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**Education:** B.A. (High Honors), University of Virginia, 1965, M.A. (English), U.Va. 1966, Ph.D. (English), U.Va., 1970

### Professorships:

2021-	Professor Emeritus, U. of Virginia
2010-2020	University Professor, U. of Virginia
1990-2020	Professor of English, U. of Virginia
1990-2010	Kaufman Professor, U. of Virginia
1985-1990	Professor of English, U. of Connecticut
1985-1991	Associate Professor of English, U. of Virginia
1985-1992	Assistant Professor of English, U. of Virginia
1985-1993	Assistant Professor of English, U. of California-Berkeley

### Administration:

2010-	President Emeritus, U. of Virginia
1990-2010	President, U. of Virginia
1985-1990	President, U. of Connecticut
1982-1985	Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia
1975-1982	Dean of Admissions, U. of Virginia.
1970-1975	Sundry departmental and Faculty Senate committee assignments, U. of California-Berkeley
1969-1970	Assistant to the Dean of College and Assistant Dean, U. of Virginia

### Publications (partial list):

- a. Fiction: 16 Stories (St. Andrews Review 21, 1981, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts); other short stories The Jefferson Papers of the University of Virginia (co-compiler, supplement) (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1973, reprint, ebook);
- b. "On the Competencies Students Ought to Have," Richmond News Leader, May 22, 1981; "Student Consumer Rights," Business Officer, September 1981, 22-23; "Reforming the School - College Curriculum," (SREB Spotlight XIII, 4, 1982); Function of Postsecondary Education for Individuals and Society," College

Admissions Counseling, ed. William L. Lowry (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Inc., Publishers, 1982), 1-16; "Math, Science Problems have Political Answers," State Government News, December 1982, 18-19; "Strengths and Weaknesses of Today's High School Graduates," NASSP Bulletin 67, no. 460 (February 1983), 22031; "The State's Responsibility for Teacher Quality," Against Mediocrity: The Humanities in America's High Schools, ed. Chester E. Finn, Jr., Diane Ravitch, and Robert T. Fancher (New York: Holmes and Meier, 1984), pp. 214-226; "The Public Stake in Proper Test Use," The Uses and Misuses of Tests, ed. Charles W. Daves (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1984), pp.1-11; "The Politics of University Research parks," Connection (Fall/ /Winter, 1987), pp. 68-71; "After the Academic Revolution: A Retrospective Forum" (with John R. Thelin and Jane M. Bailey), Review of Higher Education 12, no. 4 (Autumn 1988), 1-16; "Recommendations for Reform: The Record and the Road Ahead," Reform and Renewal in Undergraduate Education: State Roles and Institutional Responsibilities (Boulder, Co.: WICHE, 1988), pp. 21-28; "The 1988 Mary E. Switzer Lecture - Scholarship in the University: Perspectives for Allied Health Professions," Journal of Allied Health 8, 4 (summer 1989) 403-410; "Heed Your Financial-Aid Officer," Trusteeship III, 1 (1995), p. 4; "Time to Compromise on Accreditation," Trusteeship III, 2 (1995), p. 4; "Withdrawal Pains," Trusteeship III, 3 (1995), p. 4; "Can Succession Planning Succeed?" Trusteeship III, 4 (1995) p. 6; "Strong Presidents, Strong Boards," Trusteeship III, 5 (1995), p.4; "When Talk is Not Cheap," Trusteeship III, 6 (1995), p. 4; "Endgame on Accreditation?" Trusteeship IV, 1 (1996), p. 4.; "Ownership of What Ails Us:" Trusteeship IV, 2 (1996), p. 4; "The Politics of Leadership," excerpts from American Council on Education Fellows annual meeting address on February 19, 1996, in ACE Council of Fellows Newsletter, Spring 1996, pp. 8-10; "Principled Choices in Challenging Times," Liberal Education (of AAC&U), Vol. 83, No. 3, Summer 1997, pp. 4-11; "Perspectives on Admissions," Handbook for the College Admissions Profession, ed. Claire C. Swann and Stanley E. Henderson, (CT: Greenwood Press, 1998), pp. 7-10; "In the Admission Debate: Finding Common Ground," The College Board News, March 2000, Vol. 28, No. 2, p. 2; "Planning for Athletics in 2020," guest editorial in The Tiger's Tale (newsletter for athletics administrators), April 2000; "Concluding Remarks by John T. Casteen III," in The Art of Peace (Noble Peace Laureates conference at U.Va.) ed. Jeffrey Hopkins, pp. 231-233 (Snow Lion Publications, NY,, 2000); "Moral Authority of Government," Chapter 22 in The Moral Authority of Government: Essays to Commemorate the

