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## Education

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Ph.D. Harvard University, 1989  
M.P.P. Harvard Kennedy School, 1982  
M.S. University of California, Davis, 1980  
B.S. University of California, Davis, 1979

## Experience

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Independent strategic and technical consulting in regulation, risk, economics, and information quality	2001-present
Expert, U.S. Department of Education	2018-present
Member, EPA Science Advisory Board Economy-Wide Modeling Panel	2015-2017
Associate Fellow, R Street Institute	2015-present
Senior Fellow, Cecil & Ida Green Center for the Study of Science and Society	1995
Nonprofit management	
<i>Regulatory Checkbook</i>	2001-present
Regulatory oversight, scientific peer review	
<i>Neutral Source</i>	2006-present
Blogging platform @ <a href="http://neutralsource.org">neutralsource.org</a>	
Washington University in St. Louis	1998-2001
<i>Visiting Professor of Public Policy</i>	
Center for the Study of American Business	1998-2001
<i>Regulatory Program Manager</i>	
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget	1988-1998
<i>Economist</i>	

## Public Policy Interests

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- Improving the integration of risk assessment into benefit-cost analysis
- Improving the practical utility and reducing the burden of federal information collection requests
- Improving the transparency, reproducibility, and objectivity of information disseminated by government agencies
- Improving the quality of peer review of scientific, economic, and technical work products
- Improving the effectiveness of institutional mechanisms for regulatory oversight
- Improving the net social benefits of regulation

## Affiliations, Memberships, and Professional Service

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Society for Risk Analysis ([sra.org](http://sra.org))

Elected Treasurer, 1998, 2000

Executive Committee, 1998-2003

Specialty Groups

[Economics and Benefits Analysis](#)

[Applied Risk Management](#)

[Occupational Health and Safety](#)

[Risk Policy and Law](#)

Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis ([benefitcostanalysis.org](http://benefitcostanalysis.org))

Elected Secretary/Treasurer, 2008, 2010, 2012

Elected Treasurer, 2014

Executive Committee, 2009-2016

American Association of Wine Economists ([wine-economics.org](http://wine-economics.org))

Federalist Society

Regulatory Transparency Project, Energy & Environment Working Group

## Awards

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Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis

Richard O. Zerbe, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, 2017

Society for Risk Analysis

Outstanding Service Award, 2003

Cecil and Ida Green Center for the Study of Science and Society, University of Texas at Dallas

Senior Fellow, 1995

Office of Management and Budget

Special Achievement Award, 1990

Division Performance Award, 1991

Division Performance Award, 1992

## Testimony

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- U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Hearing: “Examining the Underlying Science and Impacts of Glider Truck Regulations. September 13. ([PDF](#)) 2018
- U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Hearing: “The Environmental Protection Agency's Process for Evaluating and Using Science During Its Regulatory Decision Making Activities,” February 7. ([PDF](#)) ([Answers to Questions for the Record](#)) 2017
- U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals. Hearing: “Examining Deficiencies in Transparency at the Department of the Interior,” May 19. ([PDF](#)) 2016
- California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Human Health Hazard Assessment. “*CalEnviroScreen* Academic Workshop,” September 7. ([PDF](#)) 2012
- U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space, & Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight; and Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Healthcare & Technology – “Joint Hearing: How the Report on Carcinogens Uses Science to Meet its Statutory Obligations, and its Impact on Small Business Jobs,” April 25. ([PDF](#)) ([Answers to Questions for the Record](#)) 2012
- U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform – Day II,” February 3. ([PDF](#)) ([Answers to Questions for the Record](#)) 2012
- U.S. Senate, Committee on Environment and Public Works. “Oversight Hearing on Disease Clusters and Environmental Health,” March 29. ([PDF](#)) ([Answers to Questions for the Record](#)) 2011
- U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs. “Oversight Hearing on OMB’s Draft Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulation,” February 25. ([PDF](#)) 2004
- U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Investigations and Oversight. “Oversight Hearing on Hazardous Waste Rule Making” 1992

## Public Comments

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See listing at <http://www.rbbelzer.com/public-comments.html>.

