Tucker Smith

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Education

Vanderbilt University
Ph.D. in Economics: May, 2024.
Dissertation: Three Essays in Applied Microeconomics
M.A. in Economics: May, 2020

Furman University
B.A. in Mathematics-Economics, 2018.
Summa Cum Laude

Employment

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
Research Economist, Regional/Microeconomics Group *(2024 - Present)*

Research

Research Fields
Public Economics, Labor Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of Education

Peer-Reviewed Publications
"Rivers, Lakes and Revenue Streams: The Heterogeneous Effects of Clean Water Act Grants on Local Spending" with Patrick Flynn (2022). *Journal of Public Economics* 212: 104711.

"Turning around Schools (and Neighborhoods?): School Improvement Grants and Gentrification" with Cameron Friday (2023). *Economics of Education Review* 94: 102382. EER 2023 Best Paper Award

Working Papers
"Human Capital Adjustments and Labor Market Resilience: Evidence from Linked Education and Earnings Data"

Works-in-Progress
"Student Debt and Housing Wealth" with Lesley Turner, Jeremy Burke, and Jaun Saavedra

"Slipping Through the Net: Childhood Access to the Safety Net and Educational Attainment" with Camila Morales

Invited Seminars &Presentations
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (2024); University of South Carolina (2024); University of Alabama (2024); University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2024); Western Kentucky University (2023); Southern Economics

Association Annual Meeting (2021-2023); Urban Economics Association North American Fall Meeting (2021); Urban Economics Association Summer School (2021); Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2020-2023)

Other Research Experience
Research Assistant, Prof. Lesley J. Turner: August 2021 - Present
Research Assistant, Prof. Andrew Goodman-Bacon: February 2020 - August 2020

Teaching

Teaching Fields
Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Public Economics, Urban Economics, Research Design & Methods, Policy Analysis

Vanderbilt University
Instructor: Strategic Analysis (2021)

Guest Lecturer: Applied Microeconomics Research Designs & Methods (2020, 2021, 2023)

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics (2023), Applied Microeconomics Research Designs & Methods (2020, 2021, 2023), Poverty and Discrimination (2021) Economics of Education (2020), Economic Growth (2020, 2021), Health Care Policy (2020), Intermediate Microeconomics (2019)

Furman Unviersity
Guest Lecturer: Public Finance (2021)

Tutor: Intermediate Microeconomics, Empirical Methods, Statistics, Introduction to Economics

Awards and Fellowships

Paper Awards
Economics of Education Review 2023 Best Paper Award, "Turning around Schools (and Neighborhoods?): School Improvement Grants and Gentrification"

American Education Research Association
2022 Dissertation Grant ($27,500)

Vanderbilt University
Walter B. Noel Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2024
Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant ($1,800), Summer 2022
College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award ($3,400), Summer 2022
Vanderbilt University Graduate Fellowship, 2018 - Present

Furman University
Phi Beta Kappa, 2018
Adam Smith Award, 2016

Professional Activities

Referee
Journal of Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Health Economics

Service
Expert Teaching Assistant: TA Orientation (2023), Vanderbilt University

Organizer: Applied Microeconomics Graduate Research Development Group (2022-2023), Vanderbilt University
Co-Organizer: Graduate Student Economics of Education Zoom (GEEZ) Seminars (2022)

Representative: Council for Economics Graduate Students (2021-2022), Vanderbilt University

References

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