CURRICULUM VITAE
BENJAMIN H. HARRIS
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EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

2023–present	Vice President and Director of Economic Studies, Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Chair, Brookings Institution
2021–2023	Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy and Chief Economist, U.S. Treasury Department (Senate confirmed; Top Secret/SCI Security Clearance)
2021	Counselor to the Treasury Secretary, U.S. Treasury Department
2019–2021	Executive Director of the Public-Private Initiative and Research Associate Professor, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
2017–2019	Visiting Associate Professor, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
2017–2019	Chief Editor, Biden Forum on Middle-Class Economics, Biden Foundation
2017–2021	Chief Economist, Results for America
2017	Senior Economic Policy Adviser, Rokos Capital Management
2014–2017	Chief Economist and Economic Adviser to the Vice President, Executive Office of the President
2013–2014	Policy Director, The Hamilton Project; Deputy Director, Retirement Security Project; Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution
2013	Senior Research Associate, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
2011–2013	Senior Economist, President's Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President
2011	Research Economist, Brookings Institution
2011	Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland School of Public Policy
2010–2011	Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy
2007–2011	Senior Affiliated Staff, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
2007–2011	Senior Research Associate, Brookings Institution
2010	Economics Instructor, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government
2009	Economic Adviser to Penny Pritzker, Member of President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board
2005–2006	Senior Economist, Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives
2005	Economist, Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives

EDUCATION AND AWARDS

2023	U.S. Treasury Department Alexander Hamilton Award
2010–2011	Ph.D., Economics, George Washington University
2007–2010	M. Phil., Economics, George Washington University

2003–2005 M.A., Economics, Cornell University
2002–2003 M.A., Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, Columbia University
2000–2001 U.S. Fulbright Scholarship to Namibia
1995–1999 B.A., Economics, Tufts University

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
National Tax Association

ADVISORY POSITIONS

Member, Social Finance Advisory Council
Member, Hamilton Project Advisory Council
Member, Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force
Committee Co-Chair, Chicago Recovery Task Force
Alliance Fellow, Alliance for Lifetime Income
Technical Working Group on Long-Term Care Financing; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Microsimulation Technical Working Group; Brookings Institution Center on Children and Families

GRANTS

Peter G. Peterson Foundation. "To advance responsible fiscal policy reform through research, outreach and public engagement." 2026-2027. $463,000.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Wendy Edelberg): "Inflation Conference." 2025-2026. $225,000.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Janet Yellen): "Modern Supply Side Economics project." 2025-2026. $50,000.

Smith Richardson Foundation. "Brookings Papers on Economic Activity." 2024-2026. $400,000.

National Science Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Janice Eberly and Jón Steinsson): "Brookings Papers on Economic Activity." 2024-2027. $425,000.

Peter G. Peterson Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with William Gale, David Wessel, Richard Frank, Gopi Shah Goda): "Advancing Responsible Fiscal Policy Reform Through Research, Outreach, and Public Engagement." 2025. $500,000.

Fathom. Co-Principal Investigator (with Sanjay Patnaik, Mark Muro, and Valerie Wirtschafter): "Brookings AI Projects." 2024-2025. $250,000.

Sloan Foundation. "Brookings Papers on Economic Activity." 2022-2025. $750,000.

Smith Richardson Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Martin N. Baily): "How Retirement Polices Can Make Retirement More Secure, Increase Savings, and Creative Incentives for Employment." 2019–2020. $150,000.

Sloan Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Martin N. Baily): "A New Paradigm for Work and Retirement." 2018–2019. $697,768.

John and Laura Arnold Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (with Martin N. Baily): "New Approaches to Retirement Security." 2018–2019. $299,510.

BOOKS

The Retirement Challenge. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. 2023. (With Martin N. Baily.)

Inequality and the Labor Market: The Case for Greater Competition. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. 2021. (Edited with Sharon Block.)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Assessing the Risks and Costs of the Rising US Federal Debt." 2025. *National Tax Journal* 78(4): 961-988. (With Wendy Edelberg and Louise Sheiner.)

"The Wealth of Generations, with Special Attention to the Millennials." 2022. In: Measuring Distribution and Mobility of Income and Wealth, edited by Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

"Changing Wealth Accumulation Patterns: Evidence and Determinants." 2021. In: *Wealth After Work,* edited by William G. Gale, J. Mary Iwry, and David C. John. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

"Labor Market Competition: Framing the Issues." 2021. In: *Inequality and the Labor Market: The Case for Greater Competition,* edited by Sharon Block and Benjamin H. Harris. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. (With Jared Bernstein.)

"Fostering More-Competitive Labor Markets through Transparent Wages." 2021. In: *Inequality and the Labor Market: The Case for Greater Competition,* edited by Sharon Block and Benjamin H. Harris. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

"Better Financial Security in Retirement? Realizing the Promise of Longevity Annuities." 2014. *The Journal of Retirement* 3(4): 12–27. (With Katharine G. Abraham.)

"Entitlement Reform and the Future of Pensions." 2016. In *Reimagining Pensions: The Next 40 Years*, edited by Olivia S. Mitchell and Richard C. Shea. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. (With C. Eugene Steuerle and Pamela J. Perun.)

"Developing and Disseminating Financial Guidelines for Retirement Planning." 2013. *Journal of Retirement* 1(2): 113–124. (With William G. Gale.)

"Reforming Taxes and Raising Revenues: Part of the Fiscal Solution." 2011. *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 27(4): 563-588. (With William G. Gale.)

"A VAT for the United States: Part of the Solution." 2011. In *The VAT Reader: What a Federal Consumption Tax Would Mean for America*. Falls Church, VA: Tax Analysts. (With William G. Gale.)

"Distributional Effects of Tax Expenditures in the United States." 2011. In *Tax Expenditures: State of the Art,* edited by Lisa Philipps, Neil Brooks and Jinyan Li. Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation. (With Eric J. Toder and Katherine Lim.)

"Activist Fiscal Policy." 2010. *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 24(4): 1-24. (With Alan Auerbach and William G. Gale.)

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"The Automatic 401(k): Revenue and Distributional Estimates." 2009. In *Automatic: Changing the Way America Saves*, edited by William G. Gale, J. Mark Iwry, David John, and Lina Walker. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press. (With Christopher Geissler.)

"Tax Credits for Electric Cars: Stimulating Demand through the Tax Code." 2009. In *Plug-In Vehicles: What Role for Washington?,* edited by David Sandalow. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press.

"Health and Functional Status." 2009. In *Counting Working-Age People with Disabilities,* edited by Andrew J. Houtenville, David C. Stapleton, Robert R. Weathers II, and Richard V. Burkhauser. Kalamazoo, Michigan: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. (With Gerry E. Hendershot and David C. Stapleton.)

"Distributional Effects of the 2001 and 2003 Tax Cuts: How Do Financing and Behavioral Responses Matter?" 2008. *National Tax Journal* 61(3): 365-80. (With Douglas W. Elmendorf, Jason Furman, and William G. Gale.)

"Our Uncertain Demographic Future." 2004. In *Coping with Methuselah: the Impact of Molecular Biology on Medicine,* edited by Henry J. Aaron and William B. Schwartz. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. (With Henry J. Aaron.)

"Uncertainty and Pension Policy." 2002. In *The Report of Collaboration Projects on Studying Economic and Social Systems in the 21st Century,* edited by Toshiaki Tachibanaki. Japan: Economic and Social Research Institute. (With Henry J. Aaron.)

"The Individual AMT: Problems and Potential Solutions." 2002. *National Tax Journal* 55(3): 555-596. (With Leonard E. Burman, William G. Gale, and Jeffrey Rohaly.)

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"How are Americans using AI? Evidence from a nationwide survey." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Malihe Alikhani and Sanjay Patnaik.)

"An update on the efficacy of sanctions against Russia." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Robin Brooks.)

"Increase pressure or silently acquiesce: The critical decisions facing European policymakers on Russian sanctions." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Robin Brooks and Liam Marshall.)

"Is federal spending subject to meaningful oversight?" 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Liam Marshall.)

"The race to sanction Russia's growing shadow fleet." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Robin Brooks.)

"Where did Russia's shadow fleet come from?" 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Robin Brooks.)

"Expanding Child Care Supply in the United States: The Case for Employer-Based Credits." 2025. *Tax Notes* 187: April 7. (With Carissa J. Chen.)

"The Fiscal Frontier: Projecting AI's Long-Term Impact on US Old-Age Entitlement Spending." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Eric So and Neil R. Mehrotra.)

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"More sanctions on Russian oil tankers." 2025. Brookings Institution. (With Robin Brooks.)

"The Paradox Between the Macroeconomy and Household Sentiment." 2024. Brookings Institution. (With Neale Mahoney and Ryan Cummings.)

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"'RESA' 2019 Legislative Proposals to Improve Retirement Security and Saving." 2019. Brookings Institution. (With Martin N. Baily and J. Mark Iwry.)

"The Retirement Revolution: Regulatory Reform to Enable Behavioral Change." 2018. Brookings Institution. (With Martin N. Baily.)

"Information is Power: Fostering Labor Market Competition through Transparent Wages." 2018. The Hamilton Project.

"The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: A Missed Opportunity to Establish a Sustainable Tax Code." 2018. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. (With Adam Looney.)

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"Creating an American Value-Added Tax." 2013. The Hamilton Project. (With William G. Gale.)

"Estate Taxes After ATRA." 2013. *Tax Notes* 138(8): 1005.

"Today's Unsustainable Budget Policy: A Recount." 2013. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. (With C. Eugene Steuerle and Caleb Quackenbush.)

"The Population of Workers Covered by the Auto IRA: Trends and Characteristics." 2012. AARP Public Policy Institute. (With Ilana Fischer.)

"Economic Effects of Automatic Enrollment in Individual Retirement Accounts: An Update." 2012. AARP Public Policy Institute. (With Rachel M. Johnson.)

"Who Itemizes Deductions?" 2011. *Tax Notes* 130(3): 345. (With Daniel Baneman.)

"Tax Proposals in the 2012 Budget." 2011. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. (With Elaine Maag, Donald Marron, Jim Nunns, Joseph Rosenberg, Kim Rueben, Eric Toder, and Roberton Williams.)

"Tax Proposals in the 2011 Budget." 2010. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. (With Rosanne Altshuler, Daniel Halperin, Joseph Rosenberg, Eric Toder, and Roberton Williams.)

"The Effect of Proposed Tax Reforms on Metropolitan Housing Prices." 2010. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center: Working Papers.

"Alternative to the Alternative: The Economic Effects of AMT Reform." 2010. *Tax Notes* 129(9): 1001-1010. (With Daniel Baneman.)

"Tax Stimulus Report Card Conference Bill." 2009. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. (With Rosanne Althsuler, Leonard Burman, Howard Gleckman, Dan Halperin, Elaine Maag, Kim Rueben, Eric Toder, and Roberton Williams.)

"Corporate Tax Incidence and Its Implications for Progressivity." 2009. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Working Paper. November.

"Automatic Enrollment in Individual Retirement Accounts: Revenue and Distributional Estimates." 2009. *Tax Notes* 124(9): 903-914. (With Rachel M. Johnson.)

"Beyond the Storm: Reforms for 401(k) Plans." 2009. *Tax Notes* 123(9): 1131-1136. (With Lina Walker.)

"Taxes Under Obama and McCain." 2008. *The Economists' Voice* 5(7). (With William G. Gale.)

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"When Statutory and Marginal Rates Differ." 2008. *Tax Notes* 121(7): 863. (With Ruth Levine.)

"A Guide to Disability Statistics from the National Health Interview Survey." 2005. Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Demographics and Statistics, Cornell University: Ithaca, NY. (With Gerry Hendershot, and David C. Stapleton.)

"The AMT: Out of Control." 2002. Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center: Policy Brief #5. September. (With Leonard E. Burman, William G. Gale, and Jeffrey Rohaly.)

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"The Tax Preference for Housing Revisited." Working Paper. (With William G. Gale and Emily Lin.)

"The Changing Distribution of Tax Burdens Over Time." Working Paper. (With Adam Looney.)

PUBLISHED OP-EDS

"Tariffs Could Survive the Supreme Court. But Why Should They?" 2025. *Barron's*, November 7.

“We Are Blundering Our Way Into a Financial Crisis.” 2025. *The New York Times*, February 18. (With Wendy Edelberg.)

“Opinion: The IRS faces more cuts under Trump. Here are three ways that could hurt the economy.” 2025. *Los Angeles Times*, January 2.

“I Was U.S. Treasury’s Chief Economist. Our Biggest Problem? It’s the Housing Crisis, Stupid.” 2024. *US News and World Report*, August 27.

“To restrain Putin in Ukraine, tighten sanctions.” 2024. *Washington Post*, May 30.

“The federal debt is on the table this election. Candidates have differing approaches.” 2024. *The Hill*, April 16.

“Opinion: Inflation isn’t the real problem for the U.S. economy. The housing shortage is.” 2024. *Los Angeles Times*, March 8.

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“The Great Recession was especially bad for older workers. The pandemic could be even worse.” 2020. *CNN Business*, June 18. (With Martin Neil Baily.)

“Social Security Isn’t the Only Retirement Crisis. Look at Medicare and Medicaid.” 2019. *Barron’s*, April 26. (With William Gale.)

