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Academic Appointments

Western Carolina University Assistant Professor of Economics; School of Economics, Management, and Project Management	2024–present
North Dakota State University Assistant Professor of Economics; Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics	2022–2023

Education

West Virginia University Ph.D. in Economics (2022) Dissertation: <i>Modeling Post-Crisis Monetary Policy</i> Committee: Scott Schuh (chair), Arabinda Basistha, Shuchiro Nishioka, and Peter Ireland	2017–2022
Lubbock Christian University B.S. in Economics (2017), <i>summa cum laude</i>	2013–2017

Journal Articles

- Dean, J., and M. Roy (2026). “The Spillover of United States Monetary Policy on Six European Agricultural Commodity Prices.” *International Economics*, 187, 100732.
- Dean, J. (2026). “Estimating the Federal Reserve’s Inflation Target Through the Average Inflation Targeting Era.” *Applied Economics Letters*, published online.
- Dean, J. (2026). “Unconventional U.S. Monetary Policy and International Financial Market Stability.” *Economics Bulletin*, 46(1), 250–259.
- Dean, J. (2026). “Better on Average? Average Inflation Targeting with an Unclear Averaging Window.” *Southern Economic Journal*, published online.
- Dean, J., and S. Schuh (2026). “From Conventional to Unconventional Monetary Policy: Is the Taylor Rule an Adequate Representation in Macro Models?” *Empirical Economics*, 70(2).
- Dean, J., and V. Geloso (2024). “Poverty Spells and Economic Freedom: Canadian Evidence.” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 224, 282–296.
- Dean, J., and J. Hall (2024). “On the Long-Run Properties of Income and Stock Prices: The Stability of the ‘Golden Ratios.’” *Journal of Financial Economic Policy*, 16(3), 315–329.
- Dean, J., and V. Geloso (2022). “Economic Freedom Improves Income Mobility: Evidence from Canadian Provinces, 1982–2018.” *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 18(5), 807–826.
- Lawson, R., and J. Dean (2021). “Who Gains from Economic Freedom? A Panel Analysis on Decile Income Levels.” *Economics and Business Letters*, 10(2), 102–106.

Book Chapters

- Dean, J. (2025). “The Racial Political Economy of Bank Entry Restrictions.” In J. Hall and K. Starr (eds.), *Empirical Applications of the Median Voter Model*, pp. 105–114. Springer.

Book Reviews

- Dean, J. (2026). “Review of: Inflation Is About More than Money: Economics, Politics, and the Social Fabric.” *Faith & Economics*, 86 (Spring).

Working Papers and Works in Progress

“Does the Minimum Wage Improve Upward Mobility? Evidence from Canada” (with V. Geloso).
“COVID Inflation Whodunit? Potential Output, with Money, in the United States” (with S. Schuh).
“Does Fiscal Stress Shape Monetary Policy?”

Teaching Experience

Western Carolina University

- **ECON/FIN 335:** Financial Institutions
- **ECON 232:** Introductory Macroeconomics and Social Issues

North Dakota State University

- **ECON 810:** Econometric Theory I
- **ECON 343:** Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- **ECON 202:** Principles of Macroeconomics (online and in person)

West Virginia University

- **BADM 618:** Macro and Managerial Economics
- **ECON 331:** Money and Banking (online and in person)
- **ECON 302:** Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- **ECON 202:** Principles of Macroeconomics

Conference and Seminar Participation

2026: Public Choice Society Meetings

2025: Southern Economic Association Meetings; Appalachian Research in Business Symposium

2024: Southern Economic Association Meetings; WVU Macro, Money, and Finance Workshop

2023: American Economic Association Meetings; Southern Economic Association Meetings; Markets & Society Conference; Free Market Institute at Texas Tech; Lubbock Economics Council; Lubbock Christian University

2022: Southern Economic Association Meetings; WVU Macro, Money, and Finance Workshop; Harold A. Black Conference

2021: Southern Economic Association Meetings; Western Economic Association International Meetings; WVU Macro, Money, and Finance Workshop

2020: Presentation to Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin; WVU Macro, Money, and Finance Workshop

2019: Christian Scholars Conference; WVU Macro, Money, and Finance Workshop

Professional Service

Journal referee: *Eastern Economic Journal*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*; *Public Finance Review*.

Grant review: Grant Review Panelist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Awards and Honors

WCU College of Business Summer Research Grant (2024)

Best Doctoral Student Award, West Virginia University (2021)

Doctoral Student Research Paper Award, West Virginia University (2021)

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2017–2022)