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KANSAS CITY FED ANNOUNCES OFFICER PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENT

The following officer promotion and appointment were recently announced by Esther George, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City:

Jonathan Willis was promoted to vice president and economist. In this role, he will continue to provide macroeconomic policy advice and analysis to the Bank's president and research director while also supporting the Bank and Federal Reserve System's research automation initiatives and maintaining an active research agenda.

Willis joined the Bank in 2000 as an economist in the Research Division and was appointed assistant vice president and economist in 2007. He previously worked as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and was a visiting professor at the University of Texas. Willis holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Grinnell College as well as a master's in political economy and a Ph.D. in economics from Boston University.

Willem Van Zandweghe was appointed assistant vice president and economist. In this role, he will continue to provide macroeconomic policy support and maintain an active research agenda.

Van Zandweghe joined the Bank in 2008 as an economist in the Research Division and was promoted to senior economist in 2011. Prior to joining the Bank, he was an economist at the Federal Planning Bureau in Belgium and served as an instructor at Carnegie Mellon University. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Leuven, a master's in econometrics from Catholic University of Louvain and a Ph.D. in economics from Carnegie Mellon University.

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