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When I joined MPERS in 2007, I was the second investment staff person hired as MPERS was working to diversify its investment portfolio. Over the years, as MPERS' investment portfolio has grown, we have added additional staff. I currently manage the Hedge Fund and Private Equity portfolios; although, with a small staff of four, I stay involved with the entire portfolio.

I currently serve on the executive board (Secretary/Treasurer) of the Missouri Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems. MAPERS hosts an annual conference that is dedicated to the education of pension plan trustees throughout the state. We serve as an advocate for defined benefit plans.

Prior to joining MPERS, I worked as a Fixed Income Trader at Central Bank in Jefferson City, MO specializing in government, corporate, and mortgage bonds. Prior to moving to Jefferson City, I worked in the insurance industry managing the implementation and maintenance of variable annuities and variable life insurance products.

I have a Masters in Finance from St. Louis University and a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Valparaiso University. I also hold the CAIA designation (Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst).