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Current Position

Professor in the Practice of Finance, Yale School of Management; Professor in the Practice of Economics, Department of Economics; and Senior Fellow, Yale Program on Financial Stability, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Education

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986.

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1982.

Employment

Senior Special Advisor to the Board for monetary policy, Office of Board Members, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 2015-2017.

Director, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee, Washington, DC, 2010-2015.

Deputy Director, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Associate Economist, Federal Open Market Committee, Washington, DC, 2008-2010.

Associate Director, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 2006-2008.

Assistant Director, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 2001-2006.

Senior Economist, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 1996-2001.

Economist, Division of Monetary Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 1992-1996.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1986-1992.

Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1984-1986.

Economic Consultant, Planning Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, Summer 1984.

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Lecturer and Executive Fellow, Yale University, Department of Economics and School of Management, New Haven, CT, 2016-17. (On leave from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.)

Senior Economist, Monetary and Economic Department, Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland, 2002-2003. (On leave from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.)

Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC, 1996-1997. (On detail from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 1989. (On leave from the Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania.)

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

"Interest Rate Risk and Bank Equity Valuations." (With Skander J. Van den Heuvel, and Egon Zakrajsek.) Journal of Monetary Economics 98, 2018.

"The Federal Reserve's Framework for Monetary Policy: Recent Changes and New Questions." (With J. David Lopez-Salido, and Robert Tetlow.) IMF Economic Review 63, 2015.

"The Federal Reserve's Large-Scale Asset Purchase Programmes: Rationale and Effects." (With Stefania D'Amico, David Lopez-Salido, and Edward Nelson.) Economic Journal 122, 2012.

- “Interpreting the Significance of the Lagged Interest Rate in Estimated Monetary Policy Rules.” (With William R. Nelson and Brian P. Sack.) Contributions in Macroeconomics 3, 2003.
- “The Irrelevance of Some Forms of Credit Constraints for Government Monetary and Debt Policy.” Journal of Economics and Business 52, 2000.
- “Inflation and Financial Sector Size.” Journal of Monetary Economics 44, 1999.
- “Understanding the Costs of Sovereign Default: U.S. state debts in the 1840s.” American Economic Review 86, 1996.
- “Default, Settlement, and Signalling: Resumption of lending in a reputational model of sovereign debt.” (With Harold L. Cole and James Dow.) International Economic Review 36, 1995.
- “The Decline of Private Deposit Insurance in the United States.” Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy 38, 1993.
- “Two-sided Expropriation and International Equity Contracts.” (With Harold L. Cole.) Journal of International Economics 31, 1992.
- “Expropriation and Direct Investment.” (With Harold L. Cole.) Journal of International Economics 30, 1991.

Comments

- “Comment on ‘America’s Historical Experience with Low Inflation’.” Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking 32, 2000. (Delivered at “Monetary Policy in a Low-Inflation Environment,” a conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, New York, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis, and Minneapolis, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 18-20, 1999.)
- “Comment on Peter Garber, ‘Alexander Hamilton’s Market-Based Debt Reduction Plan’.” Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy 35, 1991.
- “Seasonal Fluctuations and the Life Cycle-Permanent Income Model of Consumption--A Correction.” (With Jeffrey A. Miron and David W. Wilcox.) Journal of Political Economy 97, 1989.

Other Published Papers

- “The Use and Effectiveness of Conventional Liquidity Tools Early in the Financial Crisis,” Chapter 2 in First Responders: Inside the U.S. Strategy for Fighting the 2007-2009 Global Financial

Crisis, Bernanke, Ben S., Timothy F. Geithner, Henry M. Paulson, and J. Nellie Liang, Eds. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2019. (With Trish Mosser.)

"Assessing the Predictive Power of Measures of Financial Conditions for Macroeconomic Variables." (With Kostas Tsatsaronis, and Edda Zoli) in Investigating the Relationship between the Financial and Real Economy. Basel: Bank for International Settlements, April 2005.

"A Tale of Two Perspectives: Old or new challenges for monetary policy?" (With Claudio Borio and Andrew Filardo.) BIS Papers No. 19, March 2003

"Interest Rate Risk and Bank Net Interest Margins." Bank for International Settlements Quarterly Review, December 2002.

"Financial Consolidation and Monetary Policy." Federal Reserve Bank of New York Economic Policy Review 8, May 2002.

"Evaluating Changes in Correlations During Periods of High Market Volatility." (With Mico Loretan.) Bank for International Settlements Quarterly Review, June 2000. (Reprinted in Global Investor, September 2000.)

"Evaluating 'Correlation Breakdowns' During Periods of Market Volatility." (With Mico Loretan.) in International Financial Markets and the Implications for Monetary and Financial Stability, Bank for International Settlements Conference Papers, Vol 8, March 2000.

"Bank Risk Rating of Business Loans." (With William R. Nelson) in Global Financial Crises: Implications for Banking and Regulation, Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference on Bank Structure and Competition, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, May 1999.

