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Ph.D. Economics, University of California at Berkeley, 1972

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7/91 to 9/2001: Goldwin Smith Professor of Economics, Ethics, and Public Policy, Department of Economics, Cornell University

9/92 to 7/93: Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California

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**Selected Publications:**

**Books**

*Success and Luck: Good Fortune and the Myth of Meritocracy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016. Japanese, Korean, Chinese, German, Italian, Russian, and Portuguese translations forthcoming.

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*Passions Within Reason: The Strategic Role of the Emotions*, New York: W. W. Norton, 1988. (Paper edition, 1989; German translation, Oldenbourg, 1992; Japanese translation, Saiensu-sha, 1995; Greek translation, Kastoniotis, 2000)

*Choosing the Right Pond: Human Behavior and the Quest for Status*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1985. (Paper edition, 1987; German translation, Transfer Verlag, 1989)

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