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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, 1979, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation: Foreign-Trained Physicians and Health Care in the United States
Advisor: Professor C.M. Lindsay

M.A., Economics, 1975, University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., Political Science and Economics, 1973, University of California, Los Angeles

EMPLOYMENT

8/78 – 12/16: Professor of Economics, California State University, Northridge
Courses in health, price strategy (marketing), labor, and urban economics. Research interests:
public policy and regulation. (On leave academic years 1981-82 to 1983-84, 1986-87)

8/03 - 8/09: Chair, Department of Economics, California State University, Northridge

5/06 - 10/08: Expert Witness Preparation, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Missouri
Research on federal and California regulation of the cigarette industry since 1940.

5/96 - 12/00: Founding Director, San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center, CSUN
Responsible for effort to gather and present economic, social and demographic data on the San
Fernando Valley. Authored report of findings, organized presentations at public events,
responded to community requests for information, oversaw student research projects.

7/92 - 8/98: Affiliated Scholar, Milken Institute, Santa Monica
Research on bank regulation, allocation of federal job training funds, and job security. Authored
newspaper and magazine articles on public policy issues.

6/86 - 6/87: Vice President and Senior Economist, Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles
Established industry risk evaluation effort. Advised bank management. Supervised a staff of three
economists.

5/81 - 8/84: Economist, Department of Economic Analysis and Policy, Getty Oil Company, Los Angeles

Economic analysis of proposals for regulatory change relating to energy markets, environmental protection, and agricultural set-asides. Authored corporate policy statements and replies to proposed federal government rule-makings. Participated in development of crude oil and petroleum product price forecasts for corporate financial planning. Involved in innovative strategic planning project.

1977-78: Lecturer, Department of Economics, California State University, Hayward

PUBLICATIONS

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