"Recent Changes to the Federal Reserve's Survey of Terms of Business Lending." (With Thomas F. Brady and William R. Nelson.) Federal Reserve Bulletin 84, 1998.

"Profits and Balance Sheet Developments at US Commercial Banks in 1997." (With William R. Nelson.) Federal Reserve Bulletin 84, 1998.

"Profits and Balance Sheet Developments at US Commercial Banks in 1994." (With Brian Reid.) Federal Reserve Bulletin 81, 1995.

"Profits and Balance Sheet Developments at US Commercial Banks in 1993." (With Brian Reid.) Federal Reserve Bulletin 80, 1994.

“Profits and Balance Sheet Developments at US Commercial Banks in 1992.” (With Allan Brunner.) Federal Reserve Bulletin 79, 1993.

“Direct Investments: A doubtful alternative to international debt.” (With Harold L. Cole.) Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review, Winter 1992.

Task Force Reports and Other Joint Products

“The Financial Sector.” Chapter 7 in the 73rd Annual Report of the Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland, 2003.

“The Impact of Financial Sector Consolidation on Monetary Policy.” (Group of Ten Task Force on the Impact of Consolidation on Monetary Policy) Chapter 4 in Group of Ten, Report on Consolidation in the Financial Sector, Basel, Switzerland, January 2001.

“Using Subordinated Debt as an Instrument of Market Discipline.” (Federal Reserve System Task Force on Subordinated Debt) Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Staff Study No. 172, Washington, DC, December 1999.

“Macroeconomic Policy and Performance.” (Council of Economic Advisers) Chapter 2 in the 1997 Economic Report of the President, Washington, DC, February 1997.

“Economic Challenges of an Aging Population.” (Council of Economic Advisers) Chapter 3 in the 1997 Economic Report of the President, Washington, DC, February 1997.

Current Projects

“Designing the Main Street Lending Program: Challenges and options.” (With J. Nellie Liang) Hutchins Center Working Paper No. 64, the Brookings Institution, June 2020.

“Monetary Policy and Financial Stability,” in The Handbook of Financial Stress Testing, J. Doyne Farmer, Alissa Kleinnijenhuis, Til Schuermann, and Thom Wetzer, Eds.

“The ‘Marketization’ of Bank Business Loan Rates in the United States.” Mimeo, Yale University, August 2019.

“Money-Financed Fiscal Programs: A Cautionary Tale.” (With Christopher J. Erceg and David Lopez-Salido.) Mimeo, Yale University, February 2018.

Unpublished Working Papers

“Do Banks Merge to Diversify?” (With William E. Watkins and Douglas M. Conover.) Mimeo. Federal Reserve Board, June 2003.

“When America Defaulted: American state debts in the 1840s.” Mimeo. Federal Reserve Board, 1993.

“Credit Rationing in General Equilibrium.” University of Pennsylvania, CARESS Working Paper No. 86-20, April 1989.

Teaching Experience

Yale University, undergraduate and MBA:

Monetary Policy

Central Banking

Financial Stability Colloquium (with Andrew Metrick)

University of Pennsylvania, undergraduate:

Introductory Macroeconomics

Macroeconomic Policy in the Short- and Long-run

Senior Honors Seminar

University of Pennsylvania, graduate:

Macroeconomic Theory I (with Fumio Hayashi)

Economic History – The Industrial Revolution in the United Kingdom

Economic History – The Industrial Revolution (with Claudia Goldin)

University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business:

Introduction to Business Economics (Macroeconomics for MBAs)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, undergraduate:

Introductory Macroeconomics

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

Special Achievement Award, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 2000.

Lilly Foundation Teaching Fellowship, 1990-91.

Irving Kravis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 1989.

University of Pennsylvania Public Policy Initiatives Fund Grant, 1988-89.

University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Grant, 1987-88.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1980.

Professional Activities and Service

Visiting Scholar, Dutch National Bank, Amsterdam, June 2018.

Member, Yale School of Management Academic Standards Committee, 2018-

Co-head (with Larry Samuelson), Organizing Committee for Okun Lectures and Conversations, Economics Department, Yale University, 2017-

Advisor for the Yale College Fed Challenge team, 2017-

Fellow, Benjamin Franklin College, Yale University, 2017-

Member, Cowles Foundation, Yale University, 2017-

Visiting Fellow, Branford College, Yale University, 2016-17.

Member, The Economic Club of New York, 2015-

Member, Association of the International Journal of Central Banking, 2010-2016.

Co-organizer (with Timothy Guinnane), “The Future of American Banking: Historical, Theoretical, and Empirical Perspectives,” a conference held at Yale University, November 9-10, 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Empirical Macroeconomics, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 1992.

Visiting Scholar, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Monetary Affairs Division, 1991.

Visiting Scholar, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, International Finance Division, 1990.

Member, Curriculum Committee of the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 1990-91.

