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As Georgia Budget & Policy Institute's first executive director, Alan brings a wealth of experience and understanding of state government to his role in carrying out GBPI's mission. In addition to leading a dedicated and talented staff and board, he analyzes overall state budget proposals and revenue policy issues. Alan frequently presents economic analyses of budget and tax proposals to the Georgia State Legislature and testifies before its committees. He also regularly addresses state-wide civic groups where he presents tax reform solutions and policies, and serves on national steering committees. Alan has a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a master's degree in public administration from the State University of New York at Albany. Georgia Trend magazine named Alan one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians in 2010. He has been quoted in both state and national publications such as NPR Weekend Edition, New York Times, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Savannah Morning News and Albany Herald, to name a few.

Policy Areas:

- *State Budget*
- *State Taxes*

Recent Published Work:

- ***Georgia's Budget Primer 2012 (August, 2011)***
Report provides an overview of the FY 2012 budget and budget trends in key areas such as education, public safety, health care and human services.
- ***Tax reform misses opportunities (April 1, 2011)***
Editorial published in the Rome News Tribune
- ***Georgia needs more than just budget cuts to end the fiscal crisis (March 11, 2011)***
Editorial published in the Macon Telegraph
- ***Extra Credit: We are asking the wrong questions about HOPE (March 2, 2011)***
Editorial published in the Athens Banner-Herald