

James Horton

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EDUCATION

M.A. in Economics, West Virginia University	2025
B.S. in Financial Economics, Methodist University	2022
Secondary Major: Business Administration	

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

UNC Economics Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Greensboro	2026
\$10,000 annual stipend	
Institute for Humane Studies Mentorship Research Grant	2025-26
\$8,000 Co-PI with Dr. Bologna-Pavlik, Texas Tech University	

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Methodist University	2025–Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University	2022–2025

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Public Economics, Urban Economics
Secondary: Economics Education

WORKING PAPERS

Testing the Median Voter: Compositional-Demand and Education Spending	2026
https://ideas.repec.org/p/mtd/wpaper/002.html	
The Great Escape: A Classroom Activity for Teaching OLS	2026
https://ideas.repec.org/p/mtd/wpaper/001.html ; under review at JET 8/26	
Religious Networks and Economic Opportunity: Evidence from U.S. Counties	2025
Co-authored with Dr. Bologna-Pavlik, Texas Tech University Funded by Institute for Humane Studies	
Congregational Efficiency in US Counties: A Data Envelopment Analysis of Institutional Determinants	2026
Education–Occupation Mismatch and Local Wages: Evidence from US Counties	2026
Submitted: Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) Annual Conference	

RESTING PAPERS

Paying the Price: A Spatial Analysis of Corruption and Gender Wage Disparities Across Political Boundaries	2024
Graduate Thesis	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Methodist University

Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026
Business Statistics	Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026
Econometrics	Fall 2025, 2026
Research Methodology (Capstone)	Spring 2026

Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University

Introductory Economics	Fall 2022
Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2023

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) Annual Conference	2026
Presenter: Education–Occupation Mismatch and Local Wages: Evidence from US Counties	
Public Choice Society Annual Conference	2026
Presenter: Religiosity and Development: The Causal Effect of Church Membership on Income	
Cato Institute: Cato University Seminar Series, Washington D.C.	2023
Attendee	
Koch Center for Leadership and Ethics: Undergraduate Humanomics Colloquium	2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

Federal Reserve Bank – Monetary Policy Course Certificate	Nov 2025
Federal Reserve Education St. Louis Fed	
ACUE Educator’s Course – CIC Belonging (FCB)	Dec 2025

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

ACBSP Accreditation Co-representative, Reeves School of Business	2026
MU Economics Club, Faculty Advisor; Founder	2026
Strategic Enrollment Management Committee, Faculty Representative	2026
Sports Management Hiring Committee, Member	2025–2026
Academic Standards Committee, Member	2025–2026
FBLA Regional Competition, Methodist University – Faculty Judge	Nov 2025
University Open House, Faculty Participant	2025
Management Hiring Committee, Member	2026

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marine Corps League, Member	2023–Present
Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Member	2024–Present
Special Olympics Cumberland County – Powerlifting, Assistant Coach	2017–2021

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

General Manager, National Tire and Battery, Morgantown, WV	2023–2024
Concurrent with graduate studies	
Heavy Equipment Technician, Redline Automotive, Fayetteville, NC	2018–2019
Road Technician, Davis Lift Truck, Fayetteville, NC	2016–2018
Automotive Technician, Monro, Jacksonville, NC	2015–2016
Assistant General Manager, Advance Auto Parts, Jacksonville, NC	2014–2015
United States Marine Corps	2009–2014

SKILLS

Coding: LaTeX, R, Python, PowerBI
Platforms: MATLAB, Canvas, Ecampus

REFERENCES

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