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Dr. Faulkender joined the University of Maryland in 2008 and was the Associate Dean of Master's Programs in 2017 and 2018. He left that role at the beginning of 2019 to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In that role, he advised the Treasury Secretary on domestic and international issues that impacted the economy. In 2021, he was awarded the Alexander Hamilton Award for Distinguished Leadership, the highest service award granted at the Department of the Treasury.

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