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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**College of the Holy Cross** 2024-  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.** Cornell University, Applied Economics & Management May 2024  
*Research Interests:* Development economics, labor economics, applied microeconomics,  
economics of immigration  
*Committee:* Nancy Chau (chair), Ravi Kanbur, Brian Dillon, Filiz Garip

**M.S.** Cornell University, Applied Economics & Management May 2022

**B.A.** Lafayette College, May 2018  
Mathematics & Economics, International Affairs double major (*summa cum laude*)  
Spanish minor

London School of Economics Summer 2016  
Coursework in Development Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Smith, Dana J.**, Jennifer Ifft and Ejin Kim (2022). “Minimum wage increases and agricultural employment of locals and guest workers.” *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association*. First Published online, 10 September 2022.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jaa2.27>

## WORKING PAPERS

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Smith, Dana J. “Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico” (Job Market Paper)

Smith, Dana J. “What Drives Undocumented Immigration? Policy, economic, and social factors in the US and Mexico,” Revise and Resubmit at the *Southern Economic Journal*

Christian, Paul, Brian Dillon, Erin Lentz, Hope Michelson, **Dana J. Smith**, and Joanna Upton.  
“Optimal Food Security Monitoring: Theory and Evidence from High Frequency Data”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor of Record**

#### **Holy Cross, Economics**

ECON110 Principles of Economics

Fall 2024

#### **Elmira College, Business & Economics**

ECO2020 Principles of Macroeconomics

Spring 2023

ECO3040 Intermediate Microeconomics

Spring 2023

ECO3041 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Spring 2023

### **Teaching Assistant**

#### **Cornell University, Applied Economics and Management**

AEM4150/5150 Price Analysis

Fall 2021

AEM2350 Introduction of the Economics of Development

Summer 2021, Summer 2022

AEM2000 Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy

Spring 2020 Spring 2021

AEM2800 Hot Economic Issues in the News Today

Fall 2020

AEM2600 Managerial Economics

Fall 2019

### **Other**

#### **Cornell University, Farmworkers Program**

English Tutor

#### **Lafayette College, Economics**

Supplemental Instructor: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Economics 252), Intermediate Microeconomics (Economics 251)

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

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2023: Lafayette College, Cornell University Development Economics Seminar, Cornell University AEP Seminar

2022: AAEA Annual Meeting, Pacific Conference for Development Economics

2021: PAA Annual Meeting, PAA Applied Demography Virtual Conference

2018: Omicron Delta Epsilon Conference

2017: Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges: From War to Peace

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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#### **Teaching training** –WRIT 7101, Spring 2021

*A six-week course that explored dimensions of writing and teaching that are not typically taught as part of graduate student training. Meeting weekly, the class discussed strategies for inclusive classroom discussion, effective grading, developing students' writing skills, and addressing various situations from our own teaching experiences.*

#### **Teaching training** – Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom, Fall 2020

*A four-week virtual teaching course hosted by the Cornell Center for Teaching Innovation that discussed frameworks for creating an inclusive classroom. The course explored the role of social identities in the classroom and surveyed evidence-based strategies for facilitating a positive learning environment.*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Fall 2023, Fall 2024 Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University  
Spring 2022, Dyson Graduate Teaching Assistant Outstanding Service Award, Cornell University  
Spring 2020 Graduate Research Assistantship, Cornell University  
Fall 2019, Fall 2020-Spring 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowships, Cornell University  
2018-2019 Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University  
2015-2018 Athletic Scholarship, Lafayette College  
2014-2018 Merit-based Scholarship, Lafayette College (Marquis Scholar)  
Spring 2018, Class of 1913 Trophy, Lafayette College  
Spring 2018, Frank Kline Baker Spanish & Latin American Civilization Award, Lafayette College

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

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**Diversity in Cornell Economics** – member 2020- , executive committee member 2021- .  
**Dyson Diversity Council** – member 2021- , Graduate Programming Liaison 2021- .  
**Graduate Students for Gender Equity in Economics** – member 2021- , Chair 2022-2023, received \$2,400 grant from the President's Council of Cornell Women to organize a seminar series focused on women navigating the Economics Job Market.

## REFEREE SERVICE

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*International Migration Review, Economic Modelling*

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (professional), Russian (basic), Irish (basic)  
**Programming and software:** Stata, R, Latex, MATLAB, Mathematica  
**Other:** Four-year letter winner in Division I Lacrosse