

# DAVID H. NASON

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### 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

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### 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

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

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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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

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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

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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](#). Under Review 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 *The Economic Journal*

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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**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

Li, Xiaoyin, **David H. Nason**, and Heather M. Stephens “Skill-based Occupational Connectivity and Local Labor Market Development”. [Link to Working Paper](#).

## PRESENTATIONS

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

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Principles of Microeconomics                                         | <i>Spring 2026</i> |
| Co-Instructor, Intro to Environmental and Natural Resource Economics | <i>Fall 2022</i>   |

## JOURNAL REFEREE

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

## RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>West Virginia University</b><br><i>Regional Research Institute</i><br>Graduate Research Assistant               | <i>January 2023 - May 2024</i><br><i>August 2024 - May 2025</i> |
| <b>United States Department of Agriculture</b><br><i>Economic Research Service</i><br>Economist Intern (Full-Time) | <i>May 2024 - August 2024</i>                                   |

**West Virginia University***Division of Resource Economics and Management*

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Heather Stephens

*July 2021 - December 2022***West Virginia University***Division of Resource Economics and Management*

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Ana Claudia Sant'Anna

*August 2020 - June 2021***TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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