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## **Biography**

Len Burman is an Institute fellow at the Urban Institute, the Paul Volcker Professor and a professor of public administration and international affairs at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, and a senior research associate at Syracuse University's Center for Policy Research. He cofounded the Tax Policy Center, a joint project of the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution, in 2002. Burman was deputy assistant secretary for tax analysis at the Treasury from 1998 to 2000 and a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office from 1988 to 1997. He is past president of the National Tax Association.

Burman is the coauthor with Joel Slemrod of Taxes in America: What Everyone Needs to Know, author of The Labyrinth of Capital Gains Tax Policy: A Guide for the Perplexed, and coeditor of several books. He is often invited to testify before Congress and has written for scholarly journals as well as media outlets such as the Washington Post, New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. He holds a BA from Wesleyan University and PhD from the University of Minnesota.