

## Biographical Note on Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh

Cyrus Ernesto (“Ernie”) Zirakzadeh received his degrees from the University of Michigan, Stanford University, and the University of California at Berkeley. He has taught at the University of Connecticut for more than two decades. During that time, he directed the University’s Honors Programs (1993-98), and twice was elected Chair of the Executive Committee of the University Senate. He currently is Professor of Political Science and an Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Zirakzadeh was honored with the title “University of Connecticut Teaching Fellow” in 2005. Other academic awards include a Danforth Foundation Fellowship (1980-84) and memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Zirakzadeh is also the founder of Scholars Day which had its first ceremony on April 13, 1994.

In addition to writing four books, Dr. Zirakzadeh has published his research on political protest and political thought in American literature in several prestigious professional journals, including Polity, Social Movement Studies, The Review of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, and Comparative Studies in Society and History. The first edition of Zirakzadeh’s Social Movements in Politics: A Comparative Study received a 1998 Choice Outstanding Academic Book award.