

Professor Bruce E. Cain

Bruce E. Cain is the Charles Louis Ducommun Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and Director of the Bill Lane Center for the American West. Before coming to Stanford, he was the Heller Professor of Political Science at University of California, Berkeley where he taught from 1989-2012, and is currently Professor Emeritus. While at Berkeley he also served as Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies (1990-2007) and as Executive Director of the UC Washington Center (2005-12). Professor Cain has been affiliated with the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement since its inception. He began meeting with members of the Cal Class of 1968 in spring 2007 and was involved in the early discussions to develop the concepts, mission and activities of the Center. He served as the Center's Co-Director from January 2008 until June 2013.

Prior to his arrival at Berkeley Professor Cain taught at CalTech (1976-89). He received a BA from Bowdoin College (1970), a B Phil. from Oxford University (1972) as a Rhodes Scholar, and a Ph D from Harvard University (1976). He was elected the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2000 and has won awards for his research (Richard F. Fenno Prize, 1988), teaching (Caltech 1988 and UC Berkeley 2003) and public service (Zale Award for Outstanding Achievement in Policy Research and Public Service, 2000). His areas of expertise include political regulation, applied democratic theory, representation and state politics. Some of Professor Cain's most recent publications include "Malleable Constitutions: Reflections on State Constitutional Design," coauthored with Roger Noll in University of Texas Law Review, volume 2, 2009; "More or Less: Searching for Regulatory Balance," in Race, Reform and the Political Process, edited by Heather Gerken, Guy Charles and Michael Kang, CUP, 2011; and "Redistricting Commissions: A Better Political Buffer?" in The Yale Law Journal, volume 121, 2012. He is currently working on a book about political reform in the US.