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Lessons Learned Oral History Project

David Wessel

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) interviewed David Wessel about the time he spent covering the 2007-09 Global Financial Crisis (GFC) as a working journalist. Wessel spent 30 years on the staff of *The Wall Street Journal*, most recently as economics editor and writer of the weekly Capital column. He shared two Pulitzer prizes, including one in 2003 at the Journal for stories on corporate scandals. As the crisis was developing, Wessel spent time following Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke and writing a book, *In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic* (2009).

At the time of this interview, Wessel was Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at The Brookings Institution and Director of the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy, the mission of which is to improve the quality of fiscal and monetary policies and public understanding of them. He joined Brookings in December 2013.

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