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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- **Illinois Wesleyan University (Current)** Bloomington, IL
– *Assistant Professor of Economics* 2023 Aug-Present
- **James Madison University** Harrisonburg, VA
– *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics* 2022 Aug-2023 Aug
- **World Bank Group** Washington, D.C.
– *Consultant at Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program* 2022 Sep-2023 Aug

Education

- **North Carolina State University** Raleigh, NC
– *Ph.D. in Economics: Field in Macroeconomics* 2022
– *Dissertation: “Essays on Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies”*
- **North Carolina State University** Raleigh, NC
– *M.A. in Economics* 2017
- **Northeastern University** Boston, MA
– *B.S. in Economics* 2013

Publication & Working Paper

“**Are Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies Alike?**” *International Economics and Economic Policy*, Volume 20, pages 537–561, 06 September 2023 [Link](#)

“**Chicago Boys: Economic Liberalization and the Chilean Economy**” with Bryan McCannon from Illinois Wesleyan University (Under Review)

“**Natural Disaster Clause for Sovereign Debt in Emerging Market Economies**” with Olivier Mahul from World Bank Group (Working Paper)

“**Productivity Shocks, Financial Frictions, and Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies**” (Working Paper)

Research Interest

- Macroeconomics
- Applied Time Series
- Open-economy Macroeconomics
- Environmental Economics
- International Economics
- Dynamic Equilibrium Models

Teaching Interest

- Macroeconomics
- Environmental Economics
- International Economics
- Quantitative Economics
- Monetary Economics
- Time Series Econometrics

Teaching Experience

- **Assistant Professor (Current)** Illinois Wesleyan University
 - *Intermediate Macroeconomics* Spring 2024
 - *Statistics for Business and Economics* Spring 2024
 - *International Trade* Fall 2023
 - *Money and Banking* Fall 2023
 - *Introduction to Economics* Fall 2023
- **Visiting Assistant Professor** James Madison University
 - *Introduction to Quantitative Analysis in Economics* Spring 2023
 - *Environmental Economics* Spring 2023, Fall 2022
 - *Introduction to Macroeconomics* Fall 2022
- **Instructor** North Carolina State University
 - *Resource & Environmental Economics* Spring 2022
 - *Principles of Macroeconomics* Fall 2016 and 2017, Spring 2019
 - *Fundamentals of Economics* Summer 2017
- **Lab Instructor** North Carolina State University
 - *Principles of Macroeconomics* Spring 2016 and 2017, Fall 2018
- **Teaching Assistant** North Carolina State University
 - *Macroeconomics I (Ph.D.)* Fall 2017
 - *Macroeconomics II (Ph.D.)* Spring 2018 and 2019
 - *Fundamentals of Macroeconomics (Masters)* Spring 2022
- **Tutor** Northeastern University
 - *Applied Econometrics* 2011-2013
 - *Intermediate Microeconomics* 2011-2013
 - *Principles of Microeconomics* 2011-2013
 - *Introduction to Computer Science* 2011-2013

Conference & Presentation

- **Conference**
 - *Association of Private Enterprise Education 48th Meeting* Las Vegas (NV), April 2024
 - * Presented “*Chicago Boys: Economic Liberalization and the Chilean Economy*”
 - *Virginia Association of Economics* Richmond (VA), April 2023
 - * Presented “*Natural Disaster Clause for Sovereign Debt in Emerging Market Economies*”
 - *Second International Conference on Digital Economy* Beijing (China), November 2022
 - * Presented (Virtual) “*Productivity Shocks, Financial Frictions, and Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies*”
 - *Southern Economics Association 91st Annual Meeting* Houston (TX), November 2021
 - * Presented “*Are Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies Alike?*”
- **Presentations**
 - *James Madison University Department of Economics Seminar Series* Fall 2022
 - *North Carolina State University Macroeconomics Seminar* Fall 2021
 - *North Carolina State University Brown-Bag Lunch Seminar* Fall 2016

Professional Experience

- **Truelight Energy** Boston, MA
– *Data Analyst* Winter 2013-Spring 2014
- **American Institute for Economics Research** Great Barrington, MA
– *Research Assistant* Summer 2013
- **Property and Portfolio Research** Boston, MA
– *Research Assistant* Summer and Fall 2011

Award & Honor

- **GSSP Economics Graduate Fellowship** 2015-2019
– *North Carolina State University*
- **Advanced Certified Tutor, Level II** 2013
– *College Reading & Learning Association at Northeastern University*
- **Student Affairs Scholarship** 2010
– *Northeastern University*

Skill

- **Computing**
– *Julia, Matlab, Python, R, Stata, and L^AT_EX*
- **Languages**
– *English, Mongolian, and Chinese*

References

James M. Nason (PhD Advisor)

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