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Experience

Director, Roosevelt Institute, New York, NY 2019 - current

- Director of the Macroeconomic Analysis program, leading the Institute's research and analysis on the recovery, full employment, and overall state of the economy.
- Supervises 5 researchers and staff in creating original research, meeting grant deliverables, and communicating economic arguments to the public. Regularly briefs legislators and policymakers on our own work.
- Designs, maintains, and executes economic research in R and Stata, including analysis of monthly economics data from government agencies. Topics include wages, employment, and inflation.
- Serves as a resource for journalists, media, and the broader public. Cited as an expert in hundreds of press articles, with dozens of appearances on television and radio. Writes for publications such as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Vox*.

Fellow, Roosevelt Institute, New York, NY 2010-2018

- Managed projects on financial reform, corporate governance, inequality, economic recovery, and new economic paradigms. Written over 15 white papers, ranging from policy briefs to original research.
- Edited four volumes of reports, three on financial reform and one on corporate sector reform. Co-authored, with Joseph Stiglitz, a book on economic inequality.
- Designed, secured funding for, and carried out research supported by several institutions, including the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, and Open Philanthropy Project.

Financial Engineer, Moody's KMV, San Francisco, CA 2007 - 2009

- Created testing benchmarks for the Moody's KMV credit risk model. Worked with RiskFrontier software over 5 system releases, testing models of credit risk, capital requirements, stress testing, and loss reserving.
- Prototyped research algorithms covering options-based credit risk pricing in R, SAS, Matlab and Excel VB. Automated the collection and analysis of data that reduced test execution time by 40 percent. Assisted with support to clients.

Senior Test Engineer, Motorola, Schaumburg, IL 2001-2005

- Directed the execution of performance, load, and stress testing in a box test unit across four major system releases of the iDEN phone network. Awarded Motorola BRAVO Award (11/04) for "above and beyond performance contribution."
- Trained 6 employees in the methods used for load and stress testing. Managed interns and contractors in executing test cycles.

Education

M.S. Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2007

- Completed PhD-level coursework in microeconomics, econometrics, and empirical finance.

B.A. Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2001

Books

Freedom From the Market: America's Fight to Liberate Itself from the Grip of the Invisible Hand. New York: New Press, 2021.

Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy: An Agenda for Growth and Shared Prosperity. With Joseph Stiglitz, Nell Abernathy, Adam Hersch, and Susan Holmberg. New York: W.W. Norton, 2015.

Testimony

"Lending in a Crisis: Reviewing the Federal Reserve's Emergency Lending Powers During the Pandemic and Examining Proposals to Address Future Economic Crises." Testimony before the Subcommittee on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy, House Committee on Financial Services, September 23, 2021.

"The Impact of Regulations on Short-Term Financing." Testimony before the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, House Committee on Financial Services, December 8th, 2016.

Research Papers

"Reimagining Full Employment: 28 Million More Jobs and a More Equal Economy." With J.W. Mason and Lauren Melodia. Roosevelt Institute, July 2021.

"A Federal Reserve Reform Agenda: Eight Recommendations." Roosevelt Institute, September 2020.

"McConnell's Response to the Coronavirus Recession Fails Key Tests." Roosevelt Institute, March 2020.

"A Forward-Thinking Policy Response to the Coronavirus Recession." Roosevelt Institute, March 2020.

"The Empirical Failures of Neoliberalism." With Katy Milani and Ariel Evans. Roosevelt Institute, January 2020.

"A New Direction for the Federal Reserve: Expanding the Monetary Policy Toolkit." With J.W. Mason. Roosevelt Institute, November 2017.

"Demand-Side Business Dynamism." With Marshall Steinbaum. Roosevelt Institute, July 2016.

"Ending Short-Termism: An Investment Agenda for Growth." With J.W. Mason and Amanda Page-Hoongrajok. Roosevelt Institute, November 2015.

"Defining Financialization." With Nell Abernathy. Roosevelt Institute, July 2015.

"No Discount: Comparing the Public Option to the Coupon Welfare State." *New America*, December 2012.

"How Mortgage Debt is Holding Back the Recovery." Roosevelt Institute, June 2012.

"Women Laid Off, Workers Sped Up." With Bryce Covert. Roosevelt Institute, July 2011.

"The Stagnating Labor Market." With Arjun Jayadev. Roosevelt Institute, September 2010.

Editor

"Untamed: How to Check Corporate, Financial, and Monopoly Power." With Nell Abernathy and Katy Milani. Roosevelt Institute, June 2016.

"An Unfinished Mission: Making Wall Street Work for Us." With Americans for Financial Reform, November 2013.

"Will It Work? How Will We Know? The Future of Financial Reform." Roosevelt Institute, October 2010.

"Make Markets Be Markets." Roosevelt Institute, March 2010.

Columnist

<i>The Nation</i> , Economics Columnist.	2014 - current
<i>Dissent Magazine</i> , Editorial Board.	2015 - current
<i>Vox</i> , <i>The Big Idea</i> , Monthly Columnist.	2017-2018
<i>Washington Post</i> , <i>Wonkblog</i> , Weekly Columnist.	2013-2014

Select Op-Eds

- How to Have a Roaring 2020s (Without Wild Inflation)." With J.W. Mason. New York Times, June 15, 2021.
- "Why a Biden Administration Needs to Spend Big." The Nation. November 2, 2020.
- "With a Uniquely Fragile Economy, Stimulus Is Not Enough." With Felicia Wong. Boston Review, March 2020.
- "Democrats Must Become The Party Of Freedom." With Nell Abernathy. Talking Points Memo, November 2018.
- "Why are Democrats Helping to Dismantle Dodd-Frank?" New York Times, March 6th, 2018.
- "What's Left After Higher Education Is Dismantled." Rolling Stone, May 28th, 2015. "Frenzied Financialization." Washington Monthly, December 1st, 2014.
- "The Voluntarism Fantasy." Democracy Journal, March 1st, 2014.
- "Will the Coronavirus Relief Bill Prevent a Great Depression?" Hammer Museum, April 22nd, 2020.

Invited Talks

- "Is California's 15 Minimum Wage Law a Good Idea?" USD Center for Ethics, Economics, and Public Policy, September 22nd, 2016
- "Let's Re-imagine the Rules." Aggie Agora, Texas AM University, March 1st, 2016.
- "The Case for Debt Refusal." OR Books, February 25th, 2014.