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Biography

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James B. Burnham is a university professor, banker and economist.

Burnham, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1940. He graduated from Princeton University in 1961. He was in the Navy as a naval intelligence officer from 1963-1966. Upon leaving the Navy, Burnham completed his Ph.D. degree in economics at Washington University.

Burnham held various positions with Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh, PA throughout the 1970s. In 1981 Burnham was appointed the Staff Director and Assistant to the Chairman (Murray Weidenbaum) of the Council of Economic Advisers at the White House.

Burnham was appointed Executive Director of The World Bank, serving from June 1982 until June 1985. He left the World Bank to rejoin Mellon Bank as Senior Vice President of the International Treasury. He remained at Mellon until June 1988.

Burnham spent a year as a visiting professor at Washington University before joining the faculty of the Donahue School of Business at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He remained at Duquesne until his retirement in 2013. At various times he was the Murrin Professor in Global Competitiveness and a Fulbright Senior Researcher in Turkey (2005).

Burnham and his wife currently live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Series List

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