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His book (with Charles Weiss, Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University), entitled **Structuring an Energy Technology Revolution**, is scheduled for release in the spring of 2009. His recent articles include, "Power Play – The DARPA Model and U.S. Energy Policy" (2006) in *The American Interest* and reprinted in the book *Blindside* (Brookings Press, Francis Fukuyama, ed., 2007); "The Politics of Jobs" (2007), "Meeting the New Challenge to U.S. Economic Competitiveness" (2004) and "Organizing Science and Technology for Homeland Security" (with K.V. Sharp, 2002), all published in *Issues in Science and Technology*; "Will the Search for New Energy Technologies Require a New R&D Mission Agency?" (2007) in *bridges*; and "Science at a Crossroads" (2002), published in *Technology in Society* and reprinted in the *FASEB Journal*.

Prior to his work in the U.S. Senate, he was a partner at a large national law firm. Early in his career, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director of Congressional Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, working on major transportation deregulation legislation.

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