

About William H. Kaempfer



William H. Kaempfer is Senior Vice Provost, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning and Professor of Economics at the University of Colorado Boulder. He joined the faculty at the University of Colorado in 1981 after earning his Ph.D. in economics from Duke University in 1979. He has also taught at the University of Washington, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the Claremont Graduate School, Claremont McKenna College and the College of Wooster.

As Senior Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning, Kaempfer is responsible for a variety of initiatives across the campus ranging from academic prioritization and new degree approval to managing the annual budget process for all schools and colleges, developing new revenue sources and strategic planning for space management and allocation. In addition, he was responsible for the reaccreditation of the campus by the North Central Association in 2000. Prior to his current position Kaempfer was Chair of the Department of Economics from 1995 to 1997 and Associate Chair from 1991 to 1995.

Kaempfer's research focus is in the area of international political economy, especially on the topics of trade policy, international economic sanctions and the transmission of policy influence between nations. Working with Anton Lowenberg, Kaempfer has co-authored books on international economic sanctions and South African apartheid. In addition he has co-authored an advanced text in international trade theory with James Markusen, James Melvin and Keith Maskus. Other topics on which he has written papers include international voter turnout, NAFTA, trade in ivory, Congressional regulatory legislation, college football and salary arbitration in Major League Baseball. In total, Kaempfer has authored or co-authored more than 85 books, articles, book chapters and book reviews.

In addition to his professional activities, Kaempfer is an avid birdwatcher who has seen over 430 species of birds in Colorado. He regularly leads field trips for birdwatching groups ranging from the Boulder Bird Club and the Boulder Audubon Society to the American Birding Association and the Colorado Field Ornithologists, of which he is immediate past-president. Look for him in a wild area near you with his binoculars around his neck searching for a recently reported rarity.