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CBA faculty member named to national academy

Champaign, Ill. — Jeffrey Brown, assistant professor of finance and a former senior economist on the White House Council of Economic Advisers, was recently elected a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit organization of the nation's leading experts on social insurance. NASI promotes understanding and informed policymaking on social insurance and related programs through research, public education, training, and information exchange. New members are nominated by two current members and must be confirmed by the Academy's board of directors.

Prior to joining the Illinois faculty, Brown was an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. During 2001-2002, he was a Senior Economist on the White House Council of Economic Advisers where he focused primarily on Social Security, pension reform, and terrorism risk insurance. He also served on the staff of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security in 2001.

Brown holds a Ph.D. in economics from MIT, a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University, and a B.A. from Miami University. He has published extensively on public and private insurance markets and is co-founder and co-editor of the *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the Executive Office of the President, and several private firms.

Social insurance encompasses broad-based systems for insuring workers and their families against economic insecurity caused by loss of income from work and the cost of health care. NASI's (<http://www.nasi.org/>) interests and activities cover social insurance such as Social Security, Medicare, and workers' compensation as well as unemployment insurance, related public assistance, and private employee benefits.

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