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Macroeconomist with eight years of experience advising senior officials in the U.S. Congress and Federal Reserve

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee 2023 – 2024

Chief Economist

- Managed team of six (including two PhD economists) to produce high-impact research and economic forecasts
- Counseled 270 members of Congress on global macroeconomic trends, as well as U.S. economic & fiscal policy
- Delivered rapid, detailed analysis of key U.S. data prints (e.g., jobs, inflation, GDP, interest rates) to 1,500 staffers

U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs 2022 – 2023

Economist

- Advised Senators on critical economic policy issues, e.g., inflation, Treasury market liquidity, and Russian sanctions
- Briefed the Ranking Member on market developments across asset classes (equities, fixed income, FX, futures)
- Facilitated oversight of federal financial regulators, including vetting six nominees to the Federal Reserve Board

Mercatus Center at George Mason University 2020 – 2021

Postgraduate Research Fellow

- Shaped debates on monetary policy and financial markets with research, commentary, interviews, and testimony

Federal Reserve Bank of New York 2017 – 2019

Senior Analyst

- Led overhaul (bug fixes & new features) of the Trading Desk's model for forecasting its \$4.9 trillion balance sheet
- Designed and programmed a forecasting model of Treasury cash flows and debt issuance (large & complex dataset)
- Used forecasts to advise senior Fed and Treasury officials, including leading the Desk's debt limit forecasts in 2019

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 2016 – 2017

Associate Economist

- Generated forecasts and policy analysis with a large-scale model of the U.S. economy, informing monetary policy

EDUCATION

George Mason University

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

University of Chicago

Master of Science in Financial Mathematics

Rutgers University

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Economics

Raritan Valley Community College

Associate of Science in Science and Mathematics

SELECTED SKILLS: financial econometrics; macroeconomic forecasting; programming (C++, Python, R, SQL)