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BACKGROUND:

Born New York, 1946. Married, 1 daughter, 1 son.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:

A.B. in Government, Columbia University, New York, magna cum laude, 1968.

M.A. in Political Behaviour, University of Essex, with distinction, 1970.

M.Sc. (Econ.) in Politics of the United Kingdom, London School of Economics, 1970.

Ph.D. in Government, University of Essex, 1978.

POSITIONS HELD:

August 1986-Present, Harvard University. Professor of Government and Co-Director, Program in Political Economy. Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government 1998-. Director, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, 1998-2004.

2008-2011, Nuffield College, Oxford. Senior Research Fellow.

1979-July 1986 Washington University in St. Louis. Associate Professor/Professor of Political Science and Resident Fellow, Center in Political Economy.

1971-1979 University of Essex. Lecturer in the Department of Government. Tenured 1975.

HONORS AND GRANTS RECEIVED:

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 1997-98

\$828,130 from the National Science Foundation for a training project entitled "Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models" (2002-2007, with Aldrich, Brady, and Franzese)

\$805,102 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "A Feasible Uniform Standard for Deep Citation of Social Science Data" (2001-2004)

\$269,750 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "Infrastructure for Basic Research in the Social Sciences" (1999-2001)

\$102,005 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "Divided Government and Deficits" (1993-96)

\$1,409,154 from the National Science Foundation to establish a Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy (1991-96)

\$450,000 from the Ford Foundation (1989-93) and \$90,000 from the Mellon Foundation (1987-90) to support the Program in Political Economy (with others).

\$63,325 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "Domestic and International Sources of Economic Policy," (1985-7).

\$25,246 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "An Early Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science," (1981-3) with Calvert and Woolley.

\$139,979 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "Political Models of Macroeconomic Policy," (1980-3).

\$8000 from Social Science Research Council to establish course on Data Management at 11th Essex Summer School (1978).

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

President, Section on Political Economy, and Program Co-Chair and Council Member, American Political Science Association, 1996-97.

Co-editor, Series on "The Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions," Cambridge University Press (with Douglass North), 1985-1998.

Member, UK/Ireland/Canada Area Advisory Committee, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, 1992-95.

Member, Political Science Panel, National Science Foundation, 1986-1988.

Member, Executive Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 1985-1987.

President, British Politics Group, American Political Science Association, 1983-1986.

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics* (2010-), *American Political Science Review* (1991-95), *Journal of Public Policy* (1990-), *British Journal of Political Science* (1983-), *Quality and Quantity* (1982-92), *American Journal of Political Science* (1982-85, 2001-5), *Electoral Behaviour* (1982-89), *Political Studies* (1976-79)

Director, ECPR Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection (1977-79)

BRITISH ELECTION STUDY

January 1974-March 1977, Chief Research Officer of the British Election Study, (over 7000 interviews, February and October 1974). Responsibilities included questionnaire design, design of Scottish sample, briefing of interviewers, design of coding frames, liaison with fieldwork agencies, data preparation and documentation, and supervision of research staff.

BOOKS:

Positive Changes in Political Science: The Legacy of Richard D. McKelvey's Most Influential Writings (edited with Aldrich and Lupia), University of Michigan Press, 2007.

Competition and Cooperation: A Conversation with Several Nobelists on Economics and Political Science, (edited with Levi and Ostrom), Russell Sage Foundation, 1999.

Perspectives on Positive Political Economy (Cambridge University Press, 1990) (edited with Shepsle). Chinese edition 2009.

Political Economics (University of California Press, 1983) (with Chrystal). **Japanese** translation 1990.

The Politics of Economic Decline (Cambridge University Press, 1979). Reissued in paperback 2009.

Cabinet Studies (Macmillan, 1975) (co-editor and co-author of the Introduction with V. M. Herman).

