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### Education

Ph.D., UCLA, 1965

### Professional Experience

- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1991-present
- President, American Political Science Association, 1996-97
- Member, Committee on National Urban Policy, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, 1985-88
- President, Midwest Political Science Association, 1984-85
- President, Public Choice Society, 1982-84
- Vice president, American Political Science Association, 1975-76

### Research Interests

- How do we integrate the research findings in cognitive science into a workable set of models for exploring and explaining human choices in various institutional settings, including: social dilemmas, collective choice arenas, bureaucracies, and complex multitiered public economies?
- How do institutions generate the information that individuals need to make decisions?
- What biases or lack of biases are built into various ways of making collective decisions?
- How are diverse preferences exaggerated or modified by interaction within diverse institutional structures?

### Representative Publications

Ostrom, Elinor (1990). *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

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