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Employment:

2008- Research Professor of Political Economy, Department of Political Science, Duke University

1997 - 2006 Professor of Political Economy, Department of Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University

1997-2001 Head, Department of Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University

1964-1996 Visiting Lecturer to Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Books:

The Impact of Negro Voting: The Role of the Vote in the Quest for Equality. (Chicago: Rand McNally, 1968; Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1981).

The Party's Choice. (with Donald R. Matthews) (Washington: Brookings, 1976).

Economic Politics: The Costs of Democracy (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995)

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Selected articles:

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"Partisanship, Institutions, and Change in American Trade Politics," (with Kyoungsan Pak), Journal of Politics 4 (November 1995) pp. 1130-1142.

"Appointments, Presidential Power, and the Federal Reserve," (with Irwin L. Morris), Journal of Macroeconomics 19 (Spring 1997) pp. 253-267

“Political Economy” (with Michael C. Munger) in George Thomas Kurian, ed. The Encyclopedia of Political Science (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2011) vol. 4, 1245-1249.

“The Anatomy of Government Failure” (with Michael C. Munger) Public Choice 164 (July 2015) 1-42.

Miscellaneous:

Chapman Family Fellowship in Recognition of Distinguished Teaching, 1996

Listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers 1996

American Political Science Association: Executive Council, 1984-1986; Chair, Committee to select winners of Woodrow Wilson Prize 2006

Southern Political Science Association: President 1989-1990.

Visiting Professor: Harvard University, MIT, Caltech