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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Yale University, 1978
Master of Philosophy, Political Science, Yale University, 1974
Graduate Certificate of Computer Science, American University, Washington, D.C., 1971 (earned evenings during military service)
Bachelor of Arts, University of Wisconsin, 1968

Teaching and Administrative Experience

2012- Founding Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
2012- Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science and Robert La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1989-12 Professor, Department of Political Science and Robert La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1998-12 Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1999-02 Director, Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2001- 02 Director, Industrial Relations Research Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1998-99 Associate Director, Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs
1987-90 Associate Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
1985-86 Associate Director, Robert M. La Follette Institute of Public Affairs.

- 1984-88 Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 1977-83 Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, and Robert M. La Follette Institute of Public Affairs.
- 1976 Instructor, Yale University School of Organization and Management.

Teaching and Research Interests

Public Policy
Education Policy
American Politics
Democratic Theory
Budget and Tax Policy
Methodology

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2012 Hilldale Career Achievement Award in the Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2012 Career Mentor Award, Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association.
- 2009-14 State Evaluator for Wisconsin Charter Schools, appointed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 2008- Senior Research Fellow, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas.
- 2008-11 “A Longitudinal Analysis of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Principal Investigator, Kern Foundation (\$432,000).
- 2006-07 Visiting Professor, Australian National University, Canberra Australia
- 2006-07 Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- 2006-11 “A Longitudinal Analysis of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program” (Joint Principal Investigator with Patrick Wolf and Jay Greene, University of Arkansas). (approximately \$8 million)
- 2006-08 RAND Incorporated subcontract, “National Charter Schools Study: Adding Clarity to the Debate.” (\$62,000)
- 2006-07 Mellon Foundation, “Assessing Equity and Excellence in Public Higher Education: Evidence From a Large Public University.” Joint Principal Investigator. (\$280,000)
- 2005-08 Spencer Foundation Grant, “Integrating Educational Choice Programs: Theory and Empirical Evidence” (\$283,000)
- 2001-04 U.S. Department of Education Grant, “A Comparison of Charter Schools in High-and Low-Choice School Districts” (\$660,000).
- 1998 -00 Spencer Foundation Mentor's Grant to support graduate students in education policy studies (\$50,000).
- 1998 Visiting Professor, London School of Economics, London, England.

- 1997 Visiting Research Professor, IREX, Hungary, Poland, Romania
- 1994-97 Member, National Academy of Sciences Committee on “Goals 2000 and its Effect on Students with Disabilities.”
- 1994-95 Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (\$52,000) to evaluate the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program for 1994-95.
- 1990-93 Grant from Spencer Foundation totaling (\$417,000), “An Analysis of Milwaukee Private and Public School Choice.”
- 1986-87 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford CA.
- 1984-85 Governor's Study Commission Task Force Grant (\$350,000) to study the Metropolitan Milwaukee Public Schools.
- 1984 Federal Emergency Management Administration National Research and Training Fellowship.
- 1981-82 National Post-doctoral Fellowship, Russell Sage Foundation.
- 1980-82 National Science Foundation Grant “The Classification and Politics of Tax Expenditures.”
- 1975-76 Department of Labor Grant - Project in Industrial Democracy.
- 1972-75 National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship in Psychology of Politics Program, Yale University.
- 1968 National Woodrow Wilson Fellow.
- 1964-68 Phi Eta Sigma, Sophomore Honors, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa (Jr. Year).

Publications—Books

- Charter Schools in Eight States: Effects on Achievement, Attainment, Integration, and Competition*** (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2009). With Ron Zimmer, Brian Gill, Kevin Booker, Stephane Lavertu, and Tim R. Sass.
- Vouchers and Public School Performance: A Case Study of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program*** (Washington D.C.: Economic Policy Institute, 2007). With Martin Carnoy, Frank Adamson, Amita Chudgar, and Thomas Luschei.
- The Market Approach to Education: An Analysis of America's First Voucher Program*** (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2000, paperback edition, 2001).
- Educating One and All: Students with Disabilities and Standards-Based Reform*** (Washington, D.C.: National Research Council, 1997). One of twelve National Academy of Sciences committee members who wrote this book over two years.
- Choice and Control in American Education: Volume I: The Theory of Choice and Control in Education. Volume II: The Practice of Choice, Decentralization, and School Restructuring*** (London, New York, and Philadelphia: Falmer Press, 1990). (Edited with William Clune).
- State Policy Choices: The Wisconsin Experience*** (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1988). (Edited with Sheldon Danziger).
- The Politics and Development of the Federal Income Tax*** (Madison: University of Wisconsin

