# **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 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); 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

#### 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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