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Biography

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During the global financial crisis and its immediate aftermath, Dr. Piwowar served at the White House as a senior economist at the President's Council of Economic Advisers in both the Bush and Obama Administrations. Before joining the White House, Dr. Piwowar worked as a Principal at the Securities Litigation and Consulting Group, as a visiting academic scholar and senior financial economist at the SEC, and as an assistant professor of finance at Iowa State University.

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