Press 1985; paperback edition, 1986).-

Democracy, Authority and Alienation in Work: Workers' Participation in an American Corporation (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1980; paperback edition, 1982).

Publications— Refereed Articles

- "Similar Students, Different Choices: Who Uses a School Voucher in an Otherwise Similar Population of Students?" *Education and Urban Society*. (Forthcoming, 2013). Fleming, David J., Joshua M. Cowen, John F. Witte, and Patrick J. Wolf.
- "School Vouchers and Student Attainment: Evidence from a State-Mandated Study of Milwaukee's Parental Choice Program." *Policy Studies Journal* 41(1): 147-168 (2013). Cowen, Joshua M., David J. Fleming, John F. Witte, Patrick J. Wolf, Brian Kisida.
- "Going Public: Who Leaves a Large, Longstanding, and Widely Available Urban Voucher Program?" *American Educational Research Journal* 49(2): 231-256 (2012). Cowen, Joshua M., David J. Fleming, John F. Witte, Patrick J. Wolf.
- "Charter School Authorizers and Student Achievement." *Economics of Education Review* 31 (2): 254-267 (2012). With Deven Carson and Lesley Lavery.
- "Examining Charter School Achievement Effects Across Seven States." *Economics of Education Review* 31 (2): 213-224 (2012). With Ron Zimmer, Brian Gill, Kevin Booker, and Stephane Lavertu.
- "The Determinants of Interdistrict Open Enrollment Flows: Evidence from Two States." *Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 33 (1): 76-94 (2011). With Deven Carlson and Lesley Lavery.
- "Accountability Metrics and Pay for Performance in Education and Health Care." *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 7(5) (2010). http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2010/sept/10_0045.htm.
- "Immigration Reform: Strategies for Legislative Action." *The Forum*: 7:3 (2009); article 2. With Benjamin Marquez.
- "Vouchers." *Handbook of Education*. Washington, D.C. American Education Research Association, 2009.
- "A Proposal for Income Targeted, State-Level, Pre-school Vouchers." *Peabody Journal of Education* 82 (4): 1-28 (2007).
- "Going Charter? A Study of School District Competition in Wisconsin." With Arnold Shober and Paul Schlomer. *Peabody Journal of Education* 82 : 410-439 (2007).
- "The Performance of Charter Schools in Wisconsin." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 26 (Summer): pp. 557- 574 (2007). With David Weimer, Arnold Shober, and Paul Schlomer.
- "Analyzing State Charter School Laws and Their Influence on the Formation of Charter Schools in the United States." *Policy Studies Journal* 34 (Nov.): 563-588 (2006). With Arnold Shober and Paul Manna.
- "Is It Privatization or Educational Choice That Matters?" *Social Science Quarterly* 85(5): 1052-1056 (2005).

