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**EDUCATION**

A.B., Economics, Dartmouth College, 1955

M.S., Finance, Columbia University, 1959

Ph.D., Economic History, University of Pennsylvania, 1964

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Bryn Mawr College: Assistant Professor of Economics, 1964; Associate Professor, 1969; Professor, 1976-1996; Samuel and Etta Wexler Professor of Economic History, 1996-1999; Katherine McBride Professor of Economics, 2000-2001; Samuel and Etta Wexler Professor of Economic History Emeritus, 1999-

University of Pennsylvania: Instructor in Economics, 1961-1964

Swarthmore College: Visiting Lecturer in Economics, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1970

Lincoln University: Visiting Lecturer in Economics, 1965, 1968

Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Holland: Visiting Reader in Economics, 1972-1973

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS**

University of Pennsylvania: University Scholarship and George Leib Harrison Fellowship in Economic History, 1961-1963

Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.: Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Natural Resource Studies, 1962-1963

National Science Foundation: Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1963-1964

National Endowment for the Humanities: Research Stipend, 1978

Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College 1954

## **PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS**

*Accumulation and Power. An Economic History of the United States* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1989)

*Electric Power in American Manufacturing, 1889-1958* (New York: Arno Press, 1979)

*America's Vietnam Policy. The Strategy of Deception* (Washington: Public Affairs Press, 1966). With Edward S. Herman.

## **PUBLICATIONS—ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

"NAFTA and Economic Integration in North America: Regional or Global?" in Vincent Mosco and Dan Schiller, eds., *Continental Order? Integrating North America for Cybercapitalism* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002), 34-63

"A slippery Slope: Economists and Social Insurance in the United States," *International Journal of Health Services*, 27, no. 3 (1997), 397-408. Reprinted in Vicente Navarro, ed., *The Political Economy of Social Inequalities* (Amityville, NY: Baywood, 2001).

"The Welfare State, Pensions, Privatization: the Case of Social Security in the United States," *International Journal of Health Services*, 27 no. 1 (1997), 1-23.

"The Growth of the Federal Regulatory Sector in the United States: A Brief Economic History," *Research in Economic History*, 16 (1996), 157-184

"Toward a New Macroeconomic History," in William Milberg, ed., *The Megacorp & Macrodynamics. Essays in Memory of Alfred Eichner* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1992), 250-262

"The Promotional-Financial Dynamic of Merger Movements: A Historical Perspective," *Journal of Economic Issues*, 23 (March 1989), 107-133. With Edward S. Herman.

"Telegraphy," in *International Encyclopedia of Communications*, Erik Barnouw, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989), vol. 4: 207-212.

"The Rise of Communications Regulation: The Telegraph Industry, 1844-1880," *Journal of Communication*, 34 (September 1984), 52-66.

"The Telegraph in Nineteenth Century America: Technology and Monopoly," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 26 (October 1984), 571-586.

"The Telegraph and the Structure of Markets in the United States, 1845-1890," *Research in Economic History*, 8 (1983), 253-277. Reprinted in R. C. Michie, ed., *Commercial and Financial Services. The Industrial Revolutions* (Oxford: Basil Blackwood, 1994)

"Alfred Chandler's New Business History," *Politics and Society*, 10, 1 (1980), 87-110. With Edward S. Herman. Reprinted in Barry Supple, ed., *The Rise of Big Business* (Brookfield, VT.: Edward Elgar, 1992).

"Business Demand and the Development of the Telegraph in the United States, 1844-1860," *Business History Review*, 54 (Winter 1980), 459-479.

"The Fiscal Limits of the Welfare State," *Quarterly Review of Economics and Business*, 18 (Spring 1978), 19-30.

"Full Employment: the History of a Receding Target," *Politics and Society*, 7, 1 (1977), 1-25.

"Economic Ideology and the Environment," in Hans van Raay and Ariel Lugo, eds., *Man and Environment Ltd. Natural Imbalances and Social Justice* (Rotterdam: Rotterdam University Press, 1974), 203-222.

*Economic Growth and Structural Change in Western Capitalism* (Andover, MA: Warner Modular Publications, 1973)

"Converting Military Spending to Social Welfare: The Real Obstacles," *Quarterly Review of Economics and Business*, 12 (Spring 1972), 7-22. Reprinted in John Elliott and Arthur Grey, eds., *Economic Issues and Policies*, 3rd ed. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1974).

