



Yale SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT  
*Program on Financial Stability*

## Lessons Learned Oral History Project

### Jason Furman

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The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted Jason Furman by email to request an interview regarding his time advising the presidential election campaign of Senator Barack Obama and his subsequent role as a top economic advisor to President Obama during and in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2007-09.

Furman, who had served at both the Council of Economic Advisers and National Economic Council during the Clinton administration, played a key role in most of Obama's major economic policies. He served as Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from August 2013 to January 2017, acting as both President Obama's chief economist and a member of the cabinet. He is currently Professor of the Practice of Economic Policy jointly at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) and the Department of Economics at Harvard University and nonresident senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

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