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**Education**

Harvard College, 1963-1967

A.B. magna cum laude, 1967  
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa,  
National Merit Scholarship, Detur Book Prize

London School of Economics, 1967-68

Awarded Knox Fellowship by Harvard to study in England; studied at LSE as research student in international history

University of California at Berkeley, 1968-69

In direct Ph.D. program in American history; passed Ph.D. oral screening exam, May 1969; awarded Danforth and Woodrow Wilson fellowships

**Honorary Degrees**

Honorary doctorates from Tufts University (1992); Occidental College (2008); Haverford College (2016).

**Employment**

- 1981-2020: Founder and President, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- 1981 (Feb-Nov): Director, Project on Food Assistance and Poverty (which became CBPP in Dec. 1981)
- 1979-1981: Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (CEO of federal agency responsible for administering the domestic food assistance program)
- 1972-1977: Project director and program analyst, Community Nutrition Institute, a non-profit organization in Washington DC
- 1969-1972: History teacher, Newton South High School, Newton, Mass.

**Honors and Awards (partial list)**

Selected by Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, to deliver Godkin Lecture and receive Richard Neustadt Award, 2021

MacArthur Fellowship, 1996

Heinz Award for Public Policy, 2008

Daniel Patrick Moynihan Prize, awarded by American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2010

Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2002

John W. Gardner Award (awarded by Independent Sector), 2008

Distinguished Service Award, American Association for Budget and Program Analysis, 1992

Distinguished Service Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1980

Public Service Achievement Award, Common Cause, 1991

Human Needs Hero award, Coalition on Human Needs, 2007

### **Other Service**

Appointed by President Clinton and served as a member of the Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform (the “Kerrey-Danforth Commission”), 1994

Directed the federal budget component of Obama transition team, 2008. (This was the 501(c)(3) transition team established by John Podesta and William Daley in the summer of 2008.)

Served as a member of Board of Directors of various organizations, including the National Academy of Social Insurance, Feeding America, Share Our Strength, and the American Public Human Services Association.

Currently serves on the Comptroller General’s Advisory Committee (GAO), and the advisory committee for the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy (at the Kennedy School at Harvard).

Currently serves on the National Academy of Social Insurance’s (NASI) Study Panel on Economic Security, which will complete its work in 2021.

Currently serves on the Policy Translation Working Group of NASI’s COVID-19 Task Force.

### **Publications and Testimony**

Op-eds, articles, and book chapters have appeared in a range of publications including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Brookings Review*, *New Republic*, *American Prospect*, *Nation*, *Dissent*, and others

Have testified approximately 150 times before Congress

A few notable *book chapters* are:

“Universal and Targeted Approaches to Relieving Poverty: An Alternative View,” in Christopher Jencks and Paul E. Peterson, eds., *The Urban Underclass*, The Brookings Institution, 1991.

“Policies to Alleviate Rural Poverty,” with Isaac Shapiro in Cynthia Duncan, ed., *Rural Poverty in America*, Auburn House, 1992.

“A Broken Federal Fiscal Policy ... and How to Fix It,” with Peter Orszag, in Mark Green, ed., *What We Stand For: A Program for Progressive Patriotism*, New Democracy Project, 2004.

“Relieving Poverty: Welfare and Non-Welfare Approaches,” in Mark Green and Mark Pinsky, eds., *America’s Transition: Blueprints for the 1990s*, Democracy Project, 1989.

“State Tax Relief for Low-Income People” with Frederick Hutchinson in Steven D. Gold, ed., *The Unfinished Agenda for State Tax Reform*, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1988.

“Welfare Reform Issues Affecting Families with Children — What Can Be Done in the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress,” in *Work and Welfare: The Case for New Directions in National Policy*, Center for National Policy, 1987.

Other *articles* include:

“The Student Revolt in West Germany,” *New Republic*, June 1968

“Why Six Million Poor Southerners Can’t Be Fed,” *New South*, Winter 1973

“Losing Faith in Losing Ground” (a critique of Charles Murray’s *Losing Ground*), *New Republic*, March 1985

“The Great Society: An Exchange,” *New Republic*, April 1985.

“Prisoners of the Economy,” *New York Sunday Times Book Review*, Oct. 25, 1997. (This Sunday Book Review front-page article was a review of William Julius Wilson’s *The Truly Disadvantaged*.)

“New Thinking About Poverty” (a review of David Ellwood’s *Poor Support*), *Dissent*, Spring 1989.

“Relieving Poverty: An Alternative View,” *The Brookings Review*, Summer 1991.

“The Kindest Cut” in *The American Prospect*, Fall 1991.

“Reform Social Security,” *The Nation*, June 1999.

I’ve also authored or co-authored numerous analyses or other products issued by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. This is a [link](#) to more than 500 CBPP publications posted on CBPP’s website that I authored or co-authored.