association, Charlotte, North Carolina	2023