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**Citizenship:** Irish and European Union citizen. Permanent resident of the USA.

**Professional Career**

University of Pennsylvania, 2002 –

London School of Economics & Political Science (1983-2003): Academic Governor (elected), Chair (Convenor) of the Government Dept (elected), Professor of Political Science, previously Reader in Political Science, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Lecturer in Public Administration.

**Education**

London School of Economics & Political Science, Great Britain

PhD: The Asiatic Mode of Production: Oriental Despotism, Historical Materialism, and Indian Historiography. 1988.

Winner of the Robert McKenzie Memorial Prize. Thesis published as a book. Examiners: Profs. Ernest Gellner (Cambridge) and Nicos Mouzelis (LSE).

Oxford University, Keble College, Great Britain

BA: Philosophy, Politics and Economics, First Class Honors, 1981. Winner Open Scholarship, 1977-81.

President of the JCR (elected).

Prizes & Certificates

Robert McKenzie Memorial Prize, PhD (1988). European Consortium for Political Research Summer School on Data Analysis, Essex University (1982). Open scholarship, Keble College, Oxford University (1977-1981).

Production Management Course, N.I. Manpower Services (1977). Winner, Queen’s University Belfast/ Northern Bank Northern Ireland Schools Debating Competition (Pairs, 1975). Winner, Best Individual Speaker, Irish Times / Trinity College, Dublin University, All-Ireland Schools Debating Competition (1975).

**Teaching experience :** Twenty six years of PhD supervision and examining, MA/MSc teaching, and BA/BSc teaching.

**Administrative experience:** Director of the University of Pennsylvania Program in Ethnic Conflict, 2007-, Director of the Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, 2002-7. Academic Governor (elected) and Member of Governing Council of LSE, 2000-1.Convenor (Head or Chair) of the Government Department, LSE, elected 1998-2001, responsible for academic leadership in research, appointments, mentoring, personnel planning, and the budget. Extensive constitutional and political advisory experience, especially on power-sharing, cabinet systems, electoral systems, and minority rights.

**Professional memberships:** American Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities, International Political Science Association, International Studies Association, and Irish Political Studies Association.

**Major external academic work:** Appointments Panel for the President of the University of Kurdistan-Hewler 2009; Member of the International Social Sciences and Historical Research Board of Ireland (2007-9); Advisory Council of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, (1999-2001); External Examiner: at University College Dublin (1997-9); University of Edinburgh (1997-9); and Dublin City University (1994-7).

**Editorial board memberships:** Democratiya, 2007-; Ethnic and Racial Studies, 1989-97; International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations, International Advisory Board, 2003-; Irish Information Partnership, 1989-91; JEMIE; Ethnopolitics, 2001-, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, 2005-; Nations and Nationalism, 1994-2003; Peace and Conflict Studies, 2002-; Penn Journal of International Law, 2007-;

**Journal editor:** Public Administration, Jt. Editor, 1988-89; LSE Quarterly, Co-editor, 1988-89; Politics, Commissioning Editor & Editorial Board, 1985-88.

**External advisory work**

Senior Advisor on Power-Sharing, Standby Team of the Mediation Support Unit, United Nations, supported by the Norwegian Refugee Council 2009-10

International constitutional advisor to the Kurdistan National Assembly and Kurdistan Regional Government, 2004-9, responsible for advice on federalism, power-sharing, electoral systems, rights of nationalities and religious communities.

Interdisciplinary Center on Minority Protection, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, International Advisory Board Member, 2009-.

Trustee of International Alert, London, 2005-

Consultant to the UNDP Human Development Report (2004) *Culture and Liberty*

Consultant to Department of International Development (UK), responsible for advising on power-sharing, coalition formation and electoral systems, Nepal (2007); and for advising on the management of coalition governments, KwaZulu Natal, Republic of South Africa (2000-1).

Consultant to European Union and UN project on Reconstructing Somalia (1995-9), responsibility for power-sharing, federalism, human rights, and electoral systems. Co-drafter of Constitutional Charter for the State of Puntland, Somalia.

Irish peace process activities (1987-): Political Advisor to Dr Marjorie Mowlam MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and to Kevin McNamara MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (1987-1996/7), advising on all matters affecting constitutional politics, and proposed power-sharing arrangements. Policy Advisor to the British Labour Party (1987-8-1996-7); Informal Advisor to Americans promoting peace in Ireland (1993-); Author of multiple constitutional and policy memoranda to Parties and Governments (1994-); Submission to Patten Commission, meeting with Mr Patten, testimony on Patten Report to the Helsinki Commission before the US House of Representatives (1998-2000); Guest at the US White House (March 17 1998, May 24-26 1995, March 17 1994); Occasional participant in the British-Irish Association (1990-99).

**Broadcasting and journalism:** Regular broadcaster for BBC Radio 4’s Analysis program (1992-2000) - highlights include being a presenter and writer of 10 radio documentaries. Regular broadcaster on British, Irish, American, European, and Japanese networks, especially on British, Irish, and Iraqi politics. Regular writer of op-eds and articles writer for newspapers and magazines, including *Dissent* (New York), *Financial Times* (London), *Fortnight* (Belfast), *Globe & Mail* (Canada), *Guardian* (London)*, IlSol-24Ore* (Italy), *Independent* (London), *Irish Independent* (Dublin), *Irish News* (Belfast), *Irish Times* (Dublin), *Los Angeles Times, Pennsylvania Gazette, Philadelphia Inquirer, Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Sunday Business Post* (Dublin), *Sunday Press* (Dublin), *Sunday Tribune* (Dublin), *Washington Times.*

**Current Research interests:**

Power-sharing systems, especially in consociations and pluralist federations. Nationalism: national and ethnic conflict-regulation; national self-determination. National, ethnic and communal violence. Democracy, democratization and electoral systems. Constitutional design. Iraq’s constitutional process. Irish peace process. Theocracies.

**Publications:** For full details of publication see full academic CV, available at:

http://www.polisci.upenn.edu/ppec/fellows/oleary/home.html

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| **Books** (19) | | **Articles & Chapters** (333) | | | | | **Op-eds & Magazine Essays** |
| Authored & Co-authored  **8** | Edited and Co-edited  **11** | Academic Journals  **57** | Academic Presses  **75** | Miscellaneous  **15** | Short Reviews  **67** | Encyclopedia Articles  **119** | **91** |