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PRESENT POSITIONS

William Powers Jr. Chair and Executive Director, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas-Austin, 2015-present

Associate Professor with tenure, LBJ School of Public Affairs and Department of History (by courtesy), University of Texas-Austin, 2013-present

Editor-in-Chief, Texas National Security Review, 2017-present

Founder and Executive Director, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas-Austin, 2013-present

Distinguished Scholar, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, University of Texas-Austin, 2010-present

Non-Resident Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 2010-present

Associate, National Intelligence Council, 2007-present

Contributing Editor, *Foreign Policy* magazine, 2009-present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas-Austin, 2010-2013

Associate Scholar, Georgetown University, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, 2010- 2016

Senior Vice President and Head of Legatum Institute, Legatum Limited, London, United Kingdom, 2007 – 2010

Senior Director for Strategic Planning and Institutional Reform, National Security Council, White House, 2005-2007

Member, Policy Planning Staff, Department of State, 2004 – 2005

Special Advisor, Office of International Religious Freedom, Department of State, 2002 – 2004

Civitas Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, 2001-2002

Congressional Fellow, United States House of Representatives, 1997-1998

Congressional Fellow, United States Senate, 1995-1997

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Yale University, 2003

Dissertation: *The Soul of American Diplomacy: Religion and Foreign Policy, 1945-1960*

M.Phil., History, Yale University, 2001

M.A., History, Yale University, 2001

A.B. with Honors, History, Stanford University, 1994

Oxford University, Magdalen College, Hilary Term, 1993

BOOKS

The Peacemaker: Reagan in the White House from War to Peace. Under Contract with Dutton Books, a Penguin Random House imprint. Forthcoming 2021.

The Last Card: Inside George W. Bush's Decision to Surge in Iraq. Cornell University Press, 2019. Co-editor with Jeffrey Engel, Hal Brands, and Timothy Sayle.

Honorable Mention, Arthur Link-Warren Kuehl Prize for Documentary Editing, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945-1960: The Soul of Containment. Cambridge University Press, 2008. Paperback edition, 2010.

Winner of 2010 Frank and Elizabeth Brewer Prize for best first book, American Society for Church History

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS

“Reinhold Niebuhr and George Kennan,” forthcoming chapter with Oxford University Press for *The Oxford Companion to Reinhold Niebuhr*.

“Implementing Grand Strategy: The Nixon-Kissinger Revolution at the National Security Council,” forthcoming in Elizabeth Borgwardt, Christopher Nichols, Andrew Preston, eds., *Rethinking American Grand Strategy*, Oxford University Press.

“Maybe It Won’t Be So Bad: A Modestly Optimistic Take on COVID and World Order,” in Hal Brands and Francis Gavin, eds., *COVID-19 and World Order: The Future of Conflict, Competition, and Cooperation*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020. Co-authored with Hal Brands and Peter Feaver. Inboden 30% authorship.

“Wisdom Without Tears: Statecraft and the Uses of History,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, volume 41, Issue 7, 2018. Co-authored with Hal Brands. Inboden 50% authorship.

“Ronald Reagan, Exemplar of Conservative Internationalism?,” *Orbis*, volume 62, Issue 1, 2018.

“Reforming American Power: Civilian National Security Institutions in the Early Cold War and Beyond,” in Benjamin Valentino and Jeremi Suri, eds. *Sustainable Security: Rethinking American National Security Strategy*, Oxford University Press, 2016.

“Grand Strategy and Petty Squabbles: The Paradox of the Reagan National Security Council,” in Hal Brands and Jeremi Suri, eds. *The Power of the Past: History and Statecraft*, Brookings Institution Press, 2015.

“Trying to Look Forward Through the Past: The Role of History in Bush White House National Security Policy,” in Hal Brands and Jeremi Suri, eds. *The Power of the Past: History and Statecraft*, Brookings Institution Press, 2015. Co-authored with Peter Feaver; Inboden 50% authorship.

“Statecraft, Decision Making, and the Varieties of Historical Experience: A Taxonomy,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, volume 37, Issue 2, April 2014.