- “The Role of the Bureaucracy in the Transition to Democracy in Eastern-Central Europe.” With Gyorgy Jenei. *Society and Economy in Central and Eastern Europe Quarterly*, Vol. 1: 33-66 (2001).
- "Wisconsin Ideas: The Continuing Role of the University in the State and Beyond," *New Directions in Higher Education* 112 (winter): 7-16 (2000).
- “Education in the New Millennium: Continuity and Change in Public Education,” *Stanford Law and Policy Review* 11 (Spring): 225-34 (2000).
- “School Choice in Action: The Milwaukee Voucher Program,” *Civil Rights Law Journal* 10 (1): 1001-11 (1999).
- “The Milwaukee Voucher Experiment,” *Journal of Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, (winter): 229-251 (1998).
- “Who Chooses? Vouchers and Interdistrict Choice Programs in Milwaukee” (with Chris Thorn), *American Journal of Education* 104 (May): 186-217 (1996).
- “Three Critical Factors in the School Choice Debate,” *Social Science Quarterly* 76 (Spring): 502-6 (1995).
- “The Politics of Taxation and Finance: Two New Contributions,” *Journal of Policy History* 5: 403-8 (1994), review essay.
- “Educational Choice Reforms: Will They Change American Schools?” *Publius*, 23 (Summer): 95-114 (1993). With Mark Rigdon.
- “A Classic Debate Revisited: The Policy/Administration Dichotomy in Tax Politics.” *International Journal of Public Administration* 16:1177-98 (1993).
- “Private Versus Public School Achievement: Should the Findings Affect the Choice Debate?” *Economics of Education Review* 11 (December): 371-94 (1992).
- “Congress and Tax Policy: Problems and Reform in Historical Context.” *American Journal of Tax Policy* 10 (Fall):107-26 (1992)
- “Public Subsidies for Private Schools: What Do We Know and How to Proceed?” *Educational Policy* 6 (June): 206-27 (1992). A version of this paper was simultaneously reprinted in Peter W. Cookson Jr. (ed.), *The Choice Controversy* (Newbury Park, Calif.: Corwin Press, 1992) pp. 103-28.
- “Choice in American Education,” *Educational Considerations* 19(Fall): 12-19 (1991).
- “The Tax Reform Act of 1986: A New Era in Tax Policy?” *American Politics Quarterly* 19 (October): 438-57 (1991). Reprinted in Sven Steinmo, *Tax Policy* (Cheltenham UK: Edward Elgar, 1998): pp. 492-511.
- “A Systematic Test of the Effective Schools Model.” *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 12 (Summer): 188-212 (1991). With Daniel Walsh.
- “Flights of Fancy: Two Hundred Years of Ways and Means,” *Tax Notes* (December): 1259-61 (1989).
- “The Long View of Tax Reform,” *National Tax Journal* 39 (September): 255-60(1986).
- “The Distribution of Tax Expenditures,” *Policy Studies Review* 3 (September, 1983). Reprinted in Sven Steinmo, *Tax Policy* (Cheltenham UK: Edward Elgar, 1998): pp. 460-484.

