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Henry Braun holds the Boisi Chair in Education and Public Policy in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. He also serves as distinguished presidential appointee (retired) at Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, N.J., where he had an exceptional 27-year career.

Braun joined ETS in 1979 as a research scientist in the Division of Measurement, Statistics and Data Analysis Research. His early experience included the application of empirical Bayes methods to test validity problems, the design of a universal grade scale for American law schools, the investigation of the predictive validity of the SAT[®] and GRE[®] for students with disabilities, and the design and implementation of an innovative study to explore the statistical calibration of essay readers in the Advanced Placement Program.[®] In 1990, he was named Vice President of Research Management and was responsible for a staff of more than 200 and a budget of \$25 million.

In 1999, Braun stepped down from his role as an officer to become an ETS distinguished presidential appointee and became more involved in education policy issues. Among the more recent reports Braun authored or co-authored are: *Reconsidering the Impact of High Stakes Testing* (2003); *Using Student Progress to Evaluate Teachers: A Primer on Value-Added Models* (2005); *A Portrait of Advanced Placement Teachers' Practices* (2005); and *An Introduction to the Measurement of Change Problem* (2005). He has also given numerous presentations by invitation at conferences in the United States and abroad and has served on several international advisory boards.

Braun has published broadly in the fields of probability, statistics and educational measurement, and has consulted for a variety of private, public and governmental organizations. He was elected a fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1991. He is a co-recipient of the 1986 Palmer O. Johnson Award of the American Educational Research Association and a co-recipient of the National Council for Measurement in Education's 1999 Award for Outstanding Technical Contribution to the Field of Educational Measurement.

Prior to his work at ETS, Braun was a faculty member in the Department of Statistics and the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. He has also served as a consulting statistician at the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and at the Centers for Disease Control.

Braun earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from McGill University. He received his master's degree and doctorate, both in mathematical statistics, from Stanford University.