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Richard Burkhauser joins Ron to explain why this recession is different from other recessions. Christine Ries stops by to discuss the proposed budget plans. Politico's Ben White talks Obama budget with Ron. Jim Awad delivers some Market Intelligence.

Guests

# James Awad

Managing Director

Jim Awad joined Zephyr Management in September 2008. Previously, Mr. Awad served as the Chairman of WP Stewart, Awad Asset Management, and BMI Capital. Jim Awad is a graduate of Harvard Business School and graduated Cum laude from Washington & Lee University. He currently serves on the board of One East Avenue, is on the Investment Committee of Brick Church, and is a member of the Economics Club of New York.

# **Richard Burkhauser**

Professor, Cornell University

**Biographical Statement:** 

My research focuses on how public policies affect the economic behavior and well-being of vulnerable populations, e.g., older persons, people with disabilities, and low-income households. I have published widely on these topics in journals of demography, economics, gerontology, as well as public policy.

# Current Professional Activities:

Richard V. Burkhauser joined PAM in 1998. His professional career has focused on how public policies affect the economic behavior and well-being of vulnerable populations, e.g., people with disabilities, older persons and low-income households. He has published widely on these topics in journals of demography, economics, gerontology, as well as public policy. He is immediate past President of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

Courses Taught: Econ 1110: Introductory Microeconomics Econ 4460/PAM 4460: Economics of Social Security

Education: B.A., Economics, St. Vincent College, 1963-1967 M.A., Economics, Rutgers University, 1967-1969 Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 1972-1976 **Current Research Activities:**  With research funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Richard V. Burkhauser is currently focusing on issues related to better measuring the employment and economic well-being of the working-age population with disabilities both in the United States and in European Union countries, as well as estimating the impact of greater access to health insurance to their employment. He is also working on other health and disability issues, including evaluating the potential impact of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 on employer-provided health care benefits, and on economic inequality. As a member of the RAND Financial Planning Research Consortium (Social Security Administration), he is working on a project that will increase the knowledge of SSI-disabled children beneficiaries and their families on the returns to work once these children age out of the SSI-disabled children program.

## **Christine Ries**

Professor, School of Economics. Georgia Institute of Technology Dr. Christine P. Ries came to Georgia Tech as Professor and Chair of the School of Economics in 1997. She has previously taught at The Harvard Business School, The Fuqua School of Business at Duke, the Peter Drucker Graduate Management Center at Claremont, and at Stanford University. She is a specialist in International Finance, Markets and Organizations, and Economics of the Firm in the School of Economics. Her articles include publications in The Journal of International Business Studies, The Harvard Business Review, Euromoney, and The Financial Analysts' Journal, among others. Her books address the policies of international corporations and the politics and economics of emerging markets. She is the author of over 20 case studies that have been published by the Harvard Business School. Several appear in her co-authored book of case studies and many are printed and reprinted in other case books and textbooks. She has served on the Board of The Academy of International Business and on the editorial boards and as referee of several major professional and academic journals. Service on advisory councils includes service to several foreign universities and governments and U.S. companies.

## **Ben White**

Financial Reporter, Politico

Ben White, 38, is Wall Street correspondent for POLITICO and author of the "Morning Money" column covering the nexus of finance and public policy.

Prior to joining POLITICO in the fall of 2009, Mr. White served as a Wall Street reporter for the New York Times, where he shared a Society of Business Editors and Writers (SABEW) award for breaking news coverage of the financial crisis.

From 2005 to 2007, Mr. White was Wall Street correspondent and U.S. Banking Editor at the Financial Times.

Mr. White worked at the Washington Post for nine years before joining the FT. He served as national political researcher and research assistant to columnist David S. Broder and later as Wall Street correspondent.

Mr. White, a 1994 graduate of Kenyon College, has two sons and lives in New York City.