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In addition to his expertise on public sector retirement benefits, Draine has conducted research and analysis across the 50 states that inform state policy decisions on a wide range of issues, including state transportation investments, state revenue systems, economic development, and mortgage lending.

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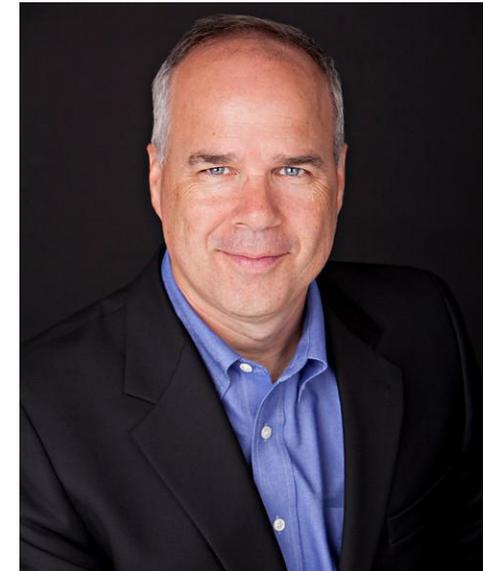


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He previously served as manager of budget and planning for the Arizona State Retirement System and he provided fiscal research and analysis for the Texas and Arizona legislatures. Keith currently serves on the Texas Pension Review Board. He earned his master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs.





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# Resources

**The Pew Charitable Trusts Website:** <http://www.pewtrusts.org/>

**Pension Resources:** <http://www.pewstates.org/projects/public-sector-retirement-systems-329171>

**National Association of State Retirement Administrators:**

<http://www.nasra.org>

**NCSL's Pension Resources Homepage:**

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