

Curriculum Vitae

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1998-2013	Senior Research Fellow, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation
1995-1998	Representative Mark Sanford
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1987-1989	Senior Legislative Consultant, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP
1983-1987	Vice President Specializing in Public Policy Development, Chase Manhattan Bank
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Education

1972 BA, Journalism, University of Georgia
1977 MBA, Finance, University of Georgia
1977 MA, Economics, University of Georgia

Edited Volumes

Automatic: Changing the Way America Saves (with William G. Gale, J. Mark Iwry, and Lina Walker). Brookings Institution Press. 2009.

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