The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) reached out to Davis via email to request an interview regarding her time working at the Treasury Department during the Global Financial Crisis. Davis was assistant secretary for public affairs and director of policy planning for Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr., from 2006 until January 2009. She had held the same job at the Treasury Department under Secretary Paul O’Neill from 2001 to 2002. Davis returned to the Treasury after a stint in the George W. Bush White House, where she was deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser for global communications from 2005 to 2006. Before the White House, she had been a senior VP at Fannie Mae.

After leaving government, Davis joined the public relations agency the Brunswick Group as a partner and was responsible for overseeing communications for British Petroleum in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon accident and Gulf of Mexico oil spill in 2010. At the time of this interview, Davis was working at Morgan Stanley.

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