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An Interview with Paul Lingenfelter

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Paul Lingenfelter was born in Duncansville, Pennsylvania in September 1945. He completed high school in Elyria, Ohio, then attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois where he met his wife, Carol. He graduated in 1967 with a B.A. in literature. He and Carol then earned masters degrees at Michigan State University, Paul's being in Personnel Administration. Afterward, Paul began work at the University of Michigan in administration where he also earned a Ph.D. in higher education. Paul's dissertation was on higher ed budgeting methods in three states: Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. One of the people he interviewed in Illinois was Richard Wagner. Upon graduation, Paul wrote Wagner to express an interest in working for the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). He was hired and worked for the IBHE from 1974 to 1985. In 1980 he became IBHE's Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs. Paul next worked at the MacArthur Foundation from 1985 to 2000, where over time he served as Director of Program Evaluation, Associate Vice President for Planning and Evaluation, and the founding Vice President of the Program on Human and Community Development. From 2000 to 2013 Paul served as CEO/President of the Association of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). Since retiring, he has served on several higher education commissions and is the author of *Proof, Policy, and Practice: Understanding the Role of Evidence in Improving Education* (2016).

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