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Economics column by Haas Center Director Zach Jenkins *Concentrated poverty less severe in Escambia than nation*

Pensacola, Fla. – July 6, 2016 – In a new column, Zach Jenkins, director of the Haas Center at the University of West Florida, discusses trends in neighborhood-level poverty in Escambia County and the country as a whole. His article can be accessed through the [UWF Center for Research and Economic Opportunity website](#).

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See attached headshot of Zach Jenkins

About the Haas Center: A research and consulting arm of UWF, the Haas Center engages in applied research and strategy developments in economics and across the social sciences. The Haas Center has played a prominent role in economic development efforts across the Northwest Florida region and around the state for the past two decades.

About CREO: Founded in 2015, the UWF Center for Research and Economic Opportunity fosters excellence in economic growth and knowledge creation. CREO's activities include providing resources for research initiatives and capacity building, creating partnerships with industry and the community, promoting educational activities and supporting sustainable development. CREO oversees the Haas Center, the UWF Office of Economic Development and Engagement and the UWF Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. In addition, CREO hosts the state director's office of the Florida SBDC Network.

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