## Publications

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2. Belzer RB. Regulatory Impact Analysis for Repeal of Emission Requirements for Glider Vehicles, Glider Engines, and Glider Kits Working Papers, May 15 ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2017
3. Belzer RB. "Expected Savings to Medicaid from Substituting Electronic for Tobacco Cigarettes," Policy Study 124, <i>R Street Institute</i> . ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">Technical Appendix</a> )		2017
4. Dudley S, Belzer R, Blomquist G, Brennan T, Carrigan C, Cordes J, Cox LA, Fraas A, Graham J, Gray G, Hammitt J, Krutilla K, Linquti P, Lutter R, Mannix B, Shapiro S, Smith A, Viscusi WK, Zerbe R. "Consumer's Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis: Ten Tips for Being an Informed Policymaker," <i>Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis</i> , 2017:1-18. ( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2017
5. Belzer, RB. "The Costs and Benefits of Subjecting Juveniles to Sex-Offender Registration and Notification," Policy Study 41, <i>R Street Institute</i> . ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2015
6. Belzer RB. "Risk Assessment, Safety Assessment, and the Estimation of Regulatory Benefits," Research Papers. Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA. ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2012
7. Belzer RB. "The Report on Carcinogens: What Went Wrong; What Can Be Done to Fix It," <i>Issue Analysis</i> , 2012:1, Competitive Enterprise Institute. ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2012
8. Belzer RB. "Principles for an Effective Regulatory Impact Analysis Challenge Function," <i>Horizons</i> 10:3, 31-39, Policy Research Initiative (Government of Canada). ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2009
9. Belzer RB, Bus JS, Cavalieri EL, Lewis SC, North DW, Pleus RC. "The Naphthalene State of the Science Symposium: Objectives, Organization Structure, and Charge," <i>Regulatory Toxicology &amp; Pharmacology</i> 51:2(1), 1-5. ( <a href="#">link</a> )		2008
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13. Belzer RB. Exposure Assessment at a Crossroads: The Risk of Success." <i>Journal of Exposure Analysis and Environmental Epidemiology</i> , 12, 96-103. ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2002
14. Belzer RB. "Discounting Across Generations: Necessary, not Suspect," <i>Risk Analysis</i> , 20:6, 779-792. ( <a href="#">link</a> )		2002
15. Belzer RB, deFur P, Clarke D. "Selecting, Implementing, and Tracking Ecological Risk Management Decisions: Necessary Elements of an Effective Decisionmaking Framework," Chapter 5 in <i>Risk Management: Ecological Risk-Based Decision-Making</i> , Stahl RG, et al., eds. Pensacola, Fl: Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 57-74. ( <a href="#">link</a> )		2001
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17. Belzer RB. "Getting Beyond 'Grin and Bear It' in the Practice of Risk Management," <i>Reliability Engineering and System Safety</i> , 72:2, 137-148. ( <a href="#">link</a> )		2001
18. Lutter RL, Belzer RB. "EPA Pats Itself on the Back," <i>Regulation</i> 23:3, 23-28. ( <a href="#">link</a> )		2000
19. Belzer RB. "HACCP Principles for Regulatory Analysis" in <i>The Economics of HACCP: Costs and Benefits</i> , Uhnevehr LJ, ed. St. Paul, Minn.: Eagan Press. ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2000
20. Belzer RB. "OMB Report on Regulation Flunks CSAB Test: Comments on the OMB's 'Draft [Third] Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulation'" <i>Policy Brief 203</i> , Center for the Study of American Business, Washington University in St. Louis. ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )		2000

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24. Belzer RB. "CSAB Project on Regulatory Oversight: Study Protocol 1, Appendix B: Evaluative Criteria for Compliance [Evaluative Criteria for Compliance: Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement, Fairness and Compliance Act of 1996]," Center for the Study of American Business, Washington University in St. Louis.		1999
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28. Belzer RB. "CSAB Project on Regulatory Oversight: Study Protocol 1, Appendix E: Evaluative Criteria for Compliance [Executive Order 12875, 'Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership']," Center for the Study of American Business, Washington University in St. Louis.		1999

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30. Belzer RB. "CSAB Project on Regulatory Oversight: Study Protocol 1, Appendix G: Evaluative Criteria for Compliance [Executive Order 13045, 'Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks']," Center for the Study of American Business, Washington University in St. Louis.		1999
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