

BIO - KENT REDFIELD

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Kent Redfield is a professor emeritus of Political Studies at the University of Illinois - Springfield (UIS). He has research appointments with the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS and the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs. In addition, he is also the Director of the Sunshine Project, a campaign finance research project funded by the Joyce Foundation.

He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Utah and his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Illinois - Springfield in 1979, Dr. Redfield worked for four years as a member of the research/appropriations staff for the Speaker of the Illinois General Assembly. His primary responsibility was the committees dealing with local government.

Dr. Redfield directed the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program for 20 years before stepping down from the program in 1999. He also served for three years as the interim director of the Institute for Legislative Studies at UIS.

Dr. Redfield has been engaged in research on the financing of political campaigns in Illinois and political ethics since 1991. The results of that research have been presented in numerous research reports, a series of articles in *Illinois Issues*, three articles in the *Almanac of Illinois Politics*, a 1994 book on financing legislative elections in Illinois, which is entitled *Cash Clout* and a 2001 book on the role of money in Illinois politics entitled *Money Counts*.

Since 1997 Dr. Redfield has been director of the Sunshine Project. This project focuses on the role of money in politics, particularly Illinois. The project is funded by the Joyce foundation through 2009. The Sunshine Project has a partnership with the Illinois Campaign for Politic Reform (ICPR). The extensive databases and analysis of campaign finance in Illinois produced by the project can be accessed on the ICPR website at ilcampaign.org.

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