



Steven Pedigo

ABOUT STEVEN PEDIGO

A native Texan, Steven Pedigo (he/him/his) has advised over 100 cities, universities, developers, nonprofits, and Fortune 500 companies worldwide on economic development, anchor engagement, placemaking, and city strategy. He has also founded two university research, policy, and engagement centers. Currently, he serves as the assistant dean for faculty of practice and policy engagement and the founding executive director of the LBJ Urban Lab at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. In this role, he spearheaded the Texas Metropolitan Blueprint, a public-private network that brought together U.S. Cabinet Secretaries, city and state officials from both political parties, and civic and business leaders from across the state to outline priorities for cities and metros. Among UT's ten most-cited faculty members in the media, Steven has published articles and op-eds in *The New York Times*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Chronicle*, and more. He is also a founding partner at CivicSol, a leading economic development and strategy practice.

Steven has previously served as a clinical professor at New York University, where he was the inaugural director of the NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate Urban Lab. He was the vice president at the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), a national research organization founded by Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter and held the same title at the Creative Class Group, an urban economic development consultancy led by Richard Florida, author of *The Rise of the Creative Class*. Earlier in his career, Steven was vice president for business attraction and research for Greater Portland, Inc., and began his career as the director of research for the Greater Washington Initiative and Board of Trade.

Steven holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and graduate degrees from the Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He resides in Austin, Texas, and Great Barrington, Massachusetts, with his husband, Brian, and their Boston Terrier, Cornelius-Jack, and black Pug, Haze.

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Steven Pedigo is the assistant dean for faculty of practice and policy engagement at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT-Austin. He also leads the LBJ Urban Lab, a do-tank informing urban policy and strategy and training the next generation of policy leaders and city leaders. He has advised and collaborated with more than 100 cities, universities, developers, nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies to build more innovative, resilient and inclusive communities.