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PROFILE

Andrew W. Dobelstein, Ph. D. has been associated with the University of North Carolina since 1968, first as an Assistant Professor, as full Professor in 1980 and emeritus in 2005. He teaches social welfare policy, conducts research in the field of welfare politics, and provides extensive community service to state, local and national organizations concerned with poverty problems. He has held joint appointments with the Bush Institute for the Study of Children's Policy, Greensboro College, U.N.C. Greensboro, and University of California at Los Angeles. In 1987, with the assistance of two professional colleagues he formed the Conference on Poverty, a 501, C,(3) non-profit corporation, which provided data, training and consultation to local organizations working with poverty persons. The North Carolina Community Action Association awarded him its Outstanding Leadership Award in 2009 in recognition of his poverty related work.

Dr. Dobelstein received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University in 1973. He also received degrees from Case Western Reserve University and Valparaiso University (IN). He has been a Guest Scholar at The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC. He is a fellow in the Institute of Political Leadership, completed Commitment for Leadership Training at the Center for Creative Leadership, served on the North Carolina General Assembly's Joint Legislative Welfare Reform Study Commission, and assisted in developing and implementing North Carolina's 1997 welfare reform plan.

Dr. Dobelstein has published eight major textbooks on social welfare policy, and authored, individually or jointly, over 30 articles. His sixth book, *Moral Authority, Ideology, and the Future of American Welfare*, published by Westview Press in 1999, provides a discussion of welfare for the general public, and his account of welfare reform in North Carolina was published by Edwin Mellen Press in 2001. His *Understanding the Social Security Act: The Foundation of Social Welfare for America in the Twenty-first Century* (2009) is available from Oxford University Press. As current President of the UNC (Chapel Hill) Retired Faculty Association, Dobelstein lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, serves on several boards, including the board of the Johnson Intern Program, and remains active in the university and in local public affairs.