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## **AWARDS**

American Academy of Political and Social Science 2015 Moynihan Prize (with Ron Haskins)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2014 Exemplar Award

Frances Perkins Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science

American Economic Association Distinguished Fellow 2017

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

America's Promise

Alliance Research Council (2005- )  
Alliance Trustee (2005- )

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) Member, Research Advisory Board (1985-1988)
Communitarian Network	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)