Centennial of The National Institute of Social Sciences, ed. Moorhead Kennedy, R. Gordon Hoxie, and Brenda Repland, Transaction Publishers, 2000; "FOCUS: Planning in the New Century," with Laurie P. Kelsh, *The Presidency*, Winter 2001, pp. 43-44; "The Ethical Impasse of Academic Earmarking," *The Presidency*, Winter 2002, pp. 22-26; "Presidential Leadership: Intellectual Vocation, Moral Mandate," *The Presidency*, Fall 2002, pp. 20-25; Address on July 4, 1993, at Monticello in The Great Birthday of Our Republic Celebrating Independence Day at Monticello, pp. 32-37, University of North Carolina Press, 2003; "The Power of Persuasion," *The Presidency*, Winter 2004, pp. 40-41; "The New Deal, Why the University needs charter status," *University of Virginia Alumni News*, Winter 2004, pp. 24-27; "Financial Self Sufficiency and the Public University", Trusteeship Magazine of the AGB, 2011, volume 19, number 3, pp. 22-27; "Case Study of a Mature System: The American Universities", The International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, [http://ieche.com.sa/web/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=77&lang=en](http://ieche.com.sa/web/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=77&lang=en) ; 2011. "Governance and Intercollegiate Athletics: Boards Must know the Score", Trusteeship Magazine of the AGB, Nov/Dec 2012, volume 20, number 6, pp. 10-15; "Governance and Institutional Transformation; Some Lessons Yet to Be Learned" ,Liberal Education Magazine of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Summer 2013, volume 99, number. 3, pp. 24-29. "Governing Boards and University Affiliated organizations: Risks and Rewards", Trusteeship Magazine of the AGB, Nov/Dec 2014, volume 22, number 6, pp. 30 -36. "Learning from Sweet Briar" Trusteeship Magazine of the AGB, July/Aug 2015, volume 23, number 4, pp. 28-31. "Liberal arts colleges must jettison antiquated lectures to stay relevant", (with Frederick Singer), The Hechinger Report, September 17, 2015.

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Raven Award, 1982; Hon. Doc., Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, 1984; Mishima Award for Fiction, 1987; Hon. Doc., Bentley College, 1992; Hon. Deg., Piedmont Virginia Community College, 1992; Hon. Doc., Bridgewater College, 1993; Outstanding Virginian (1993); Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, 1993; Jackson Davis Award, AAUP, 1993; Hon. Doc., University of Athens (The National and Kapodestrian University), 1996; National Gold Medal, National Institute of Social Sciences, 1998; Hon. Doc., Transylvania University, 1999; Leadership Award, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges, 1999; Presidential Group Award, Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other

Drug Prevention, 2002; Silver Architecture Medal for Virginia Service, Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects, 2004; Hon. Doc., Old Dominion University, 2006; Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2009; Thomas Jefferson Award, University of Virginia, 2009; Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2009; Virginian of the Year, Virginia Press Association, 2010; John T. Casteen III Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Award, University of Virginia, 2010; Hon. Doc., Edinburgh University, 2011; John Hope Franklin Award, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine, 2013; President's Award for Excellence, University of Cincinnati, 2014.

### **Professional Activities and Services:**

National Merit Scholarship National Selection Committee, 1976-1979; Trustee, College Entrance Examination Board, 1980-1990, Chair, 1986-1988; Commissioner, Education Commission of the States, 1982-1985; Board of Control, Southern Regional Education Board, 1982-1985; New England Board for Higher Education, 1987-1990; Trustee, the Episcopal High School (Alexandria), 1979-1982 and 1986-1989; Trustee, Virginia Episcopal School (Lynchburg), 1978-1982; member, Panel on Secondary Education for the Changing Workplace, Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy, National Academy of Sciences, 1983-1984; Trustee, Mariner's Museum, 1990-2019; Chair, National Board on Oceans and Atmosphere (formerly Marine Science Division of NASULGC), 1991-1993; Trustee, Hartford Hospital and Medical Center, 1985-1990; Trustee, Science Museum of Connecticut, 1988-1990; President, University of Connecticut Educational Properties, Inc., 1985-1990; member, E.C.S. Working Party on Undergraduate Education, 1985-1986; Naval Studies Board, Education, Training, and Manpower Group, Navy-21 Study, 1987-1988; Director, College Construction Loan Insurance Association (Connie Lee), 1993-1997; Director, Allied Concrete Company, 1995-98; Director, Jefferson Bankshares, Inc., and Jefferson National Bank, 1990-1997; Director New England Education Loan Marketing Corporation (Nellie Mae), 1988-1997; Director, Sallie Mae, 1999-2004; Director, Wachovia Corporation, 1997-2008; Director, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Connecticut, Inc., 1989-1990; Director, Virginia Center for Innovative Technology, 1990-1993; member, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, trustee, 1995-2002, Commission on Colleges, 1992-2002, chair, 1995-97, president-elect, 1998, president, 1999; member, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Committee on Criteria and Reports, committee on colleges and universities, levels II-IV, 1992-95, vice chair, 1993-95; member,

