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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

College of the Holy Cross

July 2024-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Accounting

EDUCATION

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 (Princeton U.)

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

At Holy Cross

Smith, Dana J. "Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico" *Forthcoming at International Migration Review*

Smith, Dana J. "What Drives Undocumented Immigration? Policy, economic, and social factors in the US and Mexico" *Forthcoming at The Eastern Economic Journal*

Before Holy Cross

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

Christian, Paul, Brian Dillon, Erin Lentz, Hope Michelson, **Dana J. Smith**, and Joanna Upton.
“Sentinels and Satellites: Food Security Monitoring from Near and Far” *Revise and Resubmit at Food Policy*

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Smith, Dana J., Anthony Ponce, Luc Esprabens. “Converging Crises: Understanding the Impact of Climate Change and Violence on Migration in Mexico”

Smith, Dana J. “American Immigration Policy and Violence Against Women in Mexico”

Smith, Dana J., Joanna B. Upton and Farnaz Safari. “Shifting Winds: Shocks and the Self-Selection of Seasonal Migrants Across Sub-Saharan Africa”

OTHER PUBLISHED WRITING

At Holy Cross

Smith, Dana J. “The Economic Impacts of Immigration,” *The College Street Journal*, February 2025 edition

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Holy Cross, Economics and Accounting

ECON110 Principles of Economics

Fall 2024, 2025

ECON334 Economics of Immigration

Spring 2025, 2026

ECON265 Quantitative Microeconomics

Spring 2026

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

Spring 2021-Spring 2023

English Tutor

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

At Holy Cross

2025:

Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting (Kansas City, MO)

Presenter: “Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico”

Discussant

Discussant in Undergraduate Session

Western Economic Association International Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA)

Presenter: “Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico”

CERDI Junior Seminar on the Economics of Migration (Virtual)

Presenter: “Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico”

Discussant

Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting (Birmingham, UK)

Presenter: “Climate Change, Violence, and Remittance Flows in Mexico”

LACDev Conference (Portland, OR)

Presenter: “Shifting Winds: Shocks and the Self-Selection of Seasonal Migrants Across”

Sub-Saharan Africa

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL)

Presenter: “American Immigration Policy and Violence Against Women in Mexico”

Discussant in Graduate Student Section

Before Holy Cross

2023: Lafayette College (*presenter*), Cornell University Development Economics Seminar

(*presenter*), Cornell University AEP Seminar (*presenter*)

2022: AAEA Annual Meeting (*presenter*), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (*presenter*)

2021: PAA Annual Meeting (*presenter*), PAA Applied Demography Virtual Conference (*presenter*)

2018: Omicron Delta Epsilon Conference (*presenter*)

2017: Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges: From War to Peace (*presenter*)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Before Holy Cross

Teaching training –WRIT 7101 Writing in the Majors Seminar, Spring 2021

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

At Holy Cross

Research Grant Provost’s Supplemental Fund

Spring 2025

2025 Dyson Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award, Cornell University

Spring 2025

Before Holy Cross

Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University	Fall 2023, Fall 2024
President's Council of Cornell Women grant (\$2,400)	Summer 2022
Dyson Graduate Teaching Assistant Outstanding Service Award, Cornell University	Spring 2022
Graduate Research Assistantship, Cornell University	Spring 2020
Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowships, Cornell University	Fall 2019, Fall 2020-Spring 2022
Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University	2018-2019
Athletic Scholarship, Lafayette College	2015-2018
Marquis Scholar, Lafayette College	2014-2018
Class of 1913 Trophy, Lafayette College	Spring 2018
Frank Kline Baker Spanish & Latin American Civilization Award, Lafayette College	Spring 2018
Maroon Club Scholar Athlete Award, Lafayette College	Fall 2017

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Holy Cross Department of Economics and Accounting- honors selection committee 2024-2025; Weiss Summer Research Program faculty mentor 2025 (Molly Brewer '27), Omicron Delta Epsilon coordinator 2025-2026

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Diversity in Cornell Economics – invited panelist 2025
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics – invited panelist 2025
Southern Economic Association – discussant outstanding graduate student paper section 2025.
Midwest Economic Association- discussant undergraduate section, reviewer for best undergraduate paper 2025.
Diversity in Cornell Economics – member 2020-2024, executive committee member 2021-2024.
Dyson Diversity Council – member 2021-2024, Graduate Programming Liaison 2021-2024.
Graduate Students for Gender Equity in Economics – member 2021-2024, Chair 2022-2023.

REFeree SERVICE

International Migration Review (2022), Economic Modelling (2024), US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (2024), Data & Policy (2025)

SKILLS

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