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Current Positions at Brookings

2007- Director, Retirement Security Project
2002- Co-Director and Co-Founder, 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 and Honors (current, except where noted)

2019 President, National Tax Association (1st Vice President in 2019, 2nd Vice
 President in 2017).
2018 Member, Advisory Board, EconoFact
2017 Consultant to MSL Group
2017 Panelist, Center for Strategic Development, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 Economic Reforms Workshop 2017
2017 Ellen Bellet Goldberg Tax Policy Lecture, University of Florida

2016	Member, Macroeconomic Advisers Board of Advisors
2016	2016 Referee of the Year, National Tax Journal
2014-16	Commissioner, Retirement Security and Personal Savings Commission, Bipartisan Policy Center
2013-15	Consultant to Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
2011-12	Chair, Davie-Davies Committee, National Tax Association
2010-14	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
2004-14	Board of Directors, Center on Federal Financial Institutions
2004	Adviser, Tax Reform Project, Committee for Economic Development
2003-8	Research Advisory Council, Saving for Education, Entrepreneurship, and Downpayment (SEED)
2002	Advisory Panel on Dynamic Scoring, Joint Committee on Taxation.
2002-10	Advisory Panel on Retirement Income Issues, General Accounting Office.
2001-12	Board of Editors, <u>The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy.</u>
1999-2004	Co-editor, <u>Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs.</u>
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, <u>National Tax Journal.</u>
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, <u>Contemporary Economic Policy.</u>
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.

Grants Received

As Principal Investigator (or Co-PI), through the Retirement Security Project or through the Tax Policy Center, I have received research support from numerous organizations, including: American Association of Retired Persons, American Council of Life Insurers, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Arnold Ventures, Bauman Foundation, Brodie-Price Philanthropic Fund, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Center for American Politics and Public Policy, Nathan Cummings Foundation, Department of Labor, Energy Foundation, Ford Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Gund Foundation, Institute for Research on Poverty, Ewing and Marion Kauffman Foundation, Lumina Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Mott Foundation, National Institute on Aging, National Science Foundation, Open Society Institute, Pew Charitable Trusts, Popplestone Foundation, Price Family Charitable Fund, Rockefeller Foundation, Sandler Family Supporting Foundation, Sloan Family Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, Social Security

Administration, Stoneman Family Foundation, and TIAA-CREF Institute.

Book

Fiscal Therapy: Curing America's Debt Addiction and Investing in the Future. Oxford University Press, 2019.

Edited Volumes

Automatic: Changing the Way America Saves (with J. Mark Iwry, David C. John, and Lina Walker). Brookings Institution Press. 2009.

Brookings Papers on Economic Activity (with Douglas W. Elmendorf). Brookings Institution Press. 2007:2.

Aging Gracefully: Ideas to Improve Retirement Security in America (with Peter R. Orszag and J. Mark Iwry). A Century Foundation/Retirement Security Project Report. Century Foundation Press. 2006.

The Evolving Pension System: Trends, Effects, and Proposals for Reform (with John B. Shoven and Mark J. Warshawsky). Brookings Institution Press. 2005.

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Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs (with Janet Rothenberg Pack). Brookings Institution Press. 2000-2004.

Economic Effects of Fundamental Tax Reform (with Henry J. Aaron). Brookings Institution Press. 1996.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

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["A Preliminary Assessment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017"](#) (with Hilary Gelfond, Aaron Krupkin, Mark J. Mazur, and Eric Toder). National Tax Journal 71 (4): 589-612. December 2018.

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