Association of American Universities' (AAU) Ad Hoc Committee On Accreditation and Regulations, 1994-2010; member, AAU Standing Comm. On Research; member, Executive Committee of AAU, 1998-2006, and Vice Chair, 2002-2003; AAU Task Force on the Role and Status of the Humanities, co-chair, 2002-2005; member, National Advisory Committee, National Domestic Violence Media Campaign, 1992 et seq; Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Advisory Council of Presidents, 1992-1995; chair, AGB Council of Presidents, 1996-99; member, Board of Directors, Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1996-2003, Chair, 2000-2003; Chair, CHEA Task Force on Reauthorization; Division I member, Board of Directors, National Collegiate Athletic Association; Director, American Council on Education (ACE), 1993-1996; ACE Board of Directors Executive Committee, 1995-1996; Editorial Advisory Board of ACE's *The Presidency*, 1998-2001; Trustee, A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Research Center, 1992-1998; co-chair, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators task force on institutional leadership, 1993-94; Association of Academic Health Centers' Council of Health Sciences and the University, 1998-2002; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's Committee on Alcohol Abuse and Misuse on College Campuses, 1998-2002; Universities Research Association, Inc. (URA) Council of Presidents, Vice chair, 2000-01; Director, Central Virginia Educational Telecommunications Corporation, 1999 et seq; Director, Universitas 21 LBG, 2001-2010; Chair of Universitas 21; Director, U21 Global Pte Ltd., 2008-2010; Director, U21 Pedagogica Ltd., 2001-2008; Board of Directors, Association of American Colleges and Universities, 2002-2004; Irish Universities Quality Board, 2003-2006; Director, Foundation for Virginia, 2004-2006; Board of Directors, Leifur Eiriksson Foundation, 2004- , chair 2010- 2019 ; Director, Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc., 2004-2006; member, Association of American Universities' Institutional Data Committee, 2004-2010; Board of Trustees, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2005-2014; Board of Directors and Chair, Jefferson Science Associates, LLC (operating entity of JLab), 2006-2010; Board of Directors, Hovey S. Dabney Foundation for Elders, 2006-2009; Virginia University Research Partnership Board, 2007- 2010; Board of Directors, SAGE Publications, Inc., 2008-2013; Board of Directors, Altria Group, Inc., 2010- ; Board of Directors, Strategic Education , Inc.( Strayer Inc.) 2011- ; Board of Directors, Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, 2010-2015; Co-chair, New College Commission, 2010-2012; Trustee, Virginia

Intermont College, 2010-2014 ; Board of Directors, RuffaloCODY, 2010-2013; Board of Directors, National Student Clearinghouse, 2010-2013; Board of Directors, ECHO360, 2010- ; Board of Trustees, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2010-2017, chair, Fellows Selection Committee, 2012-2017 ; Board of Directors, Rare Books School at the University of Virginia, 2010-2019 ; Trustee, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, 2011- 2019 ; Director, AGB Intercollegiate Athletics Project , The Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics (KCIA), Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, 2012; Member, National Commission on College and University Board Governance, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, 2014; Governor McAuliffe’s Commission to Ensure Integrity and Public Confidence in State Government, 2014- 2015 ; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, The Lincoln Project: Excellence and Access in Public Higher Education, 2014- 2016; Member, External Review Panel (ERP) for Quality Assurance Framework of Universities (QAFU), Singapore, 2014-2019. Board of Trustees, Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia Advisory Board, Chair, 2014- ; Board of Trustees, Institute for Shipboard Education/Semester at Sea, 2017- President, Bibliographical Society at the University of Virginia, 2019- .

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Other Stories.

#### **U.S. and Virginia History**

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## **Medieval Studies**

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Small Business. Richmond: Virginia Chamber of Commerce, 1984, pp. xii-xiv.

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