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Bio

BIO

His current work focuses on the design of assessments and assessment systems that measure college students learning, both their development of competence/ achievement and so-called “soft-skills” such as perspective taking. He co-created the Collegiate Learning Assessment with Steve Klein and built statistical models for estimating value added for the CLA and other college-level assessments. This work is summarized in *Measuring College Student Learning: Accountability in a New Era* (2010, Stanford University Press) and in recent papers on the measurement and statistical modeling of competence.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, Graduate School of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- I James Quillan Dean, School of Education, (1995-2000)
- Emeritus Professor of Psychology (by courtesy), School of Humanities and Sciences, (1995- present)
- Professor Emeritus, Stanford Graduate School of Education, (1995- present)
- Emeritus Affiliated Faculty, Stanford Institute for the Environment, (2005-2007)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Humboldt Fellowship, Humboldt Foundation, Germany (1994)
- AERA Review of Research Award, American Educational Research Association (2008)
- AERA Review of Research Award, American Educational research Association (1978)
- E.F. Lindquist Award, American Educational Research Association (2011)
- R.L. Linn Award, American Educational Association (2016)
- E.L. Thorndike Award, American Psychological Association (2010)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Assistant Professor of Education, UCLA (1973 - 1975)
- Associate Professor of Education, UCLA (1975 - 1979)

- Professor of Education, UCLA (1979 - 1987)
- Dean, Graduate School of Education, University of California (1987 - 1993)
- Professor of Education, UCSB (1987 - 1996)
- Professor of Education, UCSB with an affiliated appointment in Statistics and Applied Probability (1993 - 1996)
- Vice Chair and Chair, Board on Testing and Assessment National Academy of Science (1993 - 1998)
- Board Member, Yosemite National Institutes/ NatureBridge (1996 - 2008)
- Board Member, The Spencer Foundation (1997 - 2005)
- Education Advisory Council (Chair), NatureBridge (2009 - 2012)
- Board Member, BSCS (formerly Biological Sciences Curriculum Study) (2009 - 2018)
- Chair, BSCS Board (2016 - 2018)
- Member and Vice Chair Governance Committee, Stanford Historical Society (2017 - 2019)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University , Educational Psychology (1971)
- MA, San Jose State College , Psychology (1967)
- BA, University of Oregon , Psychology (1964)

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Assessment, Testing and Measurement
- Higher Education
- Psychology
- Research Methods

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Assessment of learning in higher education (including the Collegiate Learning Assessment); accountability in higher education; higher education policy.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Gavriel Salomon: In Memoriam** *EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REVIEW*
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