"The New Economics: Handmaiden of Inspired Truth," *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 4 (August 1972), 54-84. With Edward S. Herman. Reprinted in Sumner Rosen, ed., *Economic Power Failure: The Current American Crisis* (New York: McGraw-Hill 1975); in Rob Burlage and Theodore Lieverman, eds., *From Vietnam to Watergate* (Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1974).

"Business Ideology and Foreign Policy: The National Security Council and Vietnam," in Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn, eds., *Commentaries, Analysis, and Index: The Pentagon Papers, Sen. Gravel Edition*, vol. v (Boston: Beacon Press, 1972), 16-31.

"U.S. Policy: The Third World," in Robert Perrucci and Mark Pilisuk, eds., *The Triple Revolution Emerging. Social Problems in Depth* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1971), 124-130

"Transferring Wealth from Underdeveloped to Developed Countries via Direct Foreign Investment," *Southern Economic Journal*, 38 (July 1971), 118-122.

"Pentagonism or Imperialism?" in Herbert I. Schiller and Joseph Phillips, eds., *Super-State. Readings in the Military-Industrial Complex* (Urbana, IL.: University of Illinois Press, 1970), 105-114.

"The Decline of Economic Planning in France," *Western Political Quarterly*, 21 (March 1968), 98-109.

"The Introduction of Electric Power in American Manufacturing." *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 20 (December 1967), 509-518.

"Economic Thought in Revolutionary France, 1789-1792: The Question of Poverty and Unemployment," *French Historical Studies*, 4 (Fall 1966), 434-451.

"Electrification and Capital Productivity: A Suggested Approach," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 48 (November 1966), 426-431.

"A Note on the Substitution of Inanimate for Animal Power," *Journal of Political Economy*, 72 (April 1964), 196-197

## **COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Selected)**

"Scale and Scope," comments on Alfred D. Chandler Jr's New Business History, in *Challenge*, 33 (November/December 1990), 61-65

"The Role of Accounting History in the Study of Modern Business Enterprise," comment, in H. Thomas Johnson, *A New Approach to Management Accounting History* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1986), 78-82.

"Factors Affecting the Diffusion of Technology," comment, in *Journal of Economic History*, 34 (March 1974), 122-125.

Presenter, "Post Keynesian Economics," Villanova University Faculty Seminar, April 18, 1995

Discussant, "New Perspectives on the Military Economy," American Economic Association meetings, New York, December 29, 1988

Presenter, "Mergers, Efficient Markets, and Economic Performance," American Economic Association meetings, Chicago, December 28, 1987

Presenter, "U.S. Foreign Investment: How and Why," Southern Economic Association meetings, New Orleans, November 17, 1983

### **REVIEWS (Selected)**

*Rudolph Diesel: Pioneer of the Age of Power.* W. R. Nitske and Charles Wilson (1964), in *Journal of Economic History* 25 (September 1965), 453-455

*Growth and Welfare in the American Past.* Douglass North (1964), in *American Economic Review*, 57 (March 1967), 236-238.

*The Longer View: Toward a Critique of Political Economy.* Paul Baran (1969), in *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 394 (March 1971), 190-191.

*British Investment in American Railways 1834-1898.* Dorothy Adler and Muriel Hidy (1970), in *Journal of Economic History*, 31 (September 1971), 695-696

*Law and the Rise of Capitalism.* Michael E. Tigar and Madeleine Levy (1977), in *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 438 (July 1978), 169-170.

*Capitalism and Catastrophe: a Critical Appraisal of the Limits to Capitalism.* Stephen Rousseas (1979), in *Journal of Economic History*, 40 (June 1980), 455-456

*The Zero Sum Society.* Lester Thurow (1980), in *Partisan Review*, 48 no. 2 (1981), 298-306.

*Networks of Power. Electrification in Western Society 1880-1930.* Thomas P. Hughes (1983); *Engineers, Managers, and Politicians. Nationalized Electricity in Britain.* Leslie Hannah (1982), in *Business History Review* 58 (Summer 1984), 282-284

*A History of Marxian Economics 1883-1929* (1987). Michael C. Howard and J.E. King, in *Forum for Social Economics* 19 (Fall 1989), 100-102.

