

## **Brendan Valentine Duke**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**Senior Director for Federal Budget Policy**  
**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

*Feb 2025-Present*

**Senior Director for Economic Policy**  
**Center for American Progress/Center for American Progress Action Fund**

*Oct 2023-Feb 2025*

- Authored analyses on wages, inflation, economic growth, and tariffs. Analysis of tariffs was frequently cited by the Biden and Harris campaigns as well as major outlets such as *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*.
- Managed and drafted CAP's contribution to the Peterson Foundation 2024 Solutions Initiative—a comprehensive 30-year budget including detailed tax and spending policies.

**Senior Advisor for Economic Policy**  
**Office of U.S. Senator Michael Bennet**

*Aug 2022 – Sep 2023*

- Served as the lead advisor for a Senate Finance Committee member and Subcommittee Chair on tax, international trade, macroeconomic, financial market and other economic policy issues.
- Oversaw the policy, legislative, communications and outreach strategy for the Senator's main priority, the expansion of the Child Tax Credit. Worked with outside stakeholders, media, and other legislative offices to build and maintain a Senate Democratic caucus consensus on the issue.

**Senior Policy Advisor**  
**White House National Economic Council (NEC)**

*Feb 2021-Aug 2022*

**“Volunteer Treated as Staff”**  
**Biden-Harris Transition**

*Sep 2020-Jan 2021*

- Worked as member of a small team that developed the overall budget and revenue frameworks of the President's most significant legislative initiatives including the American Rescue Plan, the Administration's FY2022 budget, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Build Back Better. Provided the initial analysis of tax and budget policies that framed key decisions for senior White House officials.
- Led the White House's data analysis during the 2021 international supply chain crisis, 2022 Chinese COVID lockdowns, and 2022 infant formula shortage. Developed interagency consensus on data reflecting the situation and how industry expected the situation to evolve through extensive collaboration.
- Led communications for the interagency Supply Chain Disruptions Taskforce including running a thrice-weekly interagency war room, developing Administration's public metrics tracking supply chain conditions, and writing building blocks for presidential speeches.
- Drafted and edited memos and decks for deputies committee meetings, principals committee meetings, decisional meetings with the President, and the President's Weekly Economic Briefing. This included summarizing staff economic analysis and recommendations as well as soliciting feedback and inputs from multiple White House offices and agencies.
- Regularly provided oral and written presentations to NEC Director Brian Deese and contributed to memos to the President on tax, budget, and supply chain conditions.

**Senior Policy Analyst***Mar 2020-Feb 2021***U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee (JEC)**

- Drafted the Worker Relief and Security Act ([H.R.7821](#)), which tied unemployment insurance to economic conditions. Worked with outside interest groups and 39 other congressional offices to win their support. Secured public endorsements from former Federal Reserve Chairs Janet Yellen and Ben Bernanke, former Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, and numerous economists and unemployment insurance policy experts. Coverage in [The New York Times](#), [The Washington Post](#), [Vox](#), and more.
- Regularly briefed other congressional staff including the staff of the Speaker of the House on the state of the labor market.
- Led two JEC hearings on the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the federal government's policy response. Recruited and prepped witnesses and drafted memos for committee members.

**Associate Policy Director***Jun 2019-Nov 2019***Beto O'Rourke Presidential Campaign**

- Served as campaign's economic and health policy advisor. Wrote trade, housing, labor, and Social Security policy plans, briefed candidate on plans, worked with outside interest groups, and produced cost estimates.
- Wrote the policy sections of event prep documents, drafted debate answers, and filled out questionnaires.

**Tax Policy Analyst***Jun 2017-Jun 2019***Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

- Provided technical assistance to congressional staff and other policy organizations designing policy proposals. Assistance included providing cost estimates, editing legislative language, and improving program design.
- Regularly authored and coauthored reports and blog posts on federal tax policy topics including individual tax rates, business taxes, tax credits, tax expenditures, and retirement policy.

**Associate Economic Policy Director***Apr 2014-Jun 2017***Center for American Progress**

- Authored reports and issue briefs on macroeconomics, trade, labor policy, fiscal policy, and other economic policy topics, typically including original quantitative analysis of microdata in Stata.

**Communications Specialist/Associate****Families USA, Save the Children, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU)** *May 2008-Apr 2012*

- Pitched reporters, drafted press releases, wrote speeches, planned events, and responded to press inquiries.

**EDUCATION:****Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs***May 2014*

Master in Public Affairs, Concentration in Economics and Public Policy

**Macalester College***May 2008*

Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude in Political Science

**SKILLS**

- Experienced analyst of Census (Current Population Survey and American Community Survey), Federal Reserve (Survey of Consumer Finances), and Panel Study of Income Dynamics microdata in Stata.
- Experienced analyst of published tables from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census, Congressional Budget Office, Federal Reserve, and more