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<b>Career</b>	<p><b>Michigan Education Association, <i>East Lansing, MI</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>1997- current</i></span> <b><i>Economist</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzes financial position of Michigan school districts</li><li>• Prepares MEA field staff for bargaining wages and benefits</li><li>• Prepares MEA field staff for fact-finding and mediation</li><li>• Analyzes impact of taxation, school finance, and insurance legislation</li><li>• Provides statistical information and analysis on economic and demographic trends</li><li>• Develops tools, reports, and programs to assess district finances</li><li>• Trains staff and members on school finance, insurance, taxation and economic issues</li></ul>
	<p><b>Michigan Education Association, <i>East Lansing, MI</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>1996 - 1997</i></span> <b><i>Lobbyist</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presented MEA positions on school finance and taxation to Michigan Legislature</li><li>• Lobbied individual legislators and state officials</li></ul>
	<p><b>Michigan Education Association, <i>East Lansing, MI</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>1993 - 1996</i></span> <b><i>Research Consultant</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintained statewide school finance databases</li><li>• Created reports and analysis for school district bargaining</li><li>• Trained members and staff in school finance</li></ul>
	<p><b>Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, MSU, <i>East Lansing, MI</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>1991-1993</i></span> <b><i>Associate Director</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directed Policy Analysis and Michigan Databases Divisions of IPPSR</li><li>• Served as IPPSR's chief economic analyst</li><li>• Managed staff who performed statistical, economic, taxation and public policy research</li><li>• Negotiated with state departments for annual funding</li></ul>

<b>Career Continued</b>	<p><b>Michigan Department of Treasury, Lansing, MI</b> <span style="float: right;">1987-1991</span></p> <p><b><i>Deputy Treasurer for Taxation and Economic Policy</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal economics and tax policy advisor to State Treasurer</li> <li>• Analyzed impact of tax, school finance, and expenditure proposals</li> <li>• Developed tax and budget legislation</li> <li>• Testified on behalf of the Governor and State Treasurer in legislative hearings</li> <li>• Managed Taxation and Economic Policy staff</li> <li>• Represented State Treasurer on boards of Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan Housing Development Authority, Michigan Export Development Authority</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Public Sector Consultants, Lansing, MI</b> <span style="float: right;">1986- 1987</span></p> <p><b><i>Economist</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzed state and federal tax, budget, and economic issues</li> <li>• Lobbied legislators on behalf of clients</li> <li>• Prepared research papers, reports, and releases</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Duke University, Durham, NC</b> <span style="float: right;">1982 - 1985</span></p> <p><b><i>Research Assistant and Instructor</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzed effects of value-added taxes on Canada’s banking sector</li> <li>• Microeconomics and Macroeconomics instructor</li> </ul>
	<p><b>US Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis, Washington, DC</b> <span style="float: right;">1984</span></p> <p><b><i>Intern</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studied federal tax changes that became Tax Reform Act of 1986</li> <li>• Answered Treasury correspondence</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<p>BA Economics, Michigan State University <span style="float: right;">1982</span></p> <p>MA, Economics, Duke University <span style="float: right;">1984</span></p>

**Papers**

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