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## Current positions:

Senior Fellow, Trade Partnership Worldwide, LLC, 2025 to Present

## Selected past positions:

*President*, Trade Partnership Worldwide, LLC, 2001 to 2024.

*President*, The Trade Partnership, 1991 to 2024.

*Senior Economist*, C & M International Ltd., Washington, DC, 1988 to 1991.

*Senior Economist*, Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon, Washington, DC, 1984 to 1988.

*Economist*, National Planning Association, Washington, DC, 1978 to 1984.

## Education:

M.A. in economics, 1978, Columbia University.

B.S.F.S. in international economics 1977, Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service.

## Selected research projects:

*Trade and American Jobs: The Impact of Trade on U.S. and State-Level Employment: 2024 Update*. Washington, DC: the Business Roundtable, Forthcoming (with J. Francois).

*Classic Domino Effect: Imposition of New Duties on Imports of Tin Mill Products Will Hurt American Workers*. Washington, DC: April 2023 (with J. Francois).

*Impacts of Section 301 Tariffs on Imports from China: Case Studies of Apparel, Footwear, Travel Goods and Furniture*. Washington, DC: January 2023, prepared for the American Apparel & Footwear Association, Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America, National Retail Federation, Retail Industry Leaders Association, United States Fashion Industry Association

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*The U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Program: Economic Benefits to American Communities.* Washington, DC: February 2019, prepared for National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones.

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*An Accident Waiting to Happen? The Estimated Impacts of Tariffs on Motor Vehicles and Parts.* Washington, DC: Policy Brief, May 29, 2018 (with J. Francois).

*Tariffs on Imports from China: The Estimated Impacts on the U.S. Economy.* Washington, DC: April 30, 2018, prepared for Consumer Technology Association and National Retail Federation (with J. Francois).

*Round 2: Trading Partners Respond, the Estimated Impacts of Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum.* Washington, DC: Policy Brief, March 13, 2018 (with J. Francois).

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*Does Import Protection Save Jobs? The Estimated Impacts of Proposed Tariffs on Imports of U.S. Steel and Aluminum.* Washington, DC: Policy Brief, March 5, 2018 (with J. Francois).

*Terminating NAFTA: The National and State-by-State Impacts on Jobs, Exports and Output.* Washington, DC: the Business Roundtable, January 2018 (with J. Francois).

*The Economic Impact of U.S.-Canada Supply Chains.* Washington, DC: Embassy of Canada, 2016.

*The Impact of a U.S.-Brazil Trade Agreement on the U.S. Economy.* Washington, DC: Brazil-U.S. Business Council, February 2016 (with J. Francois)

*Rethinking "Made in America" in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Washington, DC: National Retail Federation, 2014.

*Today More than Ever: Oregon and Portland/Vancouver Depend on International Trade and Investment.* Portland, OR: The Portland Business Alliance, October 2013.

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