

**PROPOSAL: BIG PUSH OR BIG WASTE? THE LONG-RUN IMPACT OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

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The role of public infrastructure investments in spurring economic development is poorly understood. This summer I will be examining the long run impact of large infrastructure investments made by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) during the 1930's and 1940's on the growth and industrialization of the Tennessee Valley region over the last seventy years. Students with an interest in macroeconomic growth, urban economics, development economics, and/or economic history are encouraged to apply.

The project will be data intensive and require knowledge of GIS software. The job may also require some archival research collecting data in the Atlanta branch of the national archives. Knowledge of hydrology and/or engineering a plus though certainly not required.