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### EDUCATION

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B.S., Mathematics and Agricultural Economics, University of Houston, 1961.  
Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 1966.

### AWARDS AND HONORARY POSITIONS

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Society of Labor Economists Jacob Mincer Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Field of Labor Economics, 2007.  
Presenter, Richard T. Ely Lecture, Plenary Session of the Meetings of the American Economic Association, 1999.  
Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1990.  
Fellow of the Econometric Society, 1980.  
Vice-President, American Economic Association, 2002.  
President, Society of Labor Economists, 2003-04.  
Fellow of the Society of Labor Economists, 2003.  
Member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, 1990.  
Member of the National Academy of Education, 1983.

### COMMITTEES, ETC.

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Honors and Awards Committee, American Economic Association, Member 1996-97; Chair, 1997-99.  
Committee on Demographic and Economic Impacts of Immigration, National Research Council, 1995-96.  
Panel on the Future of Income Security and Health Care Financing for the Advisory Council on Social Security, 1991.  
Technical Panel of Experts for the Advisory Council on Social Security, 1989-90.  
Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Advisory Committee on the status of women and minorities, 1984-86.  
Grants Review Panel for Economics, National Science Foundation, 1980-81.  
Various Grant Review Panels, National Institute of Health, 1992-Present.  
Board of Directors of the Social Science Research Council, 1979-82.  
Chairman, American Enterprise Institute Advisory Committee on Minimum Wage Studies, 1978-81.  
Program Chairman, North American Meetings of the Econometric Society, 1978.  
Commission on Human Resources, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, 1974-77.

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics, TAMU.  
Professor Emeritus of Economics, UCLA.  
President, Welch Consulting.  
Chairman, Unicorn Research Corporation.  
Chairman, StataCorp LP.

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University, 1991-03.  
Professor of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1973-91.  
Director, Labor & Population Studies Program, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, 1973-78.  
Senior Economist, RAND, Santa Monica, California, 1973-78.  
Professor and Executive Officer, Ph.D. Program in Economics, City University of New York, 1971-73.  
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1970-76.  
Faculty Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1969-70.  
Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics, Southern Methodist University, 1966-70.  
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, 1964-66.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Handbook of the Economics of Education*, edited by E. Hanushek and F. Welch. North Holland (2006).

"Using Wages to Infer School Quality," with Robert Speakman. In *Handbook of the Economics of Education*, edited by E. Hanushek and F. Welch. North Holland (2006):813-864.

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"Black Economic Progress After Myrdal," with James P. Smith. *Journal of Economic Literature* 27, no.2 (June 1989):519-564. Reprinted in *Labor Economics*, edited by O. Ashenfelter and K. Hallock. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (1994):139-184. Reprinted in *The Economics of Schooling and School Quality*, Vol. 1: Labor Markets, Distribution, and Growth, edited by E. A. Hanushek. London: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. (2003).

- "Education in Production." *Journal of Political Economy* 78, no. 1 (January 1970):35-59. Reprinted in *Economic Demography*, edited by T. P. Schultz. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (1998):21-45. Reprinted in *The Economics of Schooling and School Quality*, Vol. 1: Labor Markets, Distribution, edited by E. A. Hanushek. London: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. (2003).
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- "Industrial Change and the Demand for Skill," with Kevin Murphy. In *The Causes and Consequences of Increasing Inequality*, edited by F. Welch. University of Chicago Press (2001):263-284.
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- "Wage Differentials in the 1990s: Is the Glass Half-full or Half-empty," with Kevin Murphy. In *The Causes and Consequences of Increasing Inequality*, edited by F. Welch. University of Chicago Press (2001):341-364.
- "Linear Synthesis of Skill Distributions." *Journal of Human Resources* (Summer 1969):311-329. Reprinted in *The International Library of Critical Writing in Economics* 124, Vol. II, Income Distribution, edited by M. Sattinger. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (2001):3-19.
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