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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

West Virginia University

- Postdoctoral Researcher, Regional Research Institute

June 2026 - Present

Florida Gulf Coast University

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Regional Economic Research Institute
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Economics and Finance

May 2025 - May 2026

January 2026 - May 2026

EDUCATION

West Virginia University

May 2025

Ph.D. Natural Resource Economics

- **Fields:** Urban & Regional Economics, Natural Resource & Environmental Economics
- **Dissertation Title:** “Three Essays on Local Labor Markets”

West Virginia University

August 2020

B.S. Environmental & Natural Resource Economics

Minor, Statistics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban and Regional Economics, Labor Economics, Rural Economic Development, Policy Analysis

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Dobis, Elizabeth A., **David H. Nason**, John Cromartie and Kyle Reed. “Rugged terrain measures for social science research: Applying the Area and Road Ruggedness Scales to counties” *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 54, no. 1 (April 2025): 243–59. <https://doi.org/10.1017/age.2025.12>.

REPORTS

Pipa, Anthony F., Heather M. Stephens, **David H. Nason** and Zoe Swarzenski (2025). “Unlocking Investment in Distressed Rural Places: Comparing the Infrastructure Funding of Select Federally Chartered Regional Commissions Versus Federal Programs” *The Brookings Institution*. [Link to Report](#)

Higgins, J., **David H. Nason**, and John Shannon. “Commuting Patterns in Southwest Florida.” *FGCU Regional Economic Research Institute Issue Brief* (IBS-2025-06). [Link to Report](#)

UNDER REVIEW

Hoffer, Adam J., Brad R. Humphreys, **David H. Nason**, Joseph Nedved, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. “Sports Betting, Lotteries, and State Revenues in the Post-PASPA Era” [Link to Working Paper](#). Revise and Resubmit at *Public Finance Review*

Nason, David H., Adam Scavette, and Heather M. Stephens. “The Local Economic Effects of Coal Mine Closures”. [Link to Working Paper](#). Under Review at *Journal of Urban Economics*

Li, Xiaoyn, **David H. Nason**, and Heather M. Stephens “Skill-based Occupational Connectivity and Local Labor Market Development”. [Link to Working Paper](#). Under Review at *Regional Science and Urban Economics*

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Nason, David H. “Evaluating the Impact of Place-Based Jobs Policies in Distressed Areas”. [Link to Working Paper](#).

Nason, David H. and Heather M. Stephens. “The Spatial Distribution of Skills and Local Labor Market Resilience” [Link to Working Paper](#)

Nason, David H. “Local Labor Market Effects of Changes in Employer Skill Demand” In Prep

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2025 | Southern Regional Science Association 64th Annual Conference
Association for University Business and Economic Research Fall Conference |
| 2024 | 71st Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International
Southern Regional Science Association 63rd Annual Conference
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Workshop, Discussant |
| 2023 | 70th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International
Southern Regional Science Association 62nd Annual Conference |
| 2022 | Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 52nd Annual Conference
West Virginia University Davis College Student Research and Creative Scholarship Day |

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2024 NAREA Workshop Travel Award for Early Career Scholars
2023 Farm Foundation Agricultural Scholar

JOURNAL REFEREE

- Agricultural and Resource Economics Review
Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| West Virginia University
<i>Regional Research Institute</i>
Graduate Research Assistant | <i>January 2023 - May 2024</i>
<i>August 2024 - May 2025</i> |
| United States Department of Agriculture
<i>Economic Research Service</i>
Economist Intern (Full-Time) | <i>May 2024 - August 2024</i> |
| West Virginia University
<i>Division of Resource Economics and Management</i>
Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Heather Stephens | <i>July 2021 - December 2022</i> |

West Virginia University

Division of Resource Economics and Management

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Ana Claudia Sant'Anna

August 2020 - June 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2026

Co-Instructor, Intro to Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Fall 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Python, STATA, QGIS, ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine, IMPLAN

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Economic Association, North American Regional Science Council, Southern Regional Science Association, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association