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Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. He served as director of the Institute from 1974-1994.

He has collaborated in activities with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF). He has supervised comprehensive studies of legislative organization and procedures commissioned by the legislatures of six states, consulted with legislatures on the subject of legislative ethics, and has participated in legislative orientation sessions in a dozen other states. Currently, he is working with NCSL, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the Center for Civic Education on the development and communication throughout the states of a new public perspective on representative democracy.

In recent years he has done work in the international field. On a number of occasions he has addressed foreign parliamentarians who were assembled at NCSL annual meetings or traveling through the U.S. In late 2001 as part of a project being conducted by SUNY-Albany, he led two workshops at a conference of parliamentarians in Bulgaria. Early the following year he returned to Bulgaria to provide two weeks of training to a staff division of the Parliament. In October 2002 he gave an address to a conference on Le parlementarisme an XXI siècle in Quebec.

In New Jersey he chaired the Ad Hoc Commission on Legislative Ethics and Campaign Finance, which in 1990 was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and President of the Senate. In 1992 and 2001 he was selected to be the independent member and to chair the New Jersey Congressional Redistricting Commission, which had responsibility for Congressional redistricting. In 1993 he received the Governor's Award for Public Service in New Jersey.

In 1995 he received the American Political Science Association's Charles E. Merriam Award which honors a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research. He served also as a Fellow in Harvard's Program on Ethics and the Professions and as a Research Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School. His Ph.D. is from Princeton.

His writing on state legislatures and state politics includes LEGISLATIVE LIFE (Harper and Row, 1981); GOVERNORS AND LEGISLATURES (CQ Press, 1990); THE THIRD HOUSE: LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING IN THE STATES, 2d edition (CQ Press, 2001); DRAWING THE LINE: LEGISLATIVE ETHICS IN THE STATES (University of Nebraska Press, 1996); and THE DECLINE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY (CQ Press 1998). His monograph, THE ETHICS PROCESS IN STATE LEGISLATURES: DISCIPLINING MEMBERS IN A PUBLIC FORUM, was published by NCSL and SLLF in 1999. His latest published book is REPUBLIC ON TRIAL: THE CASE FOR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, with John Hibbing, Burdett Loomis, and Karl Kurtz (CQ Press, 2002). HEAVY LIFTING: THE JOB OF THE AMERICAN LEGISLATURE, his latest book, was published by CQ Press in July 2004.