“America’s retirement system is a mess. This new legislation can help.” 2019. *CNN Business*, April 16. (With Martin Neil Baily.)

“America’s retirement system is a mess. This new legislation can help.” 2019. Brookings Institution, April 23. (With Martin Neil Baily.)

“Why Businesses Should Be Optimistic About the Midterm Results.” 2018. *Fortune*, November 15.

“The Case for Revamping 401(k)s.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, September 23.

“How to Reduce Home-Ownership Risk.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, September 4.

“Why Annuities May Be Safer Than You Think.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, July 8.

“Why the Cost of Buying and Selling a Home Remains High–and What We Can Do About It.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, June 11.

“Retirement Insurance Products Are Disappearing. And That’s Dangerous.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, April 13.

“How Retirement Savers Can Protect Against the Risk of a Changing Tax Code.” 2018. *Wall Street Journal*, January 10.

“Here’s the biggest missing piece in GOP tax plan.” 2017. CNBC, September 28.

“Why Your Economic Argument Against Immigration Is Probably Wrong.” 2017. *Fortune*, September 11.

“How to Guard Against Outliving Your Money.” 2014. Brookings Institution, November 12. (With Katharine Abraham.)

“Stark Variation in Taxpayer Use of Itemized Deductions, County by County.” 2014. TaxVox, March 7.

“America Has a Retirement Spending Problem.” 2014. Brookings Institution, August 19.

“Making Saving Incentives More Equitable.” 2014. Brookings Institution, July 8.

“Should Taxpayers Rescue Debt-stressed College Grads?” 2014. Brookings Institution, June 11. (With William G. Gale.)

“Tax Expenditures for Asset-Building: Costly, Regressive and Ineffective.” 2014. Brookings Institution, April 9.

“Obama’s State of the Union Proposals Signal a Way Out For the Poor.” 2014. Brookings Institution, February 4.

“Variation in EITC Take-up, County by County.” 2014. TaxVox, January 31.

“State of the Union Speech Promotes New Retirement Savings Vehicles.” 2014. TaxVox, January 29. (With William G. Gale and David C John.)

“Rethinking Homeownership Subsidies.” 2014. TaxVox, January 6.

“The US Income Tax Burden, County by County.” 2013. TaxVox, December 16.

“The Murray-Ryan Budget Deal and the Slow Death of Public Investment.” 2013. Brookings Institution, December 11.

“Why the Next Debt Limit Debacle Might be Worse.” 2013. TaxVox, December 3.

“Why the Next Debt Limit Fight Could Convulse the Markets.” 2013. Brookings Institution, November 26.

“Sorting Through The Property Tax Burden.” 2013. TaxVox, November 18.

“What Changes in the Mortgage Deduction Would Mean for Home Prices.” 2013. TaxVox, June 5.

“Why State and Local Governments are Hurting the Recovery.” 2013. TaxVox, April 23.

“The President’s Plan to Cap Retirement Saving Benefits.” 2013. TaxVox, April 12.

“Hiking Dividend Taxes to Pay for a Corporate Rate Cut.” 2013. TaxVox, April 1.

“Automatic Retirement Saving Inches Forward.” 2013. TaxVox, March 22.

“Five Reasons Why the Sequester’s Automatic Spending Cuts are Bad Policy.” 2013. TaxVox, February 15.

“Deficits After ATRA.” 2013. TaxVox, January 31.

“The government and short-run economic growth.” 2013. TaxVox, January 31.

“Japan (Re)Tries Fiscal Stimulus.” 2013. TaxVox, January 15.

“Should Louisiana Dump Its Income Tax for a Bigger Sales Tax?” 2013. TaxVox, January 14.

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“A Guide to the Fight Over the ‘Bush Tax Cuts’.” 2010. Brookings Institution, September 13. (With William G. Gale.)

“Taxes and Housing Prices.” 2010. TaxVox, April 21.

“Is the Corporate Tax Progressive?” 2010. TaxVox, February 22.

“Is China Turning Bearish on the U.S. Treasury?” 2010. TaxVox, February 19.

“The Estate Tax and the Economy.” 2009. TaxVox, June 18.

“How Would Small Businesses Fare Under Obama’s Tax Plan?” 2009. TaxVox, April 29.

“Memo to Obama: Fixing the Tax System.” 2008. Brookings Institution, December 8. (With William G. Gale.)

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“Something to Agree On.” 2008. TaxVox, October 30.

“How McCain’s Health Reforms Would Raise Marginal Tax Rates.” 2008. TaxVox, October 9.

“Tax Credits for Electric Cars.” 2008. TaxVox, September 26.

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