Publications—Book Chapters or Other Articles

- “The Market for Schooling.” In D.E. Mitchell, R. Crowson, and D. Shipps (eds.), *Shaping Education Policy: Power and Process*. Forthcoming. With Douglas Harris.
- “Charter Schools: Do They Cream Skim, Increasing Racial ?” In M. Barends, M. Cannata, and E. Goldring (eds.), *School Choice and School Improvement*. Harvard Education Press, Cambridge, MA, 2011, pp. 215-232. With R. Zimmer, B. Gill, K. Booker, and S. Lavertu.
- “The Performance of Charter Schools in Milwaukee.” Brookings Institution Issues Paper. Brookings Institution. Washington D.C. 2009. With Stephane Lavertu.
- “The Politics of Property Tax Base-Narrowing.” In Michael Bell (ed.). *Erosion of the Local Property Tax Base: Trends and Consequences*. Lincoln Land Institute. Washington, D.C., 2009.
- “Regulation in Public and Private Schools in America,” in Stephen Macedo, David Ferrero, Charles Venegoni, and Patrick Wolf (eds.), *Educational Choice and Civic Values in Comparative Perspective* (Washington, D.C., The Brookings Institution), 2004, pp. 365-367.
- “Educational Choice: A Deep Divide.” In Antonio Novoa (ed.), *Space and Time in Education*, Lisbon, Portugal, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 2002, pp. 155-172.
- “The Milwaukee Voucher Experiment: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly,” *Phi Delta Kappan*, vol. 81, Sept.1999, pp. 59-64.
- “Cost Benefit Issues and the Implications of Reducing Class Size in Public Schools,” Oak Brook, IL (North Central Regional Educational Laboratory, 1999).
- “School Choice,” in Carl Grant (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Educational Diversity*, 1997, pp.103-5.
- “School Choice and Student Performance in Public Schools,” in Paul Thurston (ed.), *Advances in Educational Administration*, Raleigh N.C.: JAI Press, 1997, pp. 167-89.
- “Research and Evaluation Issues Relating to W-2,” (with Tom Corbett) *Focus* vol. 18, No.1, 1996, pp. 74-77.
- “School Choice and Student Performance,” in Helen Ladd (ed.), *Holding Schools Accountable* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution), 1996, pp. 149-76.
- “Who Benefits for the Milwaukee Choice Program,” in Bruce Fuller and Richard Elmore (eds.), *Who Chooses? Who Loses? Culture, Institutions, and the Unequal Effects of School Choice* (New York, Teachers' College Press), 1996, pp. 118-37.
- “Who Chooses? Vouchers and Inter-district Choice Programs in Milwaukee” (with Chris Thorn), in *Midwest Approaches to School Reform* (Chicago: Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, 1995), pp. 127-55.
- “The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution,” and “Taxation,” in Donald C. Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morton Keller (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress* (New York, Simon and Schuster, 1994), pp. 1818-19 and pp. 1923-32.
- “The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program,” in Edith Rasell and Richard Rothstein (eds.), *School Choice: Examining the Evidence* (Washington, D.C.: Economic Policy Institute, 1993), pp. 69-109.

- “Market Versus State-Centered Approaches to American Education: Does Either Make Much Sense?” in Harry Redner (ed.), *An Heretical Heir of the Enlightenment: Science, Politics and Policy in the Work of Charles E. Lindblom* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1993), pp. 235-64.
- “Choice and Control in American Education: An Analytical Overview,” in William Clune and John Witte (eds.), *Choice and Control in American Education: Vol. I* (New York and London: Falmer Press, 1990), pp. 11-47.
- “Choice and Control in American Education,” Special Report of *La Follette Policy Report* (Fall/Winter 1989), pp.1-6.
- “Power Versus Participation: The Wisconsin State Budget Process,” in Danziger and Witte (eds.), *State Policy Choices* (1988) (with Mark Rom.)
- “Income Tax Reform,” in Sheldon Danziger and John Witte (eds.), *State Policy Choices: The Wisconsin Experience* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1988).
- “The Growth and Distribution of Tax Expenditures,” in Sheldon Danziger and Kent Portney (eds.), *Distributional Impacts of Public Policies* (New York: Macmillan, 1987).
- “Congress Versus the President on Tax Policy,” in James P. Pfiffner (ed.), *The President and Economic Policy* (Philadelphia: ISHI Publications, 1985).
- “The Revenue Foundations of Modern Government: Federal Tax Policy from 1932 to 1964,” in *Taxation* (Washington, D.C.: National Conference on Social Welfare, 1985).
- “Democratic Procedures and Tax Policy,” in Joseph A. Pechman (ed.), *A Citizen's Guide to Tax Reform* (Totowa, N.J.: Rowman and Allanheld, 1985).
- “Welfare Errors and Welfare Administration in the State of Wisconsin,” (Washington, D.C.: National Academy of Public Administration, 1981).
- “Tax Philosophy and Income Equality,” in Charles W. Anderson and Robert A. Solo (eds.), *Value Judgment and Income Equality* (Praeger, 1981).

Reports

- “Milwaukee Independent Charter Schools: Report on Four-Year Achievement Growth.” February, 2012. With Patrick Wolf, and Deven Carlson.
<http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” February 2012. With Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Patrick Wolf.
<http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Longitudinal Education Growth Study: Fifth Year Report.” University of Arkansas. February, 2012. With Patrick Wolf, Joshua Cowen, and David Fleming. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Milwaukee Independent Charter Schools: Report on Two and Three-Year Achievement Growth.” March, 2011. With Patrick Wolf, Alicia Dean, and Deven Carlson.
<http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” March 2011. With Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Patrick Wolf.
<http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.

