

## ALEXANDER A. SMITH

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### CURRENT POSITION

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, Department of Social Sciences – West Point, NY  
Assistant Professor of Economics (July 2015-Present)

### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Department of Economics – Charlottesville, VA  
Doctor of Philosophy, Economics (May 2015)  
Master of Arts, Economics (May 2011)

Course Sequences: Labor Economics, Public Economics, and Industrial Organization

Dissertation: “Essays on the Economics of Education”

Committee: Professors Sarah Turner (Chair), James Wyckoff, and Leora Friedberg

WILLIAMS COLLEGE – Williamstown, MA  
Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and Economics (May 2006)

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Anders, John, Andrew C. Barr, and Alexander A. Smith. “The Effect of Early Childhood Education on Adult Criminality: Evidence from the 1960s through 1990s” *Conditional Acceptance* American Economic Journal: Economic Policy.

Barr, Andrew C. and Alexander A. Smith. "Fighting crime in the cradle: The effects of early childhood access to nutritional assistance." *Journal of Human Resources* (2021): 0619-10276R2.

Smith, Alexander A. "The Minimum Wage and Teen Educational Attainment" *Labour Economics* 73 (2021).

Carter, Susan Payne, Alexander A. Smith, and Carl Wojtaszek. "Who Will Fight? The All-Volunteer Army after 9/11." *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 107.5 (2017): 415-19.

### WORKING PAPERS

"The Effect of Income During Infancy: Evidence from a Discontinuity in Tax Benefits" with Andrew Barr and Jonathan Eggleston (*Revise and Resubmit at Quarterly Journal of Economics*)

"The Long-Run Effects of Universal Pre-K on Criminal Activity" (*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*)

"The Effects of (Free) College on Earnings and Health Across the Life Cycle" with Andrew Barr, Adam Roberts, and Jonathan Eggleston

"Predicting Unemployment Insurance Duration for Veterans" with Bill Skimmyhorn and Susan Carter

"In-kind Benefits: Evidence from Puerto Rico" with Andrew Barr and Adam Roberts

### AWARDS

Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, Association for Public Policy and Management, 2015

Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, Association for Education Finance and Policy, 2016

New Scholar Award, Association for Education Finance and Policy, 2015

IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, 2014

U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences, Pre-doctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in the Educational Sciences Fellowship, 2012-2014

### GRANTS

Spencer Foundation, Principle Investigator *with Andrew Barr* (\$50,000), 2021-2022, “Evaluating the Spillover Effects of Higher Education: Evidence from the End of the Student Benefit Program.”

The Smith Richardson Foundation, Co-Principle Investigator *with James Wyckoff and Thomas Dee* (\$165,000), 2013-2015, “The Effects of Performance-Based Compensation: Evidence from the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF).”

## TEACHING

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY:

SS387 Public Economics (Spring 2016; Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

SS498C Senior Thesis in Economics (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021)

SS489C Research Methods in Economics (Fall 2019, 2020; Spring 2021)

SS382 Microeconomics (Spring 2019, 2020)

SS201 Principles of Economics (Fall 2015; Spring 2017)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA:

U.S. Education Policy *with James Wyckoff* (Fall 2013)

Mathematical Microeconomics *as Teaching Assistant* (Fall 2010)

Introduction Microeconomics *as Teaching Assistant* (Spring 2010)

Introduction Microeconomics *as Teaching Assistant* (Fall 2009)

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA – Charlottesville, VA

*Research Assistant* (2011-2015) to James Wyckoff for research regarding performance-based compensation systems

NERA ECONOMIC CONSULTING – New York, NY

*Analyst* (July 2008 – April 2009)

*Associate Analyst* (July 2007 – June 2008)

*Research Associate* (July 2006 – June 2007)

## PRESENTATIONS

2021: National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute Public Economics Program, SUNY Binghamton (*Invited Seminar Postponed due to Covid-19*), National Bureau of Research Economics of Mobility Conference

2020: National Bureau of Economic Research Children's Program Meeting (*Presented by Co-author*), Texas A&M University (*Invited Seminar Cancelled due to Covid-19*)

2019: National Bureau of Economic Research Children's Program Meeting (*Presented by Co-author*), Institute for Research on Poverty Annual Summer Research Workshop, Williams College (*Invited Seminar*), Association for Education Finance and Policy

2018: Northeast Economics of Education Workshop

2017: American Economic Association Conference, Southern Economic Association Fall Research Conference

2016: Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, The Association for Education Finance and Policy Spring Conference

2015: McCourt School of Public Policy Georgetown University (*Invited Seminar*), The Association for Education Finance and Policy Spring Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, University of Connecticut - Northeast Economics of Education Workshop, Southern Economic Association Fall Research Conference

2014: The Association for Education Finance and Policy Spring Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference (*2 sessions*), University of Virginia Department of Economics Graduate Student Brown Bag, University of Virginia Curry School of Education Policy Lab

## SERVICE

Chair of Economics Curriculum Advisory Council (Summer 2021 - present)

Chair of Economics Search Committee (2021), Economics Search Committee (2018, 2020)

Thesis Program Director (Spring 2019 – present)

Assistant Director of Economics Curriculum Assessment (Fall 2016 – present)

Thomson Memorial Award (for undergraduate writing) Committee (2016-present)

Dean's Faculty Scholarship Award (2016-present)

Referee Service: Review of Economics and Statistics, Labour Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review

White Paper for LTG Brito: “An Analysis of Travel Risk Posed by COVID-19” *with LTC Jason Barnhill, CPT Charlene Hoadwonic, Dr. Ryan Limbocker, Dr. Scott Limbocker, MAJ Alexander Saul, CPT Simratpal Singh, LTC Michale Washington, and CPT Hazumu Yano.*

Summer Leader Experience Instructor 2016-2018

Military Leadership (PL300) Mentor for David Reeves

Independent Study Advisor for Bennett Hellman

Assistant “Officer-in-Charge” for Men’s Volleyball Club

## UNDERGRADUATE THESES

### *Thesis Advisor*

“Do Increases in Minimum Wage Affect Army Enlistment?” by Andrew Beckman (2016)

“Estimating the Effect of Proximity to Legal Gambling on Marital and Performance Outcomes for Enlisted Soldiers” by Michael Wilyard (2017)

“Can Writing a Check Reduce Recidivism? Evidence from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ Basic Income Program” by Bradley Torpey (2018)

“Short-Run Labor Supply Responses to Income Shocks: Evidence from Alaska’s Basic Income Program” by Blaise Paulo (2018)

“Analyzing the Effectiveness of Mission Command Style Policing in New York City” by Sam Polisini (2019)

### *Thesis Committee*

2019: Fred Kratz, Sam Polisini, Eva Gould

2020: Jack Kraus, Peter Kim, Michael Kleine, Braden Durian, Justin Grose

2021: Eric Paar, Josh Thomas, Greg Brownell, Bennett Hellman, Sam Redman, Meeah Mazikowski, Logan Stansbury, Joe Kim, Chris Slosar, Andrew Bowlus

