

AARON D. KLEIN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

MIRIAM K. CARLINER CHAIR AND SENIOR FELLOW: 2021 – CURRENT. FELLOW: 2016-2020

- Research, write, publish, and speak on a wide variety of topics, including financial regulation, macro-economics, and infrastructure policy.
- Establish and manage the financial regulatory policy section of the Center on Regulation and Markets, soliciting and publishing topical thoughts on financial regulation from leading experts across the ideological spectrum.
- Organize and execute major public events featuring policy makers and thought leaders on key topics to inform the public and bend the arc of policy thought.

THE WHARTON SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

VISITING LECTURER: SPRING 2022

- Co-taught LGST 243-001: Other People's Money: The Law, Politics, and History of Financial Institutions

BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM INITIATIVE: 2012 – 2016

- Manage a project with a budget over \$1 million per year with a team of full-time analysts, consultants, and policy experts in analyzing the success and failures of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- Publish reports, op-eds, and blog posts containing policy analysis and political insight regarding key issues in financial reform, economic policy, infrastructure finance, and other topics.
- Led efforts to cultivate donor support for the Initiative through a successful development strategy, garnering more than \$1 million per year in corporate and foundation support.

ADKLEIN CONSULTING 2013 – PRESENT

CEO

- Founded sole-proprietor economic consulting, advisory, and public speaking firm.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC POLICY, POLICY COORDINATION: 2009 – 2012

- As a leading member of Treasury's financial regulatory reform team, played a key role in drafting and enacting legislation that formed the basis of the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Led Treasury's efforts to develop policy on covered bonds and the Federal Home Loan Bank System, while working on Treasury's housing finance reform.
- Led development of the Treasury Department's infrastructure policy, including the National Infrastructure Bank and Amtrak debt restructuring. Represented the Department's views in senior-level inter-agency discussions on infrastructure; crafted and managed the issuance of two Treasury-CEA Reports to the President on the Economic Impact of Infrastructure Investment.
- As the Treasury Department's point person for Native American issues, oversaw the overhaul of federal processes governing the taxation of tribes, resulting in the issuance of the first new Revenue Procedure Guidance for implementation of the General Welfare Exclusion for Tribal governments in over two decades. Carried out multiple successful Tribal consultations, testified before Congress, liaised with the White House, tribes, and other agencies to implement the Administration's tribal agenda.
- Represented Treasury on multiple interagency task forces, including the President's Task Force on Travel and Tourism, the President's Task Force on Ports, and the Committee on Maritime Transportation Systems.

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

CHIEF ECONOMIST AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: 2001 – 2009

- Served as Chief Economic Advisor to Chairmen Dodd (2006-2009) and Sarbanes (2001-2006) with primary jurisdictional oversight of the Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury Department, bank and financial market regulators and the Department of Transportation (public transit).
- Coordinated and shaped Senate Leadership's message on such issues as: monetary policy, exchange rate policy, macro-economic issues, infrastructure policy (including the national infrastructure bank), financial literacy, and predatory lending.
- Drafted legislation and policy statements, organized hearings, and served as the Committee's liaison to relevant Administration officials, regulatory, consumer, and industry constituents.
- Represented Chairmen's position on relevant issues to Senate Leadership, and Committees on Finance, Budget, Appropriations, Commerce, and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

SELECT LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DODD-FRANK ACT (2010)

- On behalf of Treasury and the White House, advised and drafted key provisions within the legislation, including regulation of financial institutions, consumer protection and credit rating agencies.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT (2008 AKA TARP)

- Drafted and negotiated with the White House, Treasury, and the House of Representatives authority for the Treasury Department to establish the Office of Financial Stability and implement the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT (2008)

- Formulated economic structure for the Hope for Homeowners Program, to assist up to 1.7 million homeowners to avoid foreclosure with federal assistance in a budgetary neutral program.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2005 (SAFETEA)

- Developed and negotiated federal transit law funding formulas and discretionary programs. Primary responsibility for all formulas, and several new programs, including Tribal Transit.

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- MPA – ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC FINANCE – 2000.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

- AB – MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS (MINOR) *HIGHEST HONORS* – 1998.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *The Digital Financial Revolution in China*, Brookings Institution Press, 2022 (author of chapter 3, China's Payment Reform and Its Implication for Other Countries).
- *Understanding FinTech and Banking Law: A Practical Guide*, with Jim Sivon and Katie Wechsler et al. Thomson Reuters, 2014 (second edition December 2015).

