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Happy Holidays!



CECE names Scott Tate associate director for community innovations

Scott Tate has stepped into a new role at the Center for Economic and Community Engagement as associate director for community innovations.

While continuing to be a key member of the center's leadership team, he will focus on new community-centered initiatives, plan the next iteration of Vibrant Virginia, and develop a faculty fellows program with Margaret Cowell, associate professor of Urban Affairs and Planning in the School of Public and International Affairs.

"Scott is a unique kind of listener who brings community interests to the fore, and works with them to achieve their visions and build their prosperity," said John Provo, executive director of the Center for Economic and Community Engagement.

Tate began his career with the center — formerly known as the Office of Economic Development — in 2014 as a senior economic development specialist before becoming associate director in 2016 where his philosophy of place-based community and economic development has been integral to his work.

"I enjoy working with communities, learning from them, and getting to see them grow. I also focus on how we can engage Virginia Tech's resources so we can have the most impact and do the most good," he said.

[Read more about Scott.](https://www.outreach.vt.edu/news/cece-scott-tate.html) <https://www.outreach.vt.edu/news/cece-scott-tate.html>



Meet Emma Brown, Program Assistant for the Regional Internship Collaborative



1. Tell us a little about your background and your new role.

I'm an army brat that recently moved to Virginia and am loving it here! I study Environmental Policy and Planning for my undergraduate degree and Urban and Regional Planning for my graduate degree here at Virginia Tech. I joined the center in November 2022 as the program assistant for the Regional Internship Collaborative to help the program run smoothly and contribute to its overall success any way I can.

2. What is the last book you couldn't put down?

I couldn't put down *Hyperion*! It's incredibly well-written and has crazy twists. It's a series, so I'm hoping each is as good as the last.

3. What hobby would you dive into if time and money weren't an issue?

I would pick up pottery in a heartbeat if time and money weren't an issue. It seems to me like the best way to create something useful, beautiful, and unique each time!

4. What's the best piece of advice you ever received?

Several people have told me, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good." It's taken a while to really understand what this means for me, but it's become more important to me as I've gotten older.

5. What's one thing about you few people know?

I'm actually a published poet! Granted, it's in our college *Silhouette* magazine, but I count it as a win.

News Roundup



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