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Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, Program Director and Senior Research Associate, Human Resource Policy Program, Center for Governmental Studies, December 1985 to October, 1995.

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Publications:

Books

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