ARTICLES PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION:

Political Economics:

- “Inequality, Labor Market Segmentation, and Preferences for Redistribution. *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming (with Iversen).
- “Credible Sources and Sophisticated Voters: When Does New Information Induce Economic Voting?” *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming (with Lassen and Marshall).
- “Below the Line.” *Public Finance International*, 2014 (Winter), 28-30 (with Lassen and Wehner).
- “It Isn't Just about Greece: Domestic Politics, Transparency and Fiscal Gimmickry in Europe.” *British Journal of Political Science*, 44(4), 2014, 707-16 (with Lassen and Wehner).
- “Enforcement and Public Corruption: Evidence from the American States.” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 30(2), (2014), 306-338. (with Lassen).
- “Disentangling Accountability and Competence in Elections: Evidence from U.S. Term Limits.” *Journal of Politics* 73(1), 2011, 171–186 (with Bueno de Mesquita and Rose).
- “Transparency and Accountability: Empirical Results for US States.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 22(4), 2010, 379–406 (with Lowry).
- “The Political Economy of Tax Policy”, in Institute for Fiscal Studies (ed.), *Dimensions of Tax Design: The Mirrlees Review* Oxford University Press 2009 (with Preston and Sibieta).
- “Political and Judicial Checks on Corruption: Evidence from American State Governments.” *Economics & Politics* 20(1), 2008, 33-61 (with Lassen).
- “Context-Conditional Political Business Cycles” (with Rose). In Boix and Stokes (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).
- “The Causes of Transparency: Evidence from the American States.” *IMF Staff Papers* 53 (Special issue), 2006, 30-57 (with Lassen and Rose).
- “Transparency, Political Polarization, and Political Budget Cycles in US States.” *American Journal of Political Science* 50(3), 2006, 530-50 (with Lassen).
- “Fiscal Transparency, Political Parties and Debt in OECD Countries.” *European Economic Review* 50(6), 2006, 1403-39 (with Lassen).
- “Party Differences in State Budget Outcomes Are There After All,” *Journal of Politics* 65(2), 2003: 491-97 (with Lowry).
- “The Political Economy of Institutions and Corruption in American States,” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15(3), 2003: 341-65 (with Lassen).
- “Fiscal Transparency, Gubernatorial Popularity, and the Scale of Government: Evidence from the States,” (with Lassen and Skilling) 2 *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4, 2002.
- “Comparative Political Economy: Credibility, Accountability, and Institutions,” in I. Katznelson and H. Milner *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, (New York: Norton, 2002).
- “A Visible Hand? Intertemporal Efficiency, Costly Information, and Market-based Enforcement of Balanced-Budget Laws,” (with Lowry) 13 *Economics and Politics*, March 2001, 49-72.
- “A Dynamic Model of State Budget Outcomes Under Divided Partisan Government,” (with Lowry), 62 *Journal of Politics*, November 2000, 1035-1069.