“The Prophetic Conflict: Reinhold Niebuhr, Christian Realism, and World War II,” *Diplomatic History*, volume 37, Issue 2, April 2013.

“The Irony of a Globalizing Future: Globalization and International Religious Freedom,” in Gerard Bradley, editor, *Challenges to Religious Liberty in the Twenty-first Century*. Cambridge University Press, 2012.

“A Strategic Planning Cell on National Security at the White House,” in Daniel Drezner, editor, *Avoiding Trivia: The Role of Strategic Planning in American Foreign Policy*. Brookings Institution Press, 2009. Co-authored with Peter Feaver. Inboden 50% authorship.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“Grand Strategy, National Security, and Law,” chapter in Thomas Karako and Melanie Marlowe, eds, *National Security Law and Policy: A Reader*, (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield 2020).

“Lifting the Burdens of the Past: How Three Mid-Twentieth Century Presidents Transformed the United States,” in Michael J. Green and Nicholas Szechenyi, eds. *A Global History of the Twentieth Century* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield 2017).

“The Role of a Strong National Defense,” in *The 2016 Index of U.S. Military Strength*, Heritage Foundation, 2016.

“Organizing for Success: Implementing an Effective Foreign Policy,” in *Choosing to Lead: American Foreign Policy in a Disordered World*. John Hay Initiative, 2016. Co-authored with Peter Feaver. Inboden 50% authorship.

“Religion and American Cold War Policy,” Chapter module for *Retrieving the American Past*, Pearson Publishing, 2012.

“The International Religious Freedom Act: A View From Congress,” in *Religious Persecution as a U.S. Policy Issue*, Rosalind I.J. Hackett, Mark Silk, and Dennis Hoover, editors. Hartford, CT: Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, 2000.

Articles, Reports, and Reviews

“National Security in the 2020 Election,” *The Globe and Mail*, October 24, 2020

“What Christians Must Remember About Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control,” *Providence*, June 8, 2020. Co-authored with Peter Feaver and Michael Singh.

“In Defense of the Blob: America’s Foreign Policy Establishment is the Solution, not the Problem,” *Foreign Affairs*, April 29, 2020. Co-authored with Hal Brands and Peter Feaver.

“The Emergence of an Obama-Trump Foreign Policy,” *Politico*, December 27, 2019.

“The Realists Are Wrong About Syria,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, November 4, 2019. Co-authored with Peter Feaver.

“No, George W. Bush Did Not Undermine American Power and International Order,” *War on the Rocks*, July 26, 2019. Co-authored with Peter Feaver.

An Introduction to Hannah Arendt’s *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, Trinity Forum, 2019.

“70 Years of NATO – and This Year Might Be Its Most Crucial,” *CNN.com*, April 4, 2019.

“10 Reasons Why US Military Strength Remains Essential,” *The Hill*, December 23, 2018.

“Jamal Khashoggi’s Disappearance is a Slap in the Face to the United States,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, October 8, 2018.

“John McCain Was Always There for America,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, August 26, 2018.

“Religious Persecution is on the Rise.” *ForeignPolicy.com*, July 23, 2018. Co-authored with Ashlyn Webb.

“Washington Needs a New Solarium Project to Counter Cyber Threats.” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 26, 2018. Co-authored with Peter Feaver.

“From Singapore, Skepticism and Hope,” *The Hill*, June 13, 2018.

“What Trump Can Learn from Reagan About Negotiating with North Korea,” *The Hill*, April 30, 2018.

Review of Walter A. McDougall, *The Tragedy of U.S. Foreign Policy: How America’s Civil Religion Betrayed the National Interest* for *H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum*, January 22, 2018.

Review of Eliot A. Cohen, *The Big Stick: The Limits of Soft Power and the Necessity of Military Force*, Robert G. Kaufman, *Dangerous Doctrine: How Obama’s Grand Strategy Weakened America*, and Robert Lieber, *Retreat and its Consequences: American Foreign Policy and the Problem of World Order* for *H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum*, October 27, 2017.

