

# Melissa Gentry

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Research interests	Labor, Public, and Urban Economics. Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.	
Education	<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	College Station, TX
	PhD in Economics	August 2021 – Present
	<b>University of South Carolina</b>	Columbia, SC
	MA in Economics	August 2017 – August 2018
	Mentors: Professors Blackburn, Ozturk. GPA: 3.81.	
	<b>University of South Florida</b>	Tampa, FL
	BS in Quantitative Economics	August 2014 – August 2017
	Mentors: Professors Gyimah-Brempong, Sanchez-Penalver, Loewy GPA: 3.99.	
Publications	<a href="#">"Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa"</a> with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 2020.	
	<a href="#">"Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?"</a> with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>Forthcoming in AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i>	
Working Papers	<a href="#">"Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border"</a> with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson.	
	<a href="#">"More Complete Income: An Update"</a> with Timothy Smeeding and Jeffrey Thompson.	
	<a href="#">"What Matters for Resilience of Rural Places"</a> with Jeffrey Thompson.	
Research experience	<b>Research Assistant at Texas A &amp; M University</b>	
	Mentor: Dr. Kalena Cortes	June 2022 – Current
	Provided research assistance on a project related to a texting intervention for middle school students.	
	<b>Research Assistant at Texas A &amp; M University</b>	
	Mentor: Dr. Catherine Eckel	January 2023 – May 2023
	Provided research assistance on a project related to behavioral determinants of decisions throughout undergraduate studies including: major switching, graduation, and pursuing higher education.	
	<b>Research Assistant at Texas A &amp; M University</b>	
	Mentor: Dr. Andrew Barr	August 2022 – December 2022

Provided research assistance on a project related to potential geographic disparities related to Head Start enrollment.

### **Research Assistant at Texas A & M University**

Mentor: Dr. Danila Serra September 2021 – August 2022

Provided research assistance on behavioral and experimental working papers, mostly related to gender economics.

### **Research Assistant at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**

Mentor: Dr. Jeffrey Thompson September 2018 – July 2021

Worked as a full-time research assistant within the New England Public Policy Center. Provided research assistance on six working papers related to applied microeconomic topics and numerous public policy briefs.

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant at University of South Florida**

Mentor: Professor Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong September 2015 – May 2016

Provided research assistance on two working papers related to aid to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Honors and scholarships	Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2021
	Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina )	2017
	Student Research Award (University of South Florida)	2016
	Robert H Burton Memorial Scholar (University of South Florida)	2016
	Seide Research Honors College Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Chip Weiner Uncommon Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Annette L Raymund Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Provost's Scholar (University of South Florida)	2014
Presentations	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop	April 2023
Referee Experience	<i>Economic Development Quarterly</i>	
Professional Service	Economic Graduate Student Association Member	2022-2023