- "Asset Specificity, Collective Action, and Subsidies: Evidence from Norway," (with Carlsen, Heum, and Johansen), *International Organization*, 53(1), Winter 1999, pp. 99-116.
- "Fiscal Policy and Elections in American States," (with Lowry and Ferree), *American Political Science Review*, 92(4), December 1998, pp. 759-774.
- "Rules, Restrictions, Constraints: Structure and Process in the New Institutional Economics," (with Shepsle), *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 154(4), December 1998, pp. 735-743.
- "The Political Economy of International Trade: Enduring Puzzles and an Agenda for Inquiry," *Comparative Political Studies*, 1996 (with Frieden, Gilligan, Rodrik, and Rogowski).
- "Political Economy," in Robert Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann (eds.), *The New Handbook of Political Science* (Oxford University Press, 1996) (with Alesina).
- "Divided Government, Fiscal Institutions, and Deficits: Evidence from the States," *American Political Science Review*, 88(4), 1994, (with Robert C. Lowry).
- "The Politics of Public and Private Investment in Britain", in T. Janoski and A. Hicks (eds.), *The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) (with J. Freeman)
- "The Political Economy of Trading States: Factor Specificity, Collective Action Problems, and Domestic Political Institutions," *Journal of Political Philosophy*, II, 1994 (with Michael Gilligan)
- "Contracting and the Possibility of Multilateral Enforcement," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 150(1), 1994, 265-71 (with Lisa L. Martin).
- "Leaning Into the Wind or Ducking Out of the Storm? U.S. Monetary Policy in the 1980s" in A. Alesina and G. Carliner (eds.), *Politics and Economics on the 1980s* (Chicago: NBER and University of Chicago Press, 1991)
- "Ambiguous Intervention: The Role of Government Action in Public Evaluation of the Economy" in J. Lafay, M. Lewis-Beck, and H. Norpoth (eds.), *Economics and Politics* (University of Michigan Press, 1991).
- "Parallel and Overlapping Games: Theory and an Application to the European Gas Trade," I *Economics and Politics*, July 1989: 119-144, reprinted in J. Odell and T. Willett (eds.), *International Trade Policies: Gains from Exchange between Economics and Political Science* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1990).
- "Reputation and Hegemonic Stability: A Game-Theoretic Analysis." LXXXII *American Political Science Review*, June 1988: 445-466.
- "Crude Politics: Oil and the Political Economy of Unemployment in Britain and Norway, 1970-85." XVII *British Journal of Political Science*, April 1987: 149-99.
- "Political Parties, World Demand, and Unemployment: Domestic and International Sources of Economic Activity," LXXIX *American Political Science Review*, December 1985: 1016-1040.
- "Party Strategies, World Demand, and Unemployment: The Political Economy of Economic Activity in Western Industrial Nations," LXXVI *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, May 1986: 57-61.
- "Party Strategies, World Demand, and Unemployment in Britain and the United States, 1947-83," VII *Political Behavior*, 1985.
- "The Evolution of Tax Structures," 41 *Public Choice (Carnegie Papers in Political Economy)*, Volume 3), 1983.

- "The Choice of a Politico-Economic Model," XI *European Journal of Political Research*, 1983 (with Chrystal).
- "Reaction Functions, Optimization, and Politics: Modelling the Political Economy of Macroeconomic Policy," 26 *American Journal of Political Science*, 1982 (with J. Woolley).
- "Some Problems in Formulating and Testing a Politico-Economic Model of the U.K.," (with Chrystal), XCI *Economic Journal* 3, 1981.
- "Politico-Economic Models of British Fiscal Policy," (with Chrystal), in D. Hibbs and H. Fassbender, eds., *Contemporary Political Economy* (North-Holland, 1981).
- "Public Sector Behavior: The Status of the Political Business Cycle," (with Chrystal), in D. Currie and W. Peters, (eds.), *Contemporary Economic Analysis*, Volume 3, (Croom Helm, 1981).
- "Electoral Cycles, Budget Controls, and Public Expenditure," (with Chrystal), I *Journal of Public Policy* 1, 1981.
- "Political Business Cycles in Britain Since 1951," in P. Whiteley, ed., *Models of Political Economy* (Sage, 1980).
- "Endogenous Government Behavior: Wagner's Law or Gotterdammerung?" (with Chrystal), in S. Cook, ed., *Recent Developments in Fiscal Policy* (M. Robertson, 1979).

Comparative Politics/British Political Institutions:

- "The Politics of Economic Decline in the 1970s," in Lawrence Black, Hugh Pemberton, and Pat Thane (eds.), *Reassessing 1970s Britain*, University of Manchester Press, 2012.
- "The Constitutional Revolution of Tony Blair", in Terrence C. Casey (ed.), *Britain after the Blair Era*, Palgrave, 2009.
- "Time, Transition, and Institutional Change," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 156(1), March 2000, pp. 300-305.
- "Thoughts on Mancur Olson's Contribution to Political Science," *Public Choice* 98(1), 1999, pp. 1-4
- "The Political Economy of Thatcherism," in Wayne and Juliet Thompson (eds.), *The Lady's Not For Turning*, (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1994).
- "Constitutional Theory and Economic Reality: Party Government, Information, and International Trade," in Ian Budge and David McKay (eds.), *Developing Democracy* (Sage, 1994).
- "Transfers of Governmental Power: The Meaning of Time Dependence" (with G. King) *Comparative Political Studies*, 1994.
- "A Unified Model of Cabinet Dissolution in Parliamentary Democracies," *American Journal of Political Science*, 34:3, 1990, 846-71 (with King, Burns, and Laver).
- "New Wine in Old Bottles: The Political Economy of Thatcherism," in B. Cooper, A. Kornberg, and W. Mishler(eds.), *A Resurgence of Conservatism?*. Duke U. P. 1987.
- "Continuity, Turnover and Experience in the British Cabinet 1968-1970," in *Cabinet Studies* (above).
- "How Stable a Cabinet?," *New Society*, December 14, 1973.
- "Politics and Expenditure Models," V *Policy and Politics* 2, 1977.

