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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, The University of Tennessee, 2005.

Dissertation: *Essays on the Behavioral Effects of Tax Policy*

Advisor: William Fox

Fields of Specialization: Public Economics and Industrial Organization

M.A., Economics, The University of Tennessee, 2003.

B.A. and B.S., *cum laude*, Economics and Management, Emory & Henry College, 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral Effects of Tax Policy, State and Local Government Expenditures, Corporate Taxation, Tax Compliance, Regional Economic Development, Small Business Economics

EMPLOYMENT

West Virginia University: Director, Bureau of Business & Economic Research, 2013 – present; Associate Professor of Economics, 2013 – present; Faculty Research Associate, Regional Research Institute, 2013 – present; Assistant Dean for Outreach and Engagement, 2015 – 2023.

Creighton University: Associate Professor of Economics, 2011 – 2013; Assistant Professor of Economics, 2005 – 2011.

The University of Tennessee: Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Business and Economic Research, 2001 – 2005; Graduate Teaching Associate, Summers, 2001 – 2004.

COURSES TAUGHT

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| 1. Economics of Public Finance | 6. Government and Business |
| 2. Money & the Financial System | 7. Intermediate Microeconomics |
| 3. Econometrics | 8. Economic Analysis for Managers (MBA) |
| 4. Principles of Macroeconomics | 9. Seminar in Applied Managerial Economics (MBA) |
| 5. Applied Regional Economics Research | |

WORKING PAPERS

3. “Do College Graduates from Lower Income Families Earn Lower Wages Than Their Peers? Only if They Major in Business,” with Sebastian Leguizamon, Susane Leguizamon, and Eric Bowen.
2. “A Tale of Two Datasets: Business Survival in Administrative versus Survey Data,” with Donald Bruce, Brian Hill, and Tami Gurley-Calvez.

1. “Does State Tax Policy Affect Small Business Survival?” with Donald Bruce, Brian Hill, and Tami Gurley-Calvez.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFERRED JOURNALS

19. Gazal, Kathryn, John Deskins, Ben Spong, and Joseph McNeel. “Tracking the Economic Contributions of West Virginia’s Forest Products Industry During the COVID-19 Pandemic Era.” *Forest Products Journal*, Forthcoming.
18. Dey, Kakan, Md Tawhidur Rahman, Abhik Roy, Dimitra Pyrialakou, David Martinelli, Julia Fraustino, John Deskins, Karen Rambo-Hernandez, and L. Christopher Plein. “Experiences and Perceptions of Engineering Students Towards Cross-Disciplinary Course Using Sentiment Analysis.” *Journal of Civil Engineering Education*, Forthcoming.
17. Deskins, John and Brian Hill. “What Factors Entice States to Manipulate Corporate Income Tax Apportionment Formulas?” *Public Finance Review*, Forthcoming.
16. Stephens, Heather, and John Deskins. “Economic Distress and Labor Market Participation,” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 100(5), 2018.
15. Deskins, John, and Amanda Ross. “Economic Freedom and Racial Differences in Entrepreneurship: Evidence from US States,” *Public Finance Review*, 46(2), 2018.
14. Borchers, Erin, John Deskins, and Amanda Ross. “Can State Tax Policies Be Used to Grow Small and Large Businesses?” *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 34(2), 2016.
13. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and Tami Gurley-Calvez. “Depreciation Rules and Small Business Longevity” *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 3(1), 2014. Awarded *Outstanding Paper of 2014* by the Journal.
12. Bruce, Donald, and John Deskins. “Can State Tax Policies Be Used to Promote Entrepreneurial Activity?” *Small Business Economics*, 38(4), 2012.
11. Deskins, John, and Matthew T. Seevers. “Are State Expenditures to Promote Tourism Effective?” *Journal of Travel Research*, 50(2), March 2011.
10. Deskins, John, and Brian Hill. “State Taxes and Economic Activity Revisited: Have Distortions Changed?” *The Annals of Regional Science*, 44(2), April 2010.
9. Deskins, John, and Brian Hill. “Have State Tax Interdependencies Changed Over Time?” *Public Finance Review*, 38(2), March 2010.
8. Deskins, John, Brian Hill, and Laura Ullrich. “Education Spending and State Economic Growth: Are All Dollars Created Equal?” *Economic Development Quarterly*, 24(1), February 2010.
7. Wijeweera, Albert, and John Deskins. “Do Recent Data Provide Evidence that the US Trade Deficit Will Correct Itself?” *Applied Economics Letters*, 17(1), 2010.
6. Deskins, John, Sally Deskins, and Brian Hill. “How Do State Arts Appropriations Affect State Economic Growth?” *The Review of Regional Studies*, 39(3), 2009.
5. Goss, Ernie, Edward A. Morse, and John Deskins. “Have Casinos Contributed to Rising Bankruptcy Rates?” *International Advances in Economic Research*, 15(4), November 2009.
4. Alm, James, John Deskins, and Michael McKee. “Do Individuals Comply on Income Not Reported by Their Employer?” *Public Finance Review*, 37(2), March 2009.
3. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, Brian Hill, and Jonathan Rork. “(Small) Business Activity and State Growth: Does Size Matter?” *Regional Studies*, 43(2), March 2009.

