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J. Michael Dedmon (Michael) is NEFE's director of Research, leading initiatives that identify the most innovative research and effective practices in pursuit of redefining financial education. He co-leads NEFE's growing efforts to combine economic data with commissioned public opinion polling to produce new insights into the financial lives of segments of the population.



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