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Current Positions at Brookings

2007-	Director, Retirement Security Project
2002-	Co-Director, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
2001-	Arjay and Frances Fearing Miller Chair in Federal Economic Policy
1994-	Senior Fellow, Economic Studies Program

Prior Employment

1992-present	Brookings Institution	
	2006-2009	Vice President and Director, Economic Studies Program
	2001-2006	Deputy Director, Economic Studies Program
	1994-2001	Senior Fellow and Joseph A. Pechman Fellow
	1992-1994	Research Associate and Joseph A. Pechman Fellow
1991-1992	Council of Economic Advisers, Senior Economist	
1987-1991	UCLA, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	

Education

1982-1987	Ph. D., Economics, Stanford University
1977-1981	A. B., Economics, Duke University. Magna Cum Laude
1979-1980	General Course Student, London School of Economics

Professional Appointments (current, except where noted)

2014-	Commissioner, Retirement Security and Personal Savings Commission, Bipartisan Policy Center
2013-	Consultant to Mayer Brown
2011-12	Chair, Davie-Davies Committee, National Tax Association
2010-	Member, Global Agenda Council on Fiscal Crises, World Economic Forum

2009-11	Co-Editor, The Economists' Voice
2009	Chair, Spring Symposium, National Tax Association
2007	TIAA-CREF Paul A. Samuelson Award Certificate of Excellence
2005-6	Consultant to Enterprise Rent-A-Car
2004-6	Consultant to Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
2004-	Board of Directors, Center on Federal Financial Institutions
2004	Adviser, Tax Reform Project, Committee for Economic Development
2003-	Research Advisory Council, SEED
2002	Advisory Panel on Dynamic Scoring, Joint Committee on Taxation.
2002-	Advisory Panel on Retirement Income Issues, General Accounting Office.
2001-	Board of Editors, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy.
1999-2004	Co-editor, Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs.
1999-2001	Board of Directors, National Tax Association.
1999-2004	Research Associate, Boston College Retirement Research Consortium
1997-	International Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London,
1995-	Editorial Board, National Tax Journal.
1995-	Research Fellow, Employee Benefit Research Institute.
1995-2005	Advisory Panel, Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service.
1994-1997	Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Public Policy Program.
1991-	Editorial Board, Contemporary Economic Policy.
1987	Co-First Runner-up, Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Contest, National Tax Association and the Tax Institute of America.
1985-1987	John M. Olin Graduate Research Fellow, Stanford University.

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