Member, American Economic Association, 1986-present

Referee:

American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics

American Economic Review

BE Journals in Macroeconomics

Journal of International Money and Finance

Journal of Money, Credit and Banking

Journal of Monetary Economics

Journal of Macroeconomics

Journal of Political Economy

International Economic Review

International Journal of Central Banking

Quarterly Journal of Economics

Oxford University Press

Presentations, Participation at Conferences, and International Meetings (last ten years)

Seminar presentation, Deutsche Bundesbank, via Zoom, July 1, 2020. (Presenting “Designing the Main Street Lending Program: Challenges and options,” (joint work with J. Nellie Liang).

Moderator, *COVID-19 Faculty Panel: Policy Perspectives*. Yale School of Management, April 23, 2020.

Speech, World Affairs Forum, Stamford, Connecticut, February 4, 2020. (Presenting “Less Than Zero? Banking on Unconventional Monetary Policy.”)

Economic History Lunch talk, Yale University, October 31, 2019. (Presenting “The ‘Marketization’ of Bank Business Loan Rates in the United States.”)

Conference presentation, International Monetary Fund, *Rethinking Financial Stability*, October 14, 2019. (Presenting “Monetary Policy and Financial Stability.”)

Panel member, *The Repo Market Disruption: What happened and why?* workshop at the Brookings Institution, December 5, 2019.

Discussant, Federal Reserve Monetary and Financial History Workshop, May 2019. (Discussed “Wage Inflation in the Recovery from the Great Depression,” by Christopher Haines.)

Panel member, *Managing the Soft Landing of the Global Economy*, conference organized by the Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee, Washington, DC, April 12, 2019.

Seminar presentation, Economics Department, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, March 15, 2019. (Presenting “Money-Financed Fiscal Programs: A Cautionary Tale,” (joint work with Christopher J. Erceg and David Lopez-Salido)).

Discussant of “Leverage Caused the 2007-2009 Crisis” by John Geanakoplos at the Weil, Gotshal & Manges Roundtable on "Ten Years after the Global Financial Crisis: An Assessment" held at the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law. March 1, 2019

Panel member, “Fed Normalization and Longer-run Framework,” Bank Policy Institute conference *Interactions Between Fed Normalization, Money Market Conditions, and Bank Funding and Liquidity*, January 17, 2019.

Panel member, “So What Have We Learned?” Brookings Institution conference *Responding to the Global Financial Crisis*, September 11-12, 2018.

Discussant of “Whatever It Takes. What’s the Impact of a Major Nonconventional Monetary Policy Intervention?” by Stijn Classens et al, Yale Program on Financial Stability conference *The Financial Crisis Ten Years Afterwards*, August 2-3, 2018. (Comment on A

Keynote speech, Committee on the Global Financial System workshop, Basle Switzerland, February 16, 2018. (Presenting “Incorporating Financial Stability Information in Monetary Policy Frameworks: Theory and Examples.”)

Speech, Forecasters Club of New York, December 16, 2017. (Presenting “Forward Guidance: Past, Present, and Future.”)

Panel member, Euro 50 Group/China Finance Forum/Centre for International Governance Innovation conference *China-EU-North America Strategies in the New Globalization Era*, Beijing, China, September 2017 (Presenting “Thoughts on Monetary Policy Cooperation.”)

Conference presentation, Brookings Institution, *The Fiscal-monetary Mix in an Era of Low Interest Rates*, Washington, DC, June 2017. (Presenting “Money-Financed Fiscal Programs: A cautionary tale, (joint work with Christopher J. Erceg and David Lopez-Salido)).

Meeting presentation, 8th Workshop for Chief Economists from ASOEs, Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland, February 2017. (Presenting “The U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy.”)

Panel member, Euro 50 Group, Brussels, Belgium, October 2015. (Presenting “Some Thoughts on Investment in Europe and the United States.”)

Conference presentation, Federal Reserve Bank of New York conference *Mortgage Contract Design: Implications for Households, Monetary Policy, and Financial Stability*, May 2015. (Presenting “The Effects of Unconventional Monetary Policies on Mortgage Rates and the Housing Sector.”)

Panel member, Euro 50 Group, Frankfurt, Germany, March 2015. (Presenting “Five Lessons Regarding Unconventional Monetary Policy.”)

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Meetings of the Ad Hoc Group of High Level Monetary Experts, January 2011-2015. Representative from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Bank for International Settlements, Meetings of the Working Party on Domestic Monetary Policy, November 2011-2014. Representative from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Conference presentation, International Monetary Fund, 14th Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference, November 2013. (Presenting "The Federal Reserve's Framework for Monetary Policy: Recent Changes and New Questions." (With J. David Lopez-Salido, and Robert Tetlow.))

Press Coverage (last two years)

Quoted more than 70 times in publications including The Economist, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post.

Public Service

Member, Board of Trustees of St. Thomas’s Day School, New Haven, CT

Member, Vestry, St. Thomas’s Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT