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Philanthropy and Public Needs, 1974-75

Chairman, President's Council of Economic
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Member, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors,
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Member, Advisory Panel, Congressional
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Chairman, Commission on the Consumer Price
Index, 1995-1996

Advisor, Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress
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Member, Advisory Board, National Income and
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Member, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors,
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Member, Commission on 21st Century Economy, 2009
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Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 1993

Lester Crown Distinguished Faculty Fellow,
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Chairman, President's Council of Economic
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Wohlford Professor of Economics, 1987-92
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Director, Center for Economic Policy Research
Stanford University, 1981-88

Visiting Professor of Economics,
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FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Tax and Budget Theory and Policy
Applied Macroeconomics and Monetary Policy
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National Association of Business Economists
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Department Citation & Chancellor's Award for the Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, University of California, 1967
National Tax Association Award for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation of 1970-71
Mellon Foundation Faculty Research Fellow, 1979
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Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University, 1988
W.S. Johnson Award for Contributions to Free Enterprise, National Federation of Independent Business, 1990
Public Servant of the Year Award, University of California Alumni Association, 1990
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Distinguished Public Service Award, Stanford University, 1993
Adam Smith Prize, National Association of Business Economists, 1998.
President, International Atlantic Economic Society, 2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Too Many Promises: The Uncertain Future of Social Security, Dow-Jones-Irwin, 1986.

Reagan and the Economy: Successes, Failures, Unfinished Agenda, Institute for Contemporary Studies, 1987.

The Economic Report of the President, with R. Schmalensee and J. Taylor, United States Government Printing Office, 1990.

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Economics and Human Welfare: Essays in Honor of Tibor Scitovsky, Academic Press, 1979.

The Economics of Taxation, with H. Aaron, Brookings, 1980.

The Economy in the 1980's: A Program for Stability and Growth, Institute for Contemporary Studies, 1980.

The Federal Budget: Economics and Politics, with A. Wildavsky, Institute for Contemporary Studies, 1982.

Private Saving and Public Debt, with J. Flemming and S. Gorini, Basil Blackwell, 1986.

Modern Developments in Public Finance, Basil Blackwell, 1987.

Economics of Public Debt, with K. Arrow, MacMillan, 1988.

Frontiers of Tax Reform, Hoover Institution Press, 1996.

Nafta At Twenty: The Past, Present and Future of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Stanford, CA, Hoover Institution Press, 2014.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

"The Negative Income Tax and the Supply of Work Effort," National Tax Journal, December 1967, (undergraduate senior honors thesis).

"The Effects of Taxes on the Supply of Labor: With Special Reference to Income Maintenance Programs," National Tax Association Papers and Proceedings, 1971.

"Unions and Relative Real Wages," American Economic Review, June 1972.

"Local Government Tax and Product Competition and the Optimal Provision of Public Goods," Journal of Political Economy, January 1973.

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"Theoretical Models of Local Government Finance," Proceedings of the 26th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, 1973.

"A Conditional Logic Model of Occupational Choice," Journal of Political Economy, March 1974.

"The Effects of Government Expenditures and Taxes on Female Labor," American Economic Review, May 1974.

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"Efficiency Aspects of the Differential Tax Treatment of Market and Household Economic Activity," Journal of Public Economics, February 1975.

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"Estate Taxation and Charitable Bequests," Journal of Public Economics, January 1976.

"Recent Econometric Research in Public Finance," American Economic Review, May 1976.

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"Social Security and Retirement Decisions," Economic Inquiry, January 1977.

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