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American Academy of Political and Social Science	Frances Perkins Fellow (2002)
American Assembly	Member, Board of Trustees (1976-1993)
American Economic Association	Member, Executive Committee (1988-1990) Member, Budget Committee (1988-1990) Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (1975-1977)
American Youth Policy Forum Compendium: Supporting College- and Career-Readiness for All Youth	Member of Advisory Group (2008 -)
Aspen Institute, Domestic Strategies Group	Member (1998-2001)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	President (1988)
Brown Center on Education Brookings Institution	Member of Advisory Committee (1995-1997)
CALDER Center	Member, Advisory Board (2006-)

Center for Economic Policy Research Stanford University	Member, Advisory Board (1987-1993)
Center for Research on Child Well-Being	Member, Advisory Board (2001-2005)
Center for Strategic and International Studies	Member, Commission on Strengthening of America (1991-1993)
Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy	Member, Advisory Board (2002-)
Comeback America Initiative	Member, Advisory Council (2010-)
Committee for Economic Development	Chair, Research Advisory Board (1995-1999)
Communitarian Network	Member, Research Advisory Board (1985-1988) Council Member (1995-)
Council for Excellence in Government	Member, Board of Trustees (1996-2007)
Democracy	Member, Editorial Committee (2006-)
DOL Commission on Workforce Quality and Labor Market Efficiency	Commissioner (1988-1989)
Family Impact Seminar	Member, Board of Directors (1995-1999)
Future of Children	Senior Editor (2005-2008, 2009-)
German Marshall Fund	Member, Board of Trustees (1991-1993)
Greenhill & Co., Inc.	Member, Board of Directors (2004- 2009)
Institute for American Values	Member, Academic Advisory Committee (2001-)
Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin	Member, National Advisory Committee (1987-1990)
Issues & Images Television Trust	Honorary Co-chair (1999)
Journal of Economic Literature and Policy Analysis	Member, Editorial Board (1980-1983)
Journal of Economic Perspectives Watch” (regular column, 1989-1993)	Member, Editorial Board and Editor, "Policy Watch” (regular column, 1989-1993)
Manpower Demonstration Research Corp.	Member, Board of Directors (1986-93 and 1998-)
Milken Institute Review	Advisory Board (1999-)

National Campaign to Prevent
Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Board President (1996-)

National Marriage Project
National Planning Association

Member, Research Advisory Board (1997-)
Member of Policy Advisory Group on New
Directions: African Americans in a Diversifying
Nation (1995)

National Poverty Center

Senior Research Affiliate (2003-)

National Research Council

Member, Board on Science, Technology, and
Economic Policy (1991-1993)

Population Action International

Member, Board of Trustees (1996-2005)

Population Reference Bureau, Inc.

Member, Board of Trustees (1989-1992)

Public Interest

Member, Publications Committee (1990-1993 and
1996-2005)

Resources for the Future

Member, Board of Trustees (Vice Chair, 1989-1992)

Smith Richardson Foundation
Advisory Committee (1995-2003)

Member, Children and Families at Risk Grants

Urban Institute

Co-chair, Advisory Board, Assessing the New
Federalism (1996-2000)