

Brief Biography
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Robert Coen received his A.B. from Harvard in 1961 and Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern in 1967. His research and publications focus on economic growth, employment, and business cycles, as well as on government finance, utilizing the Hickman-Coen statistical model of the U.S. economy. He taught at Stanford from 1965-1971 and at Northwestern from 1972-2007. He held visiting appointments at the University of Massachusetts, the University of Graz, Austria, the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Austria, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria. He was Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences from 1976-79, during which time he oversaw an extensive program of curricular reform, including introduction of freshman seminars, establishment of a writing requirement, and enhancement of distribution requirements. He served again as Associate Dean from 1998-2001, when he designed and initiated a new system of undergraduate advising that has been very successful. He was Chair of the Economics Department from 1985-88 and Faculty Master of the Public Affairs Residential College from 1995-98. Outside the university, he was a Director of the Social Science Research Council from 1988-93 and Chair in 1992-93, and he is a Director of the Trust for Credit Unions, a family of mutual funds for credit union investments.