2. Bruce, Donald, Deborah A. Carroll, John A. Deskins, and Jonathan C. Rork. “Road to Ruin? A Spatial Analysis of State Highway Spending” *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 27(4), Winter 2007.
1. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and William F. Fox. “Has Internet Access Taxation Affected Internet Use?” *Public Finance Review*, 32(2), March 2004.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2. Deskins, John, and William F. Fox. “Measuring Behavioral Responses to the Property Tax.” In *Challenging the Conventional Wisdom on the Property Tax*, R. Bahl, J. Martinez-Vazquez, and J. Youngman, editors, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2010.
1. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and William F. Fox. “On the Extent, Growth, and Efficiency Consequences of State Business Tax Planning.” In *Taxing Corporate Income in the 21st Century*, A. Auerbach, J. Hines, and J. Slemrod, editors, Cambridge University Press, 2007.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

5. Deskins, John, Tami Gurley-Calvez, and Eric Thompson. “Understanding Small Business Activity at the State Level.” Washington, DC: U.S. Small Business Administration, Report Number 392, February 2012.
4. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and Tami Gurley-Calvez. “An Investigation of Depreciation Deductions by Small Businesses.” *Tax Notes*, August 9, 2010.
3. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, Brian Hill, and Jonathan Rork. “Small Business and State Growth: An Econometric Investigation.” Washington, DC: U.S. Small Business Administration, Report Number 292, February 2007.
2. Bruce, Donald, and John Deskins. “State Tax Policies and Entrepreneurial Activity.” Washington, DC: U.S. Small Business Administration, Report Number 284, November 2006.
1. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and William F. Fox. “Has Internet Access Taxation Affected Internet Use?” *State Tax Notes*, 32(7), May 17, 2004.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

3. Deskins, John, Brian Hill, and Mark Tuttle. “How Does State and Local Education Spending Affect State Economic Growth in the Long-Run?” 2010, *Proceedings of the One-Hundred First Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association.
2. Bruce, Donald, Deborah Carroll, and John Deskins. “The Hand That Rocks the Cradle: How State Economic Development Incentives Affect Local Infrastructure Provision,” 2006, *Proceedings of the Ninety-Eighth Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association.
1. Bruce, Donald, John Deskins, and Mohammad Mohsin. “State Tax Policies and Entrepreneurial Activity: A Panel Data Analysis,” 2004, *Proceedings of the Ninety-Sixth Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH REPORTS

38. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2022-2026,” with B. Lego, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2021.
37. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2021-2025,” with B. Lego, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2020.