Academic Journal Publications

- “Credit card rewards subsidize the wealthy” with Justin Schardin, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Volume 44(3), June 4, 2025 (<https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.70020>)
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- “Credit, crises, and infrastructure: The differing fates of large and small businesses” with Todd H. Baker and Kathryn Judge, Boston University Law Review, Volume 102(4), May 2022 (<https://www.bu.edu/bulawreview/files/2022/05/BAKER-JUDGE-KLEIN.pdf>)
- “Incorporating Macroprudential Financial Regulation into Monetary Policy” Yale Journal of Financial Stability, Volume 1(4), 2019 (<https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/journal-of-financial-crises/vol1/iss4/1>)
- “Setting the scales: Dodd-Frank’s balancing act on big banks” Vanderbilt Law Review, October 7, 2017 (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/vu-wp0/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2017/10/14160429/Setting-the-Scales-Dodd-Franks-Balancing-Act-on-Big-Banks.pdf>)
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- “Data Without Variables” with Joel Levine, James Mathews, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Volume 23(3), 2001

Papers

- “Quantitative Easing and Housing Inflation Post-COVID” with Alan Cui, The Brookings Institution, October 8, 2025 (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/quantitative-easing-and-housing-inflation-post-covid/>)
- “What the numbers don’t tell: Post-COVID economic recovery and consumer pessimism in the US” with Carol Graham and Dylan Parikh, The Brookings Institution, April 1, 2025 (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-the-numbers-dont-tell/>)
- “Petition to bank regulators for faster payment processing,” The Brookings Institution, October 2, 2024 (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/petition-to-bank-regulators-for-faster-payment-processing/>)
- “Comments on the Federal Home Loan Bank mission” with Kathryn Judge, The Brookings Institution, July 15, 2024 (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/comments-on-the-federal-home-loan-bank-mission/>)
- “Comments on FinCEN’s proposed changes to customer identification rules” The Brookings Institution, May 20, 2024 (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/comments-on-fincens-proposed-changes-to-customer-identification-rules/>)
- “How better payment systems can improve public transportation,” The Brookings Institution, January 9, 2023 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/how-better-payment-systems-can-improve-public-transportation/>)

- “Non-Euclidean statistics beyond linear regression” with Joel Levine, The Brookings Institution, December 5, 2022 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/non-euclidean-statistics-beyond-linear-regression/>)
- “Getting Over Overdraft” Milken Institute Review, October 31, 2022 (<https://www.milkenreview.org/articles/getting-over-overdraft>)
- “Payments as a foreign policy tool” The Brookings Institution, October 2022 (https://www.nomurafoundation.or.jp/en/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/20221027_Klein_paper.pdf)
- “The Great Student Swap” The Brookings Institution, September 7, 2022 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-great-student-swap/>)
- “The Brookings Sanction Tracker” with Norman Eisen, Mario Picon, Robin J. Lewis, Lilly Blumenthal, Scott Johnston, and Charlie Loudon, The Brookings Institution, April 29, 2022 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-brookings-sanctions-tracker/>)
- “Who should regulate: Chairs or majorities of the board” The Brookings Institution, January 6, 2022 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/who-should-regulate-chairs-or-majorities-of-the-board/>)
- “U.S.-China technology competition: A Brookings Global China Interview” with Ryan Hass, Patricia M. Kim, Emilie Kimball, Jessica Brandt, David Dollar, Cameron F. Kerry, Joshua P. Meltzer, Chris Meserole, Amy J. Nelson, Pavneet Singh, Melanie W. Sissson, and Thomas Wright, The Brookings Institution, December 23, 2021 (<https://www.brookings.edu/essay/u-s-china-technology-competition/>)
- “China’s payments u-turn: Government over technology” The Brookings Institution, November 29, 2021 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/chinas-payments-u-turn-government-over-technology/>)
- “Can fintech improve health?” The Brookings Institution, September 24, 2021 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/can-fintech-improve-health/>)
- “Explaining the economic impact of COVID-19: Core industries and the Hispanic workforce” with Ember Smith, Brookings Mountain West, February 4, 2021 (https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=brookings_polic_ybriefs_reports)
- “3 steps to improve anti-money laundering regulation” The Brookings Institution, December 9, 2020 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/3-steps-to-improve-anti-money-laundering-regulation/>)
- “How to fix the Covid stimulus payment problem: Accounts, information, and infrastructure” Just Money, August 19, 2020 (<https://justmoney.org/a-klein-how-to-fix-the-covid-stimulus-payment-problem-accounts-information-and-infrastructure/>)
- “Reducing bias in AI-based financial services” The Brookings Institution, July 10, 2020 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/reducing-bias-in-ai-based-financial-services/>)
- “Losing sight of workers in protecting paychecks” The Brookings Institution, June 5, 2020 (<https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/losing-sight-of-workers-in-protecting-paychecks/>)
- “China’s digital payments revolution” The Brookings Institution, April, 2020 (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/chinas-digital-payments-revolution/>)
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- “Real-time payments can help combat inequality” Spotlight on Poverty & Opportunity, March 5, 2019 (<https://spotlightonpoverty.org/spotlight-exclusives/real-time-payments-can-help-combat-inequality/>)
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- “Decline in U.S. Shipbuilding Industry: A Cautionary Tale of Foreign Subsidies Destroying U.S. Jobs”, Partnership for Open and Fair Skies, July, 2015. (<http://www.openandfairskies.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Cautionary-Tale-Foreign-Subsidies-Destroying-U.S.-Jobs.pdf>)
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- Podcast: *All Things Considered*, *Planet Money*, *Bankshot*, *Fintech Beat*, *Macro Musings*, *Moody’s Inside Economics*, *Dollar and Sense*, *TechTank*, *Banking with Interest*, *Policy Punchline*.

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