



JOHN L. PALMER
SHORT BIOGRAPHY

John L. Palmer currently holds the position of University Professor at Syracuse University and is on the faculty of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, where he was dean from 1988-2003 and the Birkhead-Burkhead Professor of Teaching Excellence from 2010-2014. He also recently served two presidentially-appointed terms as a public trustee for the Medicare and Social Security programs. Prior to moving to Syracuse to assume the Maxwell deanship, Dr. Palmer occupied several different positions in Washington, DC, including senior fellow of The Brookings Institution and of The Urban Institute and Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services. He has published 13 books and dozens of professional and popular articles on a wide range of topics related to economic, budgetary and social policy concerns. He also has provided expert testimony to Congress on many occasions and served as a consultant to various government agencies, private foundations, and universities. He is a senior fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and former president of the National Academy of Social Insurance. His other past professional activities have included serving on various committees of the National Academy of Sciences, the Visiting Committee of The Brookings Institution, and the Board of Directors of the New York State Health Foundation. Current professional activities include serving on the Council of Academic Advisors of the American Enterprise Institute and the Advisory Board of the Robertson Foundation for Government. Dr. Palmer received a Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University and a B.A. in mathematics from Williams College.