

## **Pennsylvania's property tax: A state of denial**

A knowledge-based-journalism symposium  
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The Hadley Union Building, Ohio Room  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

### **Panelist:**

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Dr. Weber is the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

He received his bachelor's degree in American History from the Citadel, Military College of South Carolina. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army in various positions from 1983 to 1993 and left the service with a rank of Major. He received a master's degree in Public Administration from Western Kentucky University and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Penn State – Harrisburg.

From 1994 to 2005, he worked in the Pennsylvania Senate as the deputy director of the Republican Policy Development and Research Office. In 2005, he accepted a position as an assistant professor of political science at East Stroudsburg University, became the chair of the Political Science Department in June 2010, and became the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in August 2014.

His primary research area is in public budgeting and financial management. He has conducted multiple studies of Pennsylvania property taxes for the Pennsylvania Senate and for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. The most recent study is “Pennsylvania County Property Reassessment: Impact on Local Government’s Finances and the Local Economy” for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania in 2010.

He served as an advisor on property taxes to various state-representative and state-senate campaigns and has served on a committee analyzing property taxes for two school districts.

He is writing a book about the state’s property tax. Working title: “Pennsylvania’s Tar Baby: The Property Tax and Its Endless Reform.”