

Ben S. Bernanke

(Special town hall event via video conference)

Chairman

Board of Governors

Federal Reserve System

Bernanke is Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He also serves as chairman of the Federal Open Market Committee, the System's principal monetary policymaking body. He originally took office as Chairman on Feb. 1, 2006, when he also began a 14-year term as a member of the Board. His second term as Chairman ends Jan. 31, 2014, and his term as a Board member ends Jan. 31, 2020. Bernanke has served as chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers and chair of the Economics Department at Princeton University. His teaching career has included Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University and Stanford University, and he is often cited for his scholarly work on the Great Depression. In addition to his academic contributions, he has worked with civic and professional groups, including two terms as a member of the Montgomery Township (N.J.) Board of Education. He grew up in Dillon, S.C., where his father worked as a pharmacist and his mother as a teacher. He graduated summa cum laude in economics from Harvard University and earned a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dionissi Aliprantis

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Aliprantis is a research economist in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He is primarily interested in applied econometrics, labor and urban economics, and education. His current work investigates neighborhood effects on education and labor market outcomes. Aliprantis completed his PhD at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2010. He earned his BS in mathematics and BA in economics and Spanish at Indiana University.



Stephen M. Clayton

Economic Education Specialist
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Clayton joined the economic education unit of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in August 2010. One of his primary responsibilities is researching and developing technology-driven resources to enhance understanding of economics and personal finance. His particular focus is the secondary classroom. Prior to joining the Bank, he was a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Carrollton, Texas. Clayton has a BA from Austin College with a focus on economics, philosophy and mathematics and has done postgraduate work in economics at the University of North Texas.

Julian Jamison

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Jamison is a senior economist in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. His research focuses on how individuals choose their actions, especially with regard to risk tolerance, time preferences and demand for information. He pursues these studies using lab experiments, field experiments and theoretical analyses. Prior to joining the Boston Fed in 2009, he was affiliated with the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern, the School of Public Health at the University of California at Berkeley and the Department of Psychology at the University of Southern California. He is also a visiting faculty member at Yale, a fellow in the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard's Kennedy School and a research affiliate at Innovations for Poverty Action. He has consulted for multiple private and public organizations, including the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA-Ames, the World Bank, and the National Institutes of Health. Jamison received degrees in mathematics from Caltech and a PhD in economics from MIT.

Janet Koech

Assistant Economist

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Koech is a member of the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute. She conducts research and current analysis on international economic issues, produces articles for Bank publications and contributes to the Dallas Fed's website by writing updates on the international economy. She has worked with emerging markets data, has an interest in applied monetary economics and development, and is taking a leading role in designing measures and indicators of world economic activity. Koech has been with the Dallas Fed since 2007. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Kansas.

Anne Macy

Gene Edwards Professor of Finance

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Macy teaches finance and investment courses at West Texas A&M and frequently speaks at financial and economic education seminars. She is widely published in periodicals such as the *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, *Southwestern Economic Review* and *Journal of Entrepreneurship Education*. Macy is the recipient of numerous distinguished research and outstanding professor awards. She serves on the editorial review board of the Institute of Finance Case Research and the Academy for Economics and Economic Education. She is also an active member of the Texas Council on Economic Education. Macy holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of South Dakota and master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Texas Tech University.



Pia Orrenius

Assistant Vice President and Senior Economist
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Orrenius joined the Dallas Fed in 1999. As a labor economist and member of the regional group, she analyzes the regional economy, with special focus on the border region. Orrenius' research also focuses on the causes and consequences of Mexico-U.S. migration, unauthorized immigration and U.S. immigration policy. She coauthored the 2010 book *Beside the Golden Door: U.S. Immigration Reform in a New Era of Globalization*. Orrenius spent the 2004-05 academic year as senior economist on the Council of Economic Advisers, where she advised the Bush administration on labor, health and immigration issues. Orrenius is affiliated with several academic institutions. She is a Tower Center Fellow at the Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University and a research fellow at the IZA Institute of Labor in Bonn, Germany. Orrenius is also an adjunct professor at Baylor University (Dallas campus), where she teaches in the executive MBA program. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles and bachelor's degrees in economics and Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ed Skelton

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Skelton's primary analysis concerns the economies of Latin America, with a focus on the banking industry and financial system. This work supports the Federal Reserve Bank's supervision of foreign banks that have offices in the United States. He has appeared on National Public Radio, and his work has been cited in the *Wall Street Journal*, *BusinessWeek*, *Newsweek*, specialized industry publications and academic studies as well as other prominent daily newspapers in the U.S., Mexico and Brazil and many other Latin American countries. Skelton is also active in the Federal Reserve's economic education program. In addition

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Velez teaches and researches in international economics and international business. He is active in professional and business organizations concerned with international trade and business, including the San Antonio World Trade Association, the Academy of International Business and the Latin American Studies Association. He can be heard and seen on TV and radio programs, including the Voice of Americas, KTSA, Univision and Catholic Television of San Antonio. He regularly appears in both English and Spanish newspapers. He frequently writes for scholarly publications and has published a chapter on NAFTA through MacMillan Press of the United Kingdom. Velez was born in Colombia and has lived and worked in Mexico, Venezuela and Austria. He has conducted several seminars abroad, including a program on maquiladoras for the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan in Tokyo. He received his BA from the American University, School of International Service, and an MA and PhD from the University of Florida.



Princeton Williams

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Williams joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in 2006. Prior to coming to the Bank, he taught economics, AP macroeconomics and AP microeconomics at Paschal High School in Fort Worth. Selected as lead teacher for AP economics for the Fort Worth ISD, Williams coauthored the district's economics curriculum, mentored new economics teachers and conducted citywide review sessions for AP students. Williams interned in the economic and market analysis division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during his graduate studies. He is an adjunct instructor of economics at the Dallas-Fort Worth campus of Concordia University of Texas. Williams received a BBA from Southern Methodist University and an MA in economics from the University of Texas at Arlington.

