

RONALD W. CONLEY

EDUCATION

B.A. 1958, University of Washington, Economics.

Ph.D. 1964, The Johns Hopkins University, Political Economy.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1996 -2006 *Consultant*, specializing in human investment and support programs. Also, I was a Board member for the Maryland Association for People in Supported Employment where I edited a periodic newsletter

1992 - 1996 *Senior Research Analyst, Pelavin Associates, Inc.* Conduct research and evaluation studies of vocational and educational programs and policy issues.

1989 - 1992 *Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.*

1988 - 1989 *Special Assistant, President's Committee on Mental Retardation.*

1981 - 1987 *Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.*

1976 - 1981 *Program Analysis Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

1974 - 1976 *Director of Research, Interagency Task Force on Workers' Compensation.*

1972 - 1974 *Director, Division of Program Analysis and Monitoring, Rehabilitation Services Administration.*

1971 - 1972 *Program Analysis Officer, Rehabilitation Services Administration.*

1968 - 1971 *Economist, President's Committee on Mental Retardation.*

1963 - 1968 *Economist, National Institute of Mental Health.*

1970 - 1990 **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Rehabilitation, University of San Francisco**

Once a year, taught a 12 hour course on the Economics of Disability to graduate students at the University of San Francisco.

1964 - 1982 *Adjunct Instructor, University College, University of Maryland*

Taught a wide range of undergraduate courses including Public Finance, Money and Banking, Labor Economics, Macroeconomic theory, Microeconomic theory, and others. Also taught a graduate course on Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

1995-1998 **Adjunct Professor, National Catholic School of Social Service, The Catholic University of America**

2000-present **Adjunct Professor, Montgomery College, Germantown campus**

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age and Medical History: I just turned 82. About 17 years ago, I had a stroke. I was completely paralyzed down my left side. I recovered quickly and the only current residual appears to be a slight limp. I was, of course, worried that my cognitive functioning would be impaired, but I see no diminution. At the time, my doctor referred to me as a very young 65. On June 15 of this year, I had a quadruple bypass and a valve replacement, which appears to have been completely successful. My doctor recently told me that I was a young 69 and that my heart would probably be good for at least 20 years; of course there are other mishaps that can befall. Since I have been given the possibility of a lengthy life extension, I feel an obligation to make good use of it.

Skills: From my employment history and publications, you can see that I have spent much of my life in the area of disability and the economics of disability. I have also studied the criminal justice system, board and care homes, workers' compensation. My work almost always focused heavily on needed policy changes.