36. “Identifying Industrial Clusters for Targeted Economic Development in West Virginia,” with E. Bowen. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Fall 2020.
35. “The Economic Impact of Lung Cancer in West Virginia,” with Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Winter 2020.
34. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2020-2024,” with B. Lego, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2019.
33. “Better Understanding Human Capital in West Virginia,” with Christiadi, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2019.
32. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2019-2023,” with B. Lego, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2018.
31. “The Economic Impact of Coal in West Virginia,” with Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2018.
30. “The Economic Impacts and Risks Associated with Electric Power Generation in Appalachia,” with E. Bowen, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2018.
29. “An Overview of the Coal Economy in Appalachia,” with E. Bowen, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2018.
28. “The Economic Impact of Medicaid on West Virginia’s Economy,” with Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2018.
27. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2018-2022,” with E. Bowen, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2017.
26. “Coal Production in West Virginia: 2017-2037,” with B. Lego. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2017.
25. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2017-2021,” with E. Bowen, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2016.
24. “From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia, 2014,” with E. Bowen and J. Meszaros. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2016.
23. “Personal Income Tax Policy in West Virginia,” with Christiadi, E. Bowen, and B. Lego. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, West Virginia University, August 2016.
22. “Coal Production in West Virginia: 2016-2036,” with B. Lego. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2016.
21. “Tobacco Tax Policy in West Virginia,” with Christiadi and B. Lego. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, February 2016.
20. “The Economic Impact of Right to Work Policy in West Virginia,” with E. Bowen and Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, November 2015.
19. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2016,” with J. Ruseski, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2015.
18. “An Economic Profile of Weirton, West Virginia, 1980-2012,” with Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Fall 2015.
17. “From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia, 2013,” with E. Bowen and R. Cook. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2015.

16. “The Economic Impact of West Virginia University on North Central West Virginia,” with E. Bowen. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Summer 2015.
15. “Coal Production in West Virginia: 2015-2035,” with B. Lego. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Spring 2015.
14. “Appalachia Then and Now: Examining Changes to the Appalachian Region Since 1965,” with K. Poole, et al. Arlington, VA: Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness and Morgantown, WV: WVU Bureau of Business & Economic Research and Regional Research Institute, February 2015.
13. “Government Incentives to Promote Demand for West Virginia Coal,” with E. Bowen and Christiadi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2015.
12. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2015,” with J. Ruseski, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2014.
11. “How Much Do West Virginia College Graduates Add to the State’s Economy?” with E. Bowen, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2014.
10. “Morgantown, West Virginia: How Does the City’s Economy Compare to Other College Towns?” with E. Bowen and P. Manzi. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, Fall 2014.
9. “Population Trends in West Virginia through 2030,” with Christiadi, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, March 2014.
8. “Economic Impact of an Expansion of the Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver on West Virginia’s Economy,” with J. Ruseski, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2014.
7. “From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia, 2012,” with E. Bowen. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, January 2014.
6. “West Virginia Economic Outlook, 2014,” with J. Sartarelli, et al. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business & Economic Research, WVU, October 2013.
5. “Tennessee Revenue Tracking and Forecasting,” with W. Fox. Prepared monthly for the Tennessee Department of Revenue, May 2002 – April 2005.
4. “Work Requirements and Welfare: Work or Education First?” with D. Bruce. Prepared for the Tennessee Department of Human Services. Knoxville, TN: Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, June 2004.
3. “Welfare Policy in Tennessee: Recent Research and Unanswered Questions,” with M. Murray et al. *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee*. Knoxville, TN: Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, January 2004.
2. “Work Requirements for Welfare Recipients in Tennessee,” with D. Bruce and A. Thacker. Prepared for the Tennessee Department of Human Services. Knoxville, TN: Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, June 2003.
1. “Designing Tennessee’s Lottery,” with M. Murray et al. *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee*. Knoxville, TN: Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, February 2003.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