"Some Political and Social Correlates of Country Borough Expenditures," *British Journal of Political Science* 1, 1971.

Election Studies:

"Persistence and Change in Southern Voter Registration Patterns, 1972-1990", in Paul E. Peterson (ed.), *Classifying by Race*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995.

"Race and Voter Registration in the South Before and After the Voting Rights Act", in C. Davidson and B. Grofman (eds.), *Quiet Revolution: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act in the South*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.

"Partisan Voting in the Spanish 1986 NATO Referendum: An Ecological Analysis," *Electoral Studies* 10:1, 1991, 18-32 (with Carles Boix).

"Dealignment and the Dynamics of Partisanship in Britain," in P. Beck, R. Dalton, and S. Flanagan, eds., *Electoral Change in Advanced Industrial Societies* (Princeton University Press, 1984).

"The Case of the Silk-Stocking Socialists and the Calculating Children of the Middle Class," XII *British Journal of Political Science* 2, 1982 (with Turner).

"Angels in Plastic: The Liberal Surge in 1974," XXV *Political Studies* 3, 1977 (with Crewe and Sarlvik).

"Partisan Dealignment in Britain 1964-1974," VII *British Journal of Political Science* 2, 1977 (with Crewe and Sarlvik).

"Non-Voting in British General Elections 1966-October 1974," in C. Crouch, ed., *British Political Sociology Yearbook Vol. III* (Croom Helm, 1977) (with Crewe and Fox).

"Individual Differences Scaling and Group Attitude Structures: British Party Imagery in February 1974," *Quality and Quantity* 1976 (with Crewe and Sarlvik).

"The Election of February 1974," in R. Rose, ed., *Studies in British Politics*, 3rd ed. (Macmillan, 1974) (with Crewe and Sarlvik).

"Partisanship and Policy Choice: Issue Preferences in the British Electorate, February 1974," VI *British Journal of Political Science* 3, 1974 (with Crewe and Sarlvik).

"Britain's Membership of the EEC: A Profile of Electoral Opinions in the Spring of 1974--with a Postscript on the Referendum," IV *European Journal of Political Research* 1, 1976 (with Crewe, Sarlvik, and A. D. Fox).

"The Why and How of the February Voting," *New Society*, September 12, 1974 (with I. Crewe and B. Sarlvik).

Network Analysis, Computing, Methodology:

"The EITM Approach: Origins and Interpretations" (with Aldrich and Lupia) in Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Henry Brady, and David Collier (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology* (Oxford University Press, 2008), forthcoming.

"Conditional Knowledge: an Oxymoron? A Comment on Mitchell's 'Complexity and Explanation in Social Science'", in Chrysostomos Mantzavinos (ed.), *Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*, Cambridge University Press, 2009, forthcoming.

- "Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models," special issue of *Political Analysis* 11(4), co-editor and co-author of Introduction (with Aldrich).
- "Aggregation among Binary, Count, and Duration Models: Estimating the Same Quantities from Different Levels of Data" (with G. King and C. Signorino), 9 *Political Analysis*, 2000, 21-44.
- "Non-Linear Time Series Analysis of the British Political Economy" originally presented to the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1987.
- "The Analysis of Relations in an Organization," XVII *Quality and Quantity*, 1983 (with Schofield).
- "Clique Analysis of a Tolerance Relation," *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, September 1978 (with Schofield).
- Advances in Quantitative Analysis*, ed. (Elsevier, 1980).
- Program Library* of the Tenth Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (ECPR, 1977).
- "CLIQUE: A Suite of Programs for Extracting Cliques from a Symmetric Graph," XX *Behavioral Science* 2, 1975 (With Norman Schofield).