

Bio of Kevin L. Kliesen
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Kevin L. Kliesen is a business economist and Bank Officer in the Research Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He joined the Bank in 1988. From mid-2010 to mid-2012, he was part of the Supervisory Policy and Risk Analysis Unit, which is housed in the Bank's Supervision and Regulation Division. He holds an M.A. in Economics from Colorado State University.

In his position as a business economist, he analyzes current U.S. macroeconomic and financial market developments and trends for the Bank president and staff economists prior to each Federal Open Market Committee meeting. He also reports on and analyzes economic conditions in the seven states of the Eighth Federal Reserve District. In this capacity, he manages the District's economic outreach activities. An important aspect of this responsibility involves managing the Bank's *Burgundy Books* and developing various materials and information sources for the Bank's outreach efforts. Another important aspect of this position involves speaking to the general public and professional groups about U.S. and Eighth District economic and developments. He has written and published extensively and developed (with his former colleague, Doug Smith) the St. Louis Financial Stress Index.

In addition to his responsibilities at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, he has taught part-time for the Department of Economics at Washington University in St. Louis since 2006. Professionally, he is a member of the American Economic Association, the National Association for Business Economics (NABE), and the Association of Christian Economists. In September 2011, he was recognized as a NABE Fellow, one of the organization's highest honors.