19. “The Evolving West Virginia Economy Going Forward”
-Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2024.
18. “A Spatial Econometric Analysis of the Impact of State Tax Policies on Small Business Growth”
-Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2016.
17. “Is Economic Growth More Responsive to State Tax Policy in More Slowly-Growing States? A Panel Quantile Regression Approach”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Santa Fe, 2014.
16. “Does State Tax Policy Affect Small Business Survival?”
-Robert Morris University, Moon Township, Pennsylvania, 2014.
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Tampa, 2013.
15. “Can State Tax Policies Be Used to Grow Small Businesses?”
-AUBER Annual Conference, Richmond, 2013.
14. “What Factors Entice States to Manipulate Corporate Income Tax Apportionment Formulas?”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Providence, 2012.
13. “What Types of Entrepreneurs Contribute Most to State Economic Growth?”
-Elon University, Elon, North Carolina, 2012.
-Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2011.
12. “On the Relative Distortions of State Sales and Corporate Income Taxes”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Philadelphia, 2008.
-Kansas State University Seminar Series, 2008.
11. “Measuring Behavioral Responses to the Property Tax”
-“What Role for Property Taxes,” Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
and Georgia State University, Stone Mountain, Georgia, 2008.
10. “Is State Economic Activity Becoming More Responsive to the Overall State Tax Burden?”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Columbus, 2007.
9. “On the Relative Distortions of State Sales, Corporate Income, and
Personal Income Taxes”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Boston, 2006.
8. “Small Business and State Growth: An Econometric Investigation”
-Tennessee Alliance for Local Enterprise 2nd Annual Conference, Murfreesboro, 2007.
-Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Charleston, 2006.
-University of Nebraska Economics Seminar Series, 2006.
7. “The Effects of Depreciation Policy on Small Business Activity”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Miami, 2005.
6. “On the Extent, Growth, and Efficiency Consequences of State Business Tax Planning”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Minneapolis, 2004.
-University of Tennessee Economics Seminar Series, 2004.
5. “Tax Evasion and Entrepreneurship: The Effect of Non-Matched Income on Evasion”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Minneapolis, 2004.
4. “Work Requirements and Welfare: Work or Education First?”
-Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2004.

3. “State Tax Policies and Entrepreneurial Activity: A Panel Data Analysis”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Chicago, 2003.
2. “Has Internet Access Taxation Affected Internet Use?”
-National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Orlando, 2002.
1. “Work Requirements for Welfare Recipients in Tennessee”
-National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference, Albuquerque, 2002.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

14. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development. Presentation on natural gas price volatility and the West Virginia economy, November, 2022.
13. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Committee on Finance. Presentation on locality pay for state employees in West Virginia, May, 2022.
12. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Committee on Finance. Presentation on workforce shortages in West Virginia, December, 2021.
11. Testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Hearing to examine the mission and future of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, March, 2021.
10. Testimony before the United States Senate, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearing entitled “The Importance of Energy Innovation to Economic Growth and Competitiveness,” July, 2019.
9. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Senate Committee on Finance. Presentation on income and consumption taxation in West Virginia, March, 2017.
8. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Senate Select Committee on Tax Reform. Presentation entitled “Fundamental Tax Reform in West Virginia,” February, 2017.
7. Testimony before the United States Senate, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Field hearing entitled “Field hearing to examine the economic importance of modern, reliable energy infrastructure of West Virginia and the United States,” August, 2016.
6. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Select Committee on Tax Reform. Presentation entitled “Personal Income Tax Policy in West Virginia,” August, 2016.
5. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Committee on the Judiciary. Presentation entitled “The Economic Impact of Right to Work Policy in West Virginia,” November, 2015.
4. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Select Committee on Tax Reform. Presentation entitled “A State Earned Income Tax Credit in West Virginia,” August, 2015.
3. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Select Committee on Tax Reform. Presentation entitled “Fundamental Tax Reform in West Virginia,” May, 2015.
2. Testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce. Hearing entitled “The Decline in Business Formation: Implications for Entrepreneurship and the Economy,” September, 2014.
1. Testimony before the West Virginia Legislature, Joint Committee on Finance. Presentation entitled “Economic Impact of an Expansion of the Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver on West Virginia’s Economy” 2013.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

