

# Tucker Smith

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## Employment **Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**

Research Economist, Regional/Microeconomics Group (2024 - Present)

## 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*

## 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.

### **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 Samuel Mann and Laura Bellows

“Assessing the Property Tax with Property Tax Assessments” with Cora Wigger

### **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 University**

Guest Lecturer: Public Finance (2021)

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

## Awards and Fellowships

### **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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