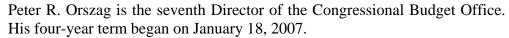


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- Director, The Hamilton Project, February 2005–January 2007. The Hamilton Project aims to promote a framework that will foster strong, sustained, and broad-based economic growth. It

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- Director, Retirement Security Project, January 2004–January 2007; Research Professor, Georgetown University, January 2005–January 2007. Relying on independent research and evidence-based results, the Retirement Security Project promotes retirement security among moderate- and lower- income families. A joint venture between Georgetown University and the Brookings Institution, it is funded by a multimillion, multiyear grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts.
- Director, Competition Policy Associates, Inc. (Washington, DC); May 2003–January 2007; Senior Director, Sebago Associates, Inc. (Washington, DC), March 2002–January 2007; President, August 1998–February 2002. Clients included the World Bank, Nordic Council of Ministers, Governor of California, Central Bank of Iceland, Government of Trinidad and Tobago, National Collegiate Athletic Association, and businesses ranging from small companies to the Fortune 500 corporations.
- Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA), January 1999–December 2000. Taught the intermediate macroeconomics course to 300–350 undergraduates. Supervised six to eight teaching assistants.
- Consultant, McKinsey & Company (San Francisco, CA), June 1998–August 1998. Advised one of the nation's largest HMOs on developing its 1999 budget and redesigning its budget process.
- Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, National Economic Council (The White House), November 1997–May 1998; Senior Economic Adviser, January 1997–October 1997. Served as top economic adviser to the Council's Director. Portfolio included Social Security, climate change, macroeconomic analysis, electricity restructuring, personal bankruptcy reform, privatization of the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, and a variety of other economic issues.
- Senior Adviser to the Council, Council of Economic Advisers (Executive Office of the President), May 1996–November 1996; Senior Economist, July 1995–May 1996. As the senior staff member of the Council, wrote the 1996 APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation] Economic Outlook; wrote and edited sections of the Weekly Economic Briefing of the President and the Economic Report of the President; and represented the United States at international meetings, including ones of APEC and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

- Professional Research Staff, Centre for Economic Performance (London School of Economics), October 1994–June 1995. Member of International Finance, Capital Markets, and Macroeconomic research groups.
- Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, August 1993–July 1994. Areas of concentration included international macroeconomics, international trade, and the reform process in the former Soviet Union.
- Economic Adviser, Macroeconomic and Fiscal Unit (Ministry of Finance, Russian Government), January 1993–August 1993. Assisted the Russian Government in its negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.
- Research Officer, Centre for Economic Performance, September 1992–August 1993. Wrote *Russian Economic Trends*, the quarterly report of the Russian Government.

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- London School of Economics, Ph.D. in economics, March 1997. Thesis: *Dynamic Analysis of Regime Shifts Under Uncertainty: Applications to Hyperinflation and Privatization*
- London School of Economics, M.Sc. in economics with distinction, June 1992. Awarded M.Sc. Economics Prize, June 1992. Awarded Marshall Scholarship, 1991–1992.
- Princeton University, A.B. *summa cum laude* in economics, June 1991. Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, June 1991. Awarded John Glover Wilson Memorial Prize in Economics, June 1991.
- Phillips Exeter Academy, graduate with High Honors, June 1987.

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