26. “Creating Positive Momentum to Curb a Vicious Cycle in Rural Appalachia: A Case Study on West Virginia”
-American Enterprise Institute, Appalachian Policy Summit, Washington, D.C., 2023.
25. “Municipal Finances in West Virginia”
-West Virginia Municipal League Mid-Winter Conference, Charleston, 2022.
24. “The Economic Impact of Coal and Coal-Fired Power Generation in West Virginia”
-West Virginia Coal Mining Institute and West Virginia Coal Assoc. Joint Spring Meeting, Morgantown, 2021.
23. “West Virginia’s Economic and Demographic Outlook”
-West Virginia School Board Association, Charleston, WV, 2020.
22. “Economic Development in Appalachia”
-Appalachian Leadership Institute, Appalachian Regional Commission, Dalton, GA, 2019.
21. “Human Capital in West Virginia”
-AUBER Annual Conference, Savannah, GA, 2019.
20. “The Appalachian Coal Economy”
-Thirty Sixth Annual International Pittsburgh Coal Conference, Pennsylvania, 2019.
19. “West Virginia’s Growing Economy”
-West Virginia Business Summit, WV Chamber of Commerce, Greenbrier, 2019.
18. “Regional Economic Trends”
-CEO Forum, MD, VA, and WV Bankers’ Association, Greenbrier, 2018.
17. “The Economic Impact of Coal in West Virginia”
-WV Coal Association Annual Meeting, Greenbrier, 2018.
-WV Coal Mining Institute and WV Coal Association Joint Fall Meeting, 2018.
16. “The Economic Impact of Medicaid on West Virginia’s Economy”
-West Virginia Health Care Association Legislative Conference, Charleston, 2018.
15. “An Overview of the Coal Economy in Appalachia”
-Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D.C., 2017.
14. “President Trump and Energy in West Virginia”
-National Association of Business Economists Economic Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., 2017.
13. “North Central West Virginia: Taking the Lead in West Virginia”
-Groundhog Day Breakfast, First Exchange Bank, 2017.
12. “The Mountain State Business Index”
-AUBER Annual Conference, Fayetteville, AR, 2016.
11. “Labor Force Participation in West Virginia”
-West Virginia Business Summit, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, 2015.
10. “Coal Production in West Virginia”
-“Putting West Virginia Back to Work: Our Energy Future,” West Virginia Business & Industry Country, Morgantown, 2016.
-West Virginia Coal Mining Institute; Charleston, 2018; Greenbrier, 2016.
-Building a Resilient West Virginia: Taking Control of the Mountain State’s Future, National Energy Conference 2016, WVU College of Law, 2016.
-43rd Annual West Virginia Mining Symposium, Charleston, 2016.

- West Virginia Coal Forum, 2015.
- 9. “The Future of Natural Gas in West Virginia”
 - Keynote Speaker, 4th Annual Enhancing Public Understanding of Natural Gas Issues Conference, WVU Extension Service, Bridgeport, WV, 2015.
- 8. “Public Policy and Small Business Activity”
 - National Association of Business Economists Economic Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., 2015.
- 7. “Data, Knowledge, Improved Decision Making: Engaging West Virginia and Enabling Her to Succeed” with Joshua Hall.
 - West Virginia University Roads Scholar Academy, Naples, FL, 2015.
- 6. “Government Incentives to Promote Demand for West Virginia Coal”
 - AUBER Annual Conference, Portland, OR, 2014.
- 5. “West Virginia/New River Gorge Area Economic Outlook”
 - New River Gorge Area Economic Outlook Conference, Beckley, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.
- 4. “West Virginia/North Central Economic Outlook”
 - North Central West Virginia Economic Outlook Conference, Morgantown, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- 3. “West Virginia/Eastern Panhandle Economic Outlook”
 - Eastern Panhandle Economic Outlook Conference, Martinsburg, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- 2. “West Virginia/Wheeling Area Economic Outlook”
 - Wheeling Economic Outlook Conference, Wheeling, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- 1. “West Virginia Economic Outlook”
 - Joint Session of the West Virginia Legislature, Charleston, 2014 through 2023, annually.
 - West Virginia Economic Outlook Conference, Charleston, 2013 through 2022, annually.

Various presentations on economic issues of general interest:

Regional Economic Development Partnership, Executive Committee, 2021; Leadership West Virginia, 2021; Estate Planning Council of the Upper Ohio Valley, 2021; Fairmont Board of REALTORS, 2021; Workforce West Virginia, 2021; Morgantown Board of REALTORS, 2021; WV Public Education Collaborative, 2020; Morgantown Area Economic Partnership, 2020; WV Economic Development Council, 2020, 2016; Leadership Monongalia, 2019; Bayard/Nair Economics Forum, WV Wesleyan College, 2019; North Central WV Real Estate Information Network, 2019; West Virginia Economic Development Council, 2019; Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, 2019; Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation Annual Dinner, 2019; WesBanco 47th Annual Investment Seminar, 2018; Government Finance Officers’ Association of WV, 2018; WV Hospital Association Annual Meeting, 2018; Alignment 2018: West Virginia’s Small Business Conference, 2018; Contractors Association of WV, 2018; Defense Trial Counsel of WV, 2018; Appalachian Justice Symposium, WVU College of Law, 2018; Hardesty Festival of Ideas, WVU, Charleston, 2018; WV Association of Local Health Departments, 2017; WV Homebuilder’s Association, 2017; WV Bankers Association, 2017; WV Automobile and Truck Dealer’s Association, 2017; Nature and Economy Summit, The Nature Conservancy, Charleston, 2017;

MBA Summit – Reinventing WV, Shepherd University, 2017; WV Municipal League, Mid-Winter Conference, 2017; WV Legislators’ Forum on Education and the Economy, Morgantown, 2017; WV Business & Industry Council Pre-Legislative Conference, Charleston, 2017; Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Winter Conference, 2017; Morgantown North Rotary, 2016; WV Land & Mineral Owners Association, 2016; Lewis County Economic Development Authority, 2016; WV State Auditor’s Training for County Commissioners, 2016; North American Coalbed Methane Forum, 2016, Canonsburg, PA; North Central WV Business Summit, Fairmont, 2016; *Treasury Notes*, Sponsored by the WV State Treasurer’s Office, 2016; North Central WV Estate Planning Council, 2016; Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Business for Breakfast, 2017, 2016; Suddenlink Communications, 2016; Beckley Rotary, 2017, 2015; WV Beer & Wine Assoc., 2017, 2015; Community Bankers of WV Advanced Directors’ College, 2015; WV Library Association, 2015; West Virginia Housing Institute, 2018, 2017, 2015; Bluefield Rotary Club, 2015; West Virginia Credit Union League, 2015; West Virginia CRA Roundtable, FHLBank, 2015; Princeton Rotary, 2015; Charleston Rotary, 2015; West Virginia Association of Counties, 2015; Associated Press *Legislative Lookahead*, Charleston, 2016, 2015; Morgantown Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Opportunities Summit, 2014; West Virginia Business & Industry Council, Morgantown and Charleston, 2014; West Virginia Housing Conference, sponsored by West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Charleston, 2014; West Virginia Municipal League, Bridgeport, 2014; West Virginia Bankers Association, Charleston, 2014; West Virginia Society of Association Executives, Charleston, 2014; Cheat Lake Rotary, Morgantown, 2013; NAIFA-Nebraska, 2012; Nebraska LEAD, 2012 and 2009; Great Plains Government Finance Officers Association, 2011, Omaha; U Learn Success Series, Union Bank, 2011, Omaha; Westside Lion’s Club, 2010, Omaha; Kawasaki Suppliers Conference, 2010, Lincoln; *Surviving This Tough Economy*, Marcotte Insurance, 2010, Omaha; Association of Governmental Accountants/Omaha Metro, 2009; Omaha Morning Rotary Club, 2009; Omaha Network, 2009; *Omaha Economic Summit* by Better Business Equipment Company, 2009; Northwest Omaha Rotary, 2009; Millard Rotary, Omaha, 2008; Omaha Diamond K Kiwanis, 2007.

LITIGATION SUPPORT

-Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company, Petition for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Environmental Compliance and Modernization, Upgrade, and Improvement Program and related Surcharge for Coal-Fired Boilers at Electric Power Plants, Case No. 21-0857-E-CN. Public Service Commission of West Virginia. 2022.

-Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company, Petition and General Investigation to Determine Reasonable Rates on and after January 1, 2022, Case No. 21-0658-ENEC. Public Service Commission of West Virginia. 2021.

-Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company, Petition for Approval, Case No. 20-1040-E-CN. Public Service Commission of West Virginia. 2021.

-Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company, Petition for Approval of a Generation Resource Transaction and Related Relief, Case No. 17-0296-E-PC. Public Service Commission of West Virginia. 2017.

-Murray Energy Corporation, et al. v. Gina McCarthy, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency. United States District Court, Northern District of West Virginia. Deposition. 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizational Support:

- **Past-President**, Association of University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), 2022-2023.
- **President**, Association of University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), 2021-2022.
- **President-Elect**, Association of University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), 2019-2021.
- **Vice President**, AUBER, 2017-2019.
- **Board of Directors**, AUBER, 2015-2017.

Referee: *Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Empirical Economics, Growth and Change, International Tax and Public Finance, J. of Asia-Pacific Business, J. of Baltic Studies, J. of Business Venturing, J. of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, J. of Statistics Education, National Tax J., Public Budgeting & Finance, Public Finance Review, Reaching Regions, Review of Regional Studies, Regional Studies, Small Business Economics, Southern Economic J., State and Local Government Review*

Discussant:

Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016.
National Tax Association Annual Conference, 2016, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2004;
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2011;
Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2011;
Western Economic Association Annual Conference, 2007.

Editorial Board, *Reaching Regions*, 2024 – present.

Program Chair, AUBER Spring Conference, 2022; AUBER Fall Conference, 2020.

Program Committee, AUBER Fall Conference, 2019, 2018, 2017; National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, 2016.

Media Appearances, in various outlets including: Bloomberg; CNBC, *Nightly Business Report*; CNN Business; FOX News; *Investor's Business Daily*; National Public Radio, *All Things Considered*; PBS, *Frontline*; *The New York Times*; *The Wall Street Journal*; *The Washington Post*; *USA Today*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (year of graduation):

David Nason (current); Samuel Taylor, 2020; Justin Parker, 2020; Shree Baba Pokharel, 2017; Sriparna Ghosh, 2017; Patrick Manzi (chair), 2015; Eric Bowen, 2015.

Committee Membership:

West Virginia University: College Awards of Distinction Review Committee (chair), 2016-present; Economics Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2013-2015; Economics Undergraduate Programs Committee, 2016-present; 2013–2014.

Creighton University: Academic Council, 2011 – 2013; University Financial Advisory Committee, 2010 – 2013; Library Committee, 2006 – 2013; College of Business Strategic Planning Task Force, 2012 – 2013; College of Business Executive Committee, 2007 – 2011.

Advising to Students Groups:

Creighton University: College of Business Congress, 2006 – 2013; Creighton Chapter - Habitat for Humanity, 2008 – 2013; Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2008 – 2013.

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