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SPEAKER PROFILES

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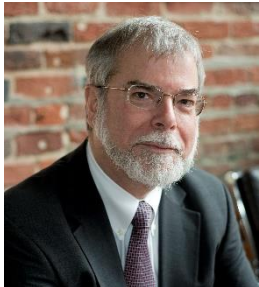


Sonya Ravindranath Waddell is a vice president and economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Waddell has responsibility for the Regional and Community Development research areas within the Research Department, including setting strategic direction for various data products, surveys, and other regional and local analysis.

In addition, she directs the incorporation of regional information into FOMC policy preparation for the Richmond Fed. Her work involves analyzing economic trends, writing for a variety of publications, and presenting on regional and national economic conditions.

Prior to joining the Richmond Fed in 2008, Waddell worked as an economist in the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget and at ICF International in Washington, D.C. She earned her bachelor's degree from Williams College in 2001 and her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006.

Fletcher Mangum, Ph.D.
Founder & CEO
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Fletcher Mangum is the Founder and CEO of Mangum Economics. He has over three decades of experience in quantitative analysis and policy development at both the state and federal levels.

Fletcher was appointed by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell to serve on the Governor's and General Assembly's Joint Advisory Board of Economists in 2010 and was reappointed to that position in 2014 by Governor Terry McAuliffe, and again in 2018 by Governor Ralph Northam. He is also a past President of the Virginia Association of Economists and serves on the board of the Virginia Council on Economic Education.

Prior to founding Mangum Economics, Fletcher served as Associate Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Fletcher earned his Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University in 1995, where he specialized in applying economic insights to public policy questions.

Meghan Coates
Deputy Director of Finance
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Meghan Coates has served as the Deputy Director of Finance for Henrico County since November 2019. In her current role, she assists in coordinating and managing the activities of the Finance Department's seven operational divisions, including Accounting, Management and Budget, Revenue, Treasury, Purchasing, Real Estate Assessment, and Risk Management. Previously, for more than a decade, Meghan worked for Chesterfield County, where she served most recently as the Director of Budget and Management. There she was responsible for the oversight of the county's \$1.3 billion budget and capital improvement plan. Additionally, she was instrumental in redesigning the budget process and was a key contributor to the county's community outreach campaign.

Meghan holds a bachelor's degree from Roanoke College, a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a certificate in design thinking and innovation from the University of Virginia's executive education program.