- “Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Longitudinal Education Growth Study: Fourth Year Report.” University of Arkansas. March, 2011. With Patrick Wolf, Joshua Cowen, and David Fleming. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Longitudinal Education Growth Study: Third Year Report.” University of Arkansas. March, 2010. With Patrick Wolf, Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Juanita Lucas-McLean. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “School and Sector Switching in Milwaukee.” University of Arkansas. March, 2010. With Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Patrick Wolf. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Longitudinal Education Growth Study: Second Year Report.” University of Arkansas. March, 2009. With Patrick Wolf, Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Juanita Lucas-McLean. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- “Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Longitudinal Education Growth Study.” University of Arkansas. February, 2008. With Patrick Wolf, Joshua Cowen, David Fleming, and Juanita Lucas-McLean. <http://www.uark.edu/ua/der/SCDP/research.html>.
- Report on the Living Wage Symposium** (Madison: Robert M. La Follette Institute of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000) (with Shirley Smith, Terry Shelton, Robert Pollin, and Alice Honeywell).
- “Private and Public Education in Wisconsin,” Madison: Robert La Follette Institute of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Issues Paper, 1995.
- “Fifth Year Report: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Report to the Wisconsin State Legislature, Dec., 1994 (with Chris Thorn and Troy Sterr).
- “Fourth Year Report: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Report to the Wisconsin State Legislature, Dec., 1994 (with Chris Thorn, Kim Pritchard, and Michelle Claibourn).
- “Third Year Report: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Report to the Wisconsin State Legislature, Dec., 1993. (With Chris Thorn and Andrea Bailey)
- “Second Year Report: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Report to the Wisconsin State Legislature, Dec., 1992 (with Chris Thorn and Andrea Bailey).
- “First Year Report: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Report to the Wisconsin State Legislature, November 1991.
- “Choice in American Education.” Appalachia Educational Laboratory and Robert La Follette Institute of Public Affairs. Issues Paper, September 1990.
- “Educational Enrollment, Attainment and the Effects of Educational Achievement in the North Central States,” ERIC document CG 019968, 1987.
- Better Public Schools: Commission Report on the Quality of Education in the Metropolitan Milwaukee Public Schools** (Madison: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 1985)
- Author or co-author of the following commissioned research reports (1985):
- “Metropolitan Milwaukee Teacher Survey Report, Report One” (with Julie Backus).

“Metropolitan Milwaukee Teacher Survey Report, Report Two.”

“Metropolitan Milwaukee Dropout Report, Report Three.”

“Metropolitan Milwaukee District Performance Assessment, Report 4” (with Daniel Walsh).

“Metropolitan Milwaukee Specialty Schools and Programs, Report 5” (with Douglas Archbald).

“Correlates of Educational Performance, Report 6” (with Daniel Walsh).

“Parents and Schools, Report 7” (with Susan Phillips and Michael Smith).

Selected Professional Activities

- 2012 “The Impact of High Stakes Testing on Students in Private Schools.” Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), San Francisco, March. With Joshua M. Cowen, Deven E. Carlson, David J. Fleming, and Patrick J. Wolf
- 2011 “Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C., November. With Josh Cowen and Patrick J. Wolf.
- “Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.” European Political Science Association Conference, Dublin, Ireland, June. With David J. Fleming and Patrick J. Wolf.
- 2010 “How and Why Parents Choose: An Analysis of School Choice in Milwaukee.” With David Fleming and Josh Cowen. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Denver, April 4 to May 5, 2010.
- 2009 “Charter Schools, Economic Competition, and Intra-state Patterns of Policy Diffusion.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 2-4, Toronto Canada. With Deven Carlson.
- “Accountability Metrics and Pay for Performance in Education and Healthcare.” Paper prepared for the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 13-15, 2009
- “Is University Education Becoming More Elite? And if so, is it a Change in Applications, Enrollment or Graduation?” Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 2-4, Washington, D.C. With Barbara Wolfe.
- “School and Sector Switching in Milwaukee: An Analysis of Public and Private School Students in the Context of a Large Urban Voucher Program.” Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 2-4, Washington, D.C. With Josh Cowen, David Fleming and Patrick Wolf.
- “Charter School Governance and Student Outcomes.” Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 2-4, Washington, D.C. With Deven Carlson and Lesley Lavery.
- 2008 “The Competitive Effects of Charter Schools: Evidence from Colorado and Wisconsin.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 8-11, Chicago, IL. With Devon Carlson and Lesley Lavery.

