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Macroeconomics, Economic development, Income distribution, Public finance

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2018-present Senior Vice President, Research Division, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
2015-2016 Professor of Economics, Arizona State University (on leave from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)
2011-2018 Vice President, Research Division, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
2011-present Visiting Professor of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis
2002-2011 Henry B. Tippie Research Professor of Economics, University of Iowa
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Forthcoming Papers

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