

# Roger Benjamin

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## Short Biography

Since 2005, Roger Benjamin has been president and CEO of CAE, an international education assessment organization serving the K-16 education system. He was a research scientist at the RAND Corporation from 1990 to 2005 and director of RAND Education from 1994 to 1999. Before that, he was provost at the University of Minnesota, from 1986 to 1988, and provost and senior vice chancellor at the University of Pittsburgh from 1983 to 1986. He was a professor of political science at both institutions from 1966 to 1989. Dr. Benjamin is the recipient of research awards from the Fulbright Commission to Japan (1969 to 70) and Korea (1973), and from many other U.S. foundations. He is the author or co-author of over 70 published works, including nine authored, co-authored, or edited books, 12 monographs, and numerous articles. Among these works are “The Historical Nature of Social Scientific Knowledge: The Case of Comparative Political Inquiry” (1982), *The Limits of Politics* (1980), *The Democratic State* (1985), “The Redesign of Governance in Higher Education” (1994), *The Democratic Purposes of Education* (2000), “The Seven Red Herrings About Standardized Assessment in Higher Education” (2012), *The New Limits of Education Policy* (2012), and “Two Questions About Critical-Thinking Tests in Higher Education” (2014).

## Education

B.A., Political Science, Michigan State University, 1963

Ph.D., Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis, 1967

Honorary Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, Barton College, 2010

## Professional Experience

- President & CEO, Council for Aid to Education (CAE), New York, NY, 2005-Present
- President, RAND/Council for Aid to Education (CAE), New York, NY, 1996-2005
- Director, RAND Education, RAND, Santa Monica, CA, 1994-1999
- Associate Corporate Research Manager, International Policy Department, RAND, Santa Monica, CA, 1993-1994
- Senior Research Analyst, RAND, Santa Monica, CA, 1990-2005
- Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1989-1990
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1986-1988.
- Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1983-1986
- Adjunct Professor, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1980-1989
- Associate Dean and Executive Officer, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1980-1983
- Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1977-1983
- Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1970-1977
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1966-1969

## Research Areas

Dr. Benjamin currently directs an education assessment organization. He also writes about public policy and education policy, including assessment issues.

## Professional Organizations/Honors

Advisor, Comparative Methodology Committee, Political Science Institute, East China University of Political Science and Law, 2012-  
Member, Board of Trustees, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar, 2009-2013.

Chairman, Board of Directors, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 2002-2007.

Member, Board of Directors, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 1998-2010.

Member, Board of Directors, Institute of Educational Advancement, 1999-2008.

Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Educational Partnership, 1994-2001.

Member, Vice President for Academic Affairs Executive Committee, National State and Land Grant Universities Association, 1983-1986.

Kellogg National Fellow program, 1980-1983.

Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Grant, Tokyo University, Japan, 1969-1970.

Fulbright-Hays Teaching Award, Korea University, Korea, 1973.

Best Paper Award (with Richard Blue and Stephen Coleman), Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 1970.

Phi Beta Kappa.

## Publications

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Benjamin, R., Hauptman, A., Hersh, R., & Lempert, R. (2002). *The road less traveled: Redesigning the higher education system of Nevada* (DRU-2508-CAE). Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.

Gates, S. M., Augustine, C. H., Benjamin, R., Bikson, T. K., Kaganoff, T., Levy, D. G., Moini, J. S., & Zimmer, R. W. (2002). *Ensuring quality and productivity in higher education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

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### **Principal Articles in Higher-Education Policy and Assessment**

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Benjamin, R. (2014, March/April). Two questions about critical-thinking tests in higher education. *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*, 46(2), 24-31.

Benjamin, R., Miller, M. A., Rhodes, T. L., Banta, T. W., Pike, G. R., & Davies, G. (2012). *The seven red herrings about standardized assessments in higher education* (NILOA Occasional Paper No.15). Urbana, IL: University for Illinois and Indiana University, National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment.

Benjamin, R. (2008, November/December). The case for comparative institutional assessment of higher-order thinking skills. *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*, 40(6), 50-55.

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