*From Industry to Arms. The Political Economy of High Technology.* Anthony DiFilippo (1990), in *Journal of Economic Issues*, 26 (March 1992), 315-318

*After the Wasteland. A Democratic Economics for the Year 2000.* Samuel Bowles, David M. Gordon, and Thomas Weisskopf (1990), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 30 (September 1992), 1543-1545.

*Technology and Enterprise in Historical Perspective.* Giovanni Dosi, Renato Giannetti, Pier Toninelli (1992), in *Journal of Economic Issues*, 27 (December 1993), 1309-1311

*Contract, Economic Change, and the Search for Order in Industrializing America*. Lester Lindley (1994), in *Journal of American History*, 82 (June 1995), 245

### **MISCELLANEOUS** (Selected)

"A History of the Great Financial Bust—Still with Us," *Monthly Review*, 62 (September 2010), 32-38

"Mergers, Concentration, and the Erosion of Democracy," *Monthly Review*, 53 (May 2001), 14-29. With Edward S. Herman

National Jobs for All Coalition. *Social Security is not in "Crisis."* February 1999

"Social Security: Save what we have now," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, January 26, 1997 (Op-ed)

"A balanced budget makes things worse," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, February 1, 1995 (Op-Ed)

"A Tale of Two Booms: The Longest Peacetime Expansion was the 60s, not the 80s," *Challenge*, 34 (March/April 1991), 53-54

"U.S. Historical Amnesia at End of the Cold War," *In These Times*, December 13, 1989, 5-8

"What Military Spending Really Costs," *Challenge*, 32 (September/October 1989), 4-10.

"How Big is 'Big Government'?" *Bryn Mawr Alumnae Bulletin*, Fall 1980

"The New Economic Mythology," *Commonweal*, 107 (July 4, 1980), 394-398

"The Devalued Dollar," *Commonweal*, March 30, 1973. Reprinted in *Canadian Dimension*, July 1973, 18-22

"Dollar Devaluation and Foreign Trade," *Monthly Review*, 23 (March 1972), 9-24

"Nixon's Plans for the Budget," *Commonweal*, March 5, 1971. Inserted in *Congressional Record—Senate*, March 9, 1971 by Senator J. W. Fulbright.

"Nixon, ou les petits-bourgeois au pouvoir," *Frères du monde*, 66 (1970), 3-8

*How to Coo Like a Dove While Fighting to Win: The Public Relations of the Nixon Policy in Vietnam* (New York: Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, 1969). With Edward S. Herman.

"Western Europe's Postwar Boom: The End of an Era," *Monthly Review*, 19 (February 1968), 34-41.

## **DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED, BRYN MAWR COLLEGE**

Martha White Paas, *Population Change, Labor Supply, and Agriculture in Augsburg, 1480-1618: A study of Early Demographic-Economic Interactions* (1979)

Gerard Innocenti, *San Quirico: A Case Study of the Crisis of the Mezzadria in Rural Pistoia, 1900-1960* (1978)

## **BRYN MAWR COLLEGE SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES (Selected)**

Chairman, Department of Economics, 1977-1987, 1992-1993, 1995-1998

Faculty, Institut d'études françaises d'Avignon, Summer 1981

Library Committee, 1995-1998

Chicago Business Fellows Committee, 1984-1991

Committee on Salaries and Benefits, 1982-1986

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, 1981-1984

Undergraduate Admissions Committee, 1980-1981

Controversial Speakers Committee, 1978-1984

Committee on Academic Planning, 1977-1979

Travelling Fellowships Committee, 1970-1972

Undergraduate Scholarships Committee, 1966-1968

"Does Government Hobble the Economy? Lessons from Economic History," Parents' Day Lecture, October 28, 1995

"Economics Education at Bryn Mawr," Talk and Discussion, Alumnae Admissions Group, June 11, 1983

"Peace and Confrontation." Convocation Talk, March 20, 1983

"Today's Economy: The Private Roots of Public Distress," Reunion Weekend Lecture,

May 17, 1980

"The Impact of Inflation on Financial Planning," Lecture, Our Money, Ourselves  
Conference on Personal Financial Management for Women, March 29, 1980

"Gold and the Dollar," Parents Day Lecture, March 28, 1965