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### **EDUCATION:**

- 1980**            **Indiana University, Bloomington**  
M.A. in Economics
- 1979**            **Indiana University, Bloomington**  
B.A. in Economics
- 1989**            **University of Maryland, Knight Center**  
Fellowship in Journalism

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- 2008-present** **Boston College**  
2010-present Center for Retirement Research, Blogger, Writer Editor  
2008-present Arts & Sciences Department, Adjunct Faculty  
2009-2010 Center for Retirement Research, Freelance Researcher and Writer
- 2011-present** **Decision Economics Inc.**  
Freelance Writer
- 2010-present** **CFO Magazine**  
Freelance Writer
- 2010-present** **RTI International**  
Freelance Writer and Editor
- 2009-present** **IHS Global Insight**  
Freelance Writer
- 2008-2009**    **Berman DeValerio**  
Media Relations Director

- 2006-2008**     **Boston University**  
Journalism Lecturer
- 1991-2008**     ***The Boston Globe***  
Business and Economics Reporter
- 1990-1994**     ***The Economist***  
Freelance Correspondent
- 1988-1991**     ***Dallas Times Herald***  
Business Reporter
- 1981-1987**     **Crain Communication**  
Investments and Government Finance Reporter and Editor

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- 2000-2008     Broadcast media interviews (PBS' *Lehrer News Hour*, CNBC, NPR's *Here and Now*, WBUR's *Basic Black*, *The News with Jim Braude* on New England Cable News, WHDH Channel 7 Boston)
- 2000-2008     New England Cable News, Contributor
- 2005-2008     Member, Governing Board, Boston Newspaper Guild, Local 31245
- 2005             Harvard University Panel on the Housing Market, Participant
- Early 2000s     John F. Kennedy School of Government Media Forum

**PUBLICATIONS:**<sup>1</sup>

*Squared Away Blog*. 2011. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Available at: <http://fsp.bc.edu/squared-away-blog/>.

*Field Report: Financial Product Fraud: Ever-Changing Disguises*. 2011 (forthcoming). Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

*Field Report: Personal Finance Instruction at U.S. Colleges and Universities*. 2011 (forthcoming). Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

*Field Report: Financial Literacy on the Web*. 2011. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

*CFO*. March 1, 2011. "Fat Cats and Fall Guys: When CEOs Live Large, CFOs Risk Paying a Price."

*CFO*. November 18, 2010. "Health Care: Spend More, Save More."

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<sup>1</sup> The following is a selection of publications, not a comprehensive list.

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*Boston Globe*. January 20, 2008. "Broker's Clients Detail Web of Dashed Dreams; Irregularities Cited in Five Mortgages."

*Boston Globe*. April 4, 2007. "Caught in the Subprime Lending Pinch: Plights of Three Borrowers Reflect Shifting Terrain for Home."

*Boston Globe*. March 5, 2007. "Foreclosure Filings Soar From Subprime Lending: Overdue Mortgages Linked to Risky Loans."

*Boston Globe*. July 13, 2007. "Borrowers Sue Subprime Lender, Allege Race Bias; Countrywide Denies Blacks Were Charged More in Fees."

*Boston Globe*. August 3, 2005. "Dark Side of Subprime Loans: Mortgages for those with bad credit leap in popularity despite high foreclosure rate."

*Boston Globe*. November 9, 2002. "Labor's New Accent: '90s Immigration Altered the Face of Mass. Employment."

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. April 7, 2002. "Picture Imperfect: Working for Polaroid Was a Long and Happy Tradition for One Extended Family – Until Bankruptcy Shattered the Legacy."

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. February 24, 2002. "Corporate Takeover Exploiting the U.S. Patent System, A Single Company Has Gained Control Over Genetic Research and Testing for Breast Cancer. And Scientists, Doctors, and Patients Have to Play by its Rules."

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. August 18, 2002. "The Haves and the Have-Nots: Why Do So Many Communities Have Serious Water Shortages, While Boston and its Suburbs Have More Water Than They Can Ever Use?"

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. October 28, 2001. "Golden Illusions: Baby Boomers Are Already Looking Forward to the Prospects of a Carefree Retirement. But for Many Women of the Generation, Realizing the Dream Will Be Elusive."

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. September 30, 2001. "Out of India: Computer Pioneers From Bombay to Delhi Are Flocking to Greater Boston to Pursue a High-Tech Version of the American Dream."

*Boston Globe*. July 1, 2001. "The Silver Lining: NAFTA Has Claimed Numerous US Jobs, as Critics Had Warned, but the Treaty is Giving the US Textile Industry a Chance at Survival."

*Boston Globe*. March 20, 2001. "Greenspan Losing Halo, Getting Heat."

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. January 14, 2001. “Market Values: There Should Be More to Economics Than Self-Interest, Says a Cadre of Female Scholars. Among Other Social Issues, These Economists Point to Wage Inequities and Child Care.”

*Boston Globe*. Feb 6, 2000. “Prosperity Slow to Trickle Down: Last week, the nation reached a milestone: the longest economic expansion in its history. But not everyone prospered equally from the sustained growth of the 1990s, and the gap widened between the wealthiest citizens and the bottom 20 percent of wage earners. Five families from across the wealth spectrum talked about how their financial status has changed over the last 10 years.”

*Boston Globe*. Nov 10, 1996. “To Find a Nugget for Fund, Money Manager Treks to Far, Dusty Reaches of Globe.”

*The Economist*. February 3, 1996. “Coming to America 1: Give Me Your Squalling Masses.” Boston, Mass.

*Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. July 23, 1995. “High Fidelity: Fidelity Investments' unrivaled success has grown out of a culture that values experimentation and embraces change. Today, it is the dominant player in an industry it has shaped.”

*The Economist*. January 21, 1995. “The Catholic Church: Wrestling with Evil.” Boston, Mass.

*The Economist*. October 30, 1993. “When Irish Eyes Are Fading.” Boston, Mass.

*The Economist*. June 29, 1991. “Abortion: Numbered Days.” Boston, Mass.

*The Economist*. June 1, 1991. “Religion: Too Relaxed for the South.” Dallas, Texas.

*The Economist*. March 30, 1991. “Savings and Loans: Building on the Rubble.” Dallas, Texas.

*The Economist*. February 23, 1991. “Airports: Unloved.” Dallas, Texas.

*The Economist*. January 5, 1991. “Texan Banks: Throwing Away the Key.” Dallas, Texas.

*The Economist*. December 1, 1990. “Racial Politics: The Lash Back.” Dallas, Texas.

*The Economist*. September 1, 1990. “Texas: No Gusher.” Dallas, Texas.

*Business Week*. November 12, 1990. “You Can’t Get Sushi at the Local 7-Eleven – Yet.”