

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Lecturer, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley (2016 – 2018)

Deputy State Controller, State Controllers John Chiang and Betty Yee (2012 – 2016)

Advise on managing cash flow, debt, tax structure, state/local finances.

Write monthly update of state budget condition.

Executive Director and Senior Fiscal Advisor, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer (2007 – 2011)

Monitor and report on state and municipal debt trends.

Implement automatic budget adjustments associated \$10 billion “trigger.”

Organize and run 4 statewide debt conferences and 38 debt seminars.

Collect debt on all state and municipal issuance and maintain database.

Publish up to 8 research papers on municipal debt per year.

Fiscal Analyst, Senate Appropriations Committee (2004 – 2006)

Provide in depth analysis of fiscal implications of legislation affecting global warming, state tax structure, health and welfare and state administration

Chief Fiscal Advisor and Chief of Staff for Senate Budget Committee, Assembly Speakers Antonio Villaraigosa and Bob Hertzberg, Senate Republican Minority Leader Ken Maddy (1991 – 2003)

Manage budget through state legislature and advise caucuses on budget alternatives.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

State and Municipal Finance (2017)

Frameworks: Introduction to Policy Analysis (2017)

Advanced Policy Analysis (2014 and 2017)

Public Budgeting (2007 and 2013), co-taught (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2014)

Sorting Out the Scrum of California Policy Making (2005 through 2007)

Instructor, Government Finance Officers Association, Chicago

Budget Institute (2016)

Lecturer, Institute for Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Cal-in-Sacramento Internship (2007)

FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Chair, Fulbright Association, Ottawa, CA (2015)

Rockefeller Fellow. Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Center, Como, Italy (2004)

Policy Fellow. Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley (2003-2005 and 2012-2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Comprehensive Tax Reform: A Contextual Framework. Sacramento: State Controller's Office, 2016.

"Goodbye to All That: Mending California's Budget," *Governing California*. Ed. Ethan Rarick Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2013.

"Fiscal Rules and Public Debt: California's Experiments with Fiscal Federalism," *Primo Rapporto sulla Finanza Pubblica - Finanza Pubblica e Federalismo*. Ed. Nicolai Marco Milan: Fondazione Rosselli, 2012.

"The Challenge Ahead: The Budget and Budget Estimates," *The Challenge Ahead*, Sacramento, CA: State Treasurer's Office, 2011.

California in the Balance: Why Budgets Matter. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2009.

"Debt Capacity as Fiscal Policy/Master Plan for Capital Improvements," *The Investments We Need for the Future We Want*. Sacramento: State Treasurer's Office, 2009.

Looking Beyond the Horizon. Sacramento, CA: State Treasurer's Office, 2007.

"Resolving Differences and Crafting Compromise: Creating a Budget for California" *Governing California*. Ed. Jerry Lubenow, Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2006.

"What Kind of State?" *A Crisis of Civil Society: Who Is Leading California?* Eds. Ali Modarres and Jaime Regalado. Los Angeles: California State University, 2004.

Capital Flows and Leaky Buckets: Securities Regulation in California, Sacramento, CA: California Senate Publications, 1997.

Editor

California Public Fund Investment Primer. Sacramento, CA: State Treasurer's Office, 2009

An Overview of Local Bond Issuance Trends, Sacramento, CA: State Treasurer's Office, 2008.

Journal Articles

"Reading Past the Executive Summary: How Public Executives Can More Actively Engage Big Data" *Government Finance Review*, February 2016.

"Expanding California's Short-Term Cash Capacity" *State Tax Notes*, April 20, 2015.

"Must Constitutional Change Precede Budget Improvement?" *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, October 2010.

"What Do Debt Loads Say about California's Fiscal Condition?" *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, March 2009.

LECTURES, SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS

"Budgeting for Operating and Debt Budgets," Budget Institute. Government Finance Officers Association, San Francisco, CA (June 2016)

"Expanding Fiscal Capacity for Canadian Municipalities," University of Ottawa seminar. Ottawa, ON CA (May 21, 2015)

"Taxes in California," Institute of Governmental Studies seminar. Berkeley, CA (April 15, 2012)

"Getting Capital Repair & Replacement Back on Track," Annual conference. Government Finance Officers Association San Antonio, NM (May 22, 2011)

"The World Was All Before Them," Public Funds Management seminar. Sacramento, CA (October 14, 2010)

"A Context for State and Local Practice: Institutional Constraints on Debt," Reinvesting in America conference. Sacramento, CA (October 12, 2010)

"Goodbye To All That" (keynote), California Municipal Treasurers Association annual conference. Sacramento, CA (April 20, 2010)

"Mapping California's Structural Deficit from Beginning to End," Is California 'Too Big To Fail'? conference. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (February 16, 2010)

"The State of California's On Going Fiscal Stress" (keynote), California Municipal Treasurers Association annual conference. Pomona CA (January 27, 2010)

- “California in the Balance,” California Community College League annual legislative conference. Sacramento, CA (January 24, 2010)
- “State Cash Flow and Credit Issues,” Municipal Finance Institute conference. Monterey, CA (November 10, 2009)
- “California’s Debt Issuance since Adoption of Governor’s Strategic Growth Plan,” The 2006 Infrastructure Bonds: Assessing Performance & Progress conference, Keston Institute University of Southern California, Los Angeles. (November 4, 2009)
- “Whither— or Wither —Public Finance in California?” California Public Finance conference. Carlsbad, CA (September 14, 2009)
- “The Evolving Standards for Disclosure in Municipal Finance.” California Public Finance conference. San Francisco, CA, (September 15, 2008)
- “The Economic Effects,” Proposition 13 at 30: The Political, Economic and Fiscal Impacts conference. Berkeley, CA (June 6, 2008)
- “Managing Debt Loads in the Annual Budget Process” Association of Budgeting and Financial Management annual conference. Washington, D.C. (October 26, 2007)
- “The Expanding Opportunities for Debt Finance?” California Public Finance conference. Carlsbad, CA (September 10, 2007)
- “California’s Debt Management: Lessons from the Issuance of the State’s Deficit Bond” (keynote), Annual GFOA Conference. Committee on Debt, Government Finance Officers Association, Anaheim, CA (June 9, 2007)
- “The Role of the Bay Area Universities in Fostering Silicon Valley,” On the Future of Berlin’s Three University conference. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany (April 2005)
- “California’s Structural Budget Deficit,” Rockefeller Bellagio Center, Bellagio, Italy (December 10, 2004)
- “Setting a Context for the 2003 Budget” (keynote), California Budget Project Annual Legislative conference (March 12, 2003)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco (2018 – present)

Member, Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning, Government Finance Officers Association (2009-2012)