- “A Multifaceted Analysis of Milwaukee Charter Schools.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, Boston, MA. With Stephane Lavertu.
- “The “Effect” of Parental Choice on Student Outcomes: Methodological Approaches in a New Longitudinal Study of School Vouchers in Milwaukee.” Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 8, Los Angeles, CA. With Joshua Cowen and David Fleming.
- “The Gender Gap in American Education.” Poster presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 8, Los Angeles, CA. With Sara Dahill-Brown and Lesley Lavery.
- 2007 “The Politics of Property Tax Base-Broadening.” Paper presented at George Washington University and Lincoln Land Institute Conference on Property Tax Base Broadening, October 10, Washington, D.C.
- “Competition for Students in Public Schools: A Multi-State Study.” Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy and Management Annual Meeting, November 8-10, Washington, D.C. With Deven Carlson.
- 2006 Keynote Speaker, Wisconsin Charter Schools Conference, Appleton Wisconsin.
- Roundtable presentation and paper discussant, American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 7-10.
- Plenary Keynote Speaker, Policy History Conference, Charlottesville VA, June 1-4.
- “The Political Economy of School Choice.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Thirty Years of School Choice in Milwaukee.” Roundtable organizer and participant at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 6, Madison, WI.
- 2005 “Accountability and Regulation in American Schools.” Paper presented at the No Child Left Behind Act and the Federal Role in Education Conference, February 2-4, 2005, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Feb 5, 2005.
- 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, paper, “Going Charter: A Study of School District Competition in Wisconsin,” paper. With Arnold Shober and Paul Schlomer.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, paper, “The Political Economy of School Choice,” paper. With Arnold Shober, Paul Schlomer, and Jason Engle.
- 2003 “The Benefits of Early Childhood Education: The American Experience, keynote address, “Vouchers for Pre-School Education: Reflections from America,” paper, both at the International Conference on Pre-School Education and Public Policy: The Taiwan Case in Comparative Perspective, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, paper, “Charter Schools in Wisconsin: Assessing Form and Performance.”
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, paper, “Analyzing State Charter Laws and Their Influence on the Formation of Charter Schools in the United States.” With Arnold Shober and Paul Manna.

- 2002 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, paper, “Student Selection in Educational Choice Programs Around the World.”
- American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, paper, “The Supply- Side Response to the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.”
- 2000 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meeting, paper, "The Efficiency of Equality."
- 1999 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “Is America Avoiding Race?”
- 1997 American Economic Association Annual Meeting paper, “The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: Achievement Test Score Results.”
- The Business Roundtable, Education Reform Institute, Washington, D.C., May. Debated Howard Fuller on School Choice.
- The World Bank, Seminar on Education Finance Workshop, Washington, D.C. Paper entitled “Achievement Effects of the Milwaukee Voucher Program.”
- National Center for Education Statistics, Data Conference, Washington, D.C. August. Paper entitled “The Politics and Results of the Milwaukee Voucher Program.”
- 1996 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting paper, “The Politics of Private School Choice in America.”
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “Politics, Markets, or Money? The Political-Economy of School Choice.”
- British Educational Research Association Annual Meeting paper, “Educational Choice in America: The Gap Between Theory and Practice.”
- Keynote speaker and paper at the First Edwin J. O’Leary Symposium on Financial Management, University of Illinois, “School Choice and Student Performance in Public Schools.”
- Institute for Research on Poverty Conference paper, “Welfare Reform and Education.”
- 1994-97 National Academy of Sciences Committee to Study the Impact of “Goals 2000: Educate America Act” (on students with disabilities).
- 1994 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “A Formal Theory of Freedom.”
- 1993 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting paper, “The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program: The First Thirty Months.”
- 1992-93 National Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Education study of the Minnesota Educational Choice Programs.
- 1992 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “The Milwaukee Low-Income Voucher Experiment” (with Mark Rigdon).
- 1991 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “Market Versus State-Centered Approaches to American Education: Does Either Make Much Sense?”
- 1990 Association for Socioeconomics Convention paper, “Choice in Education.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “Understanding High School Achievement: After a Decade of Research, Do We Have Any Confident Policy Recommendations?”
- 1989 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “The 1986 Tax Reform: A New Era in Income Tax Policy?”
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Convention paper, “Choice and Control in American Education: A Theoretical Overview.”
- 1987 American Educational Research Association Convention paper, “A Systematic Test of the Effective Schools Model” (with Daniel Walsh).
- 1985 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “The Income Tax Mess: Deviant Process or Institutional Failure?”
- 1982 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, chaired panel, “Federal Tax Policy,” and delivered paper entitled “Incremental Theory and Income Tax Policy: The Problem of Too Much, Not Too Little Change.”
- 1981 Policy evaluation of the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.
- 1980-81 Policy consultant to the Governor of Wisconsin.
- 1978 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting paper, “An Irresistible Impulse: The Tax Expenditure Problem.”

STATE SERVICE/Research/Work Experience

- 2006-12 State Evaluator, Milwaukee Parental Choice (Voucher) Program. Named as evaluator in Wisconsin Statute 2125, December 2005.
- 2009-14 State Evaluator of Wisconsin Charter Schools for the Department of Public Instruction as part of an \$83 million Wisconsin Charter School Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- 1990-95 State Evaluator, Milwaukee Parental Choice (Voucher) Program. Appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 1984-85 Executive Director, Study Commission on the Quality of Education in the Metropolitan Milwaukee Public Schools. Appointed by Governor Earl.
- 1975-76 Project Coordinator, Quality of Working Life Program, James B. Lansing Sound, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. Full-time position with dual role as researcher and active participant in the development of a workers' participation program.
- 1972-74 Research Assistant for Data Analysis and Survey Research, Yale University.
- 1968-71 Systems analyst, computer programmer, and mathematical analyst while an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Policy Studies Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

American Education Research Association

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN-MADISON

SELECTIVE SERVICE

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE SERVICE

Robert La Follette School of Public Affairs-

Director, 1999-2001

Associate Director, 1985-86; 1998-99

Executive Committee, 1984 -

Chair, Admissions and Fellowships Committee., 1985-86; 1998-99

Budget Committee, 1984-86, Chair, 1999-01; 2004-05

Recruitment Committee, numerous years

Political Science Department, -

Associate Chair, 1987-90

Executive Committee, 1984 -

Industrial Relations Research Institute -

Director, 2001-02

Chair, Director Search Committee, 2000-01

Executive Committee, 1984 - 2002

Ph.D. Admissions and Curriculum Committee, numerous years

Strategic Planning and Faculty Recruitment, 1994-96

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Letters and Science Facilities Committee, 2008 -

Honors Program Advisory Committee, 2008 -

Graduate School Social Science Fellowship Committee, 2007 -

Joint L & S and School of Education Committee on Teacher Social Science Education, 2007 -

Review Committee for the Chancellor of the Dean of the School of Education, 2003-04.

Co-chair, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Collegiate Licensing Consortium, 1999-01,

Member of the Managing Board, Transportation Research Center, School of Engineering, 1999-

Social Science Executive Committee (tenure granting committee) - 1994-1996

Officer Education Committee (ROTC) - 1980 – 2006; Chair 1997 - 2006

Institute for Research on Poverty -Faculty Affiliate, 1977 - ; Executive Committee, 1984-1996
UW Press Committee, 1990-92