“The National Security Act Turns 70,” *War on the Rocks*, July 26, 2017.

“The U.S. and U.K. Have the Same Affliction: A Crisis at the Top,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 9, 2017.

“Give Rex Tillerson a Chance,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, March 14, 2017.

“A Strategic Human Rights Agenda for the Tillerson State Department,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 13, 2017.

“Pearl Harbor Anniversary Reminds Us That the World is Better When U.S. Leads From the Front,” *Houston Chronicle*, December 6, 2016.

Essay on the Chilcot Report, *ISSF Policy Roundtable 1-1*, September 18, 2016.

“The Tragedy of Academic Realism,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Article Review Forum* 59, September 9, 2016.

“It’s Impossible to Count the Things Wrong With the Negligent, Spurious, Distorted New Biography of George W. Bush,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, August 15, 2016.

“Dark Days: Trump, Christianity, and a Low, Dishonest Decade,” *War on the Rocks*, August 1, 2016.

“Why the Brexit Isn’t a Boost for Trump,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 24, 2016.

“Jo Cox: A Memory,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 17, 2017.

“Should America Care Whether Britain Stays in the EU?,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 10, 2016.

“Why the U.S. Should Maintain a Close Partnership with Saudi Arabia,” *Dallas Morning News*, April 19, 2016.

“What Africa Tells Us About the Fight Against Jihadist Terrorism,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, April 5, 2016. Co-authored with Anna Waterfield. Inboden 50% authorship.

“Time to Step Up Our Military Offensive Against ISIS,” *Dallas Morning News*, March 24, 2016.

“A Pope, a Patriarch, and a Missing SuperPower,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 15, 2016.

“Promoting Democracy and National Security Go Together,” *The Catalyst*, January 2016. Co-authored with Amanda Schnetzer. Inboden 50% authorship.

Review of Charles Edel, *Nation Builder: John Quincy Adams and the Grand Strategy of the Republic*, *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, vol. 46, no. 3, January 2016.

“Saudi Arabia’s Religious Intolerance and the Execution of Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, January 4, 2016.

“A Pope and a President Visit America, While Religious Persecution Grows in China,” *Cornerstone* blog, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University. September 16, 2015.

“The Echoes of Kennedy and Obama’s Distortion of History,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, August 6, 2015.

“Future Presidents Should Prepare to Face a Nuclear-Armed Iran,” *Austin American-Statesman*, June 27, 2015.

“Putin, Ukraine, and the Question of Realism,” *The Hedgehog Review*, vol. 17, no. 1, Spring 2015. Co-authored with John Owen. Inboden 50% authorship.

“The Weight of the World,” *The Alcalde*, March/April 2015. Co-authored with Paul D. Miller. Inboden 50% authorship.

“Remembering Boris Nemtsov and His Dream of a Free Russia,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, March 1, 2015.

“Rescuing George Shultz, the Best Secretary of State You’ve Never Heard Of,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 9, 2015.

“What the Fall of the Berlin Wall Can Teach Us,” *Austin-American Statesman*, November 8, 2014.

“The Real Obama Pivot: Back to the Middle East,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, September 11, 2014.

Review of Marc Trachtenberg, The Cold War and After: History, Theory, and the Logic of International Politics, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, vol. 37, Issue 3, June 2014.

“It’s Long Been Clear That Russia Doesn’t Belong in the G-8,” Room for Debate, *New York Times.com*, March 3, 2014.

“Global Security Challenges Confronting Established and Emerging Powers,” in *Promising Partnerships: Emerging and Established Powers in the 21st Century*, German Marshall Fund of the United States, March 2014.

“The Seven Impossible Demands PolicyMakers Place on Intelligence,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 18, 2014.

“Models and Momentum in Research and Advocacy: A Reply to Anthony Gill’s ‘Religious Liberty and Economic Development’,”, *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, volume 11, number 4, Winter 2013.

“Lessons from Bill Clements’ Pentagon Legacy,” *Dallas Morning News*, November 20, 2013.

“A Spiritual Conflict: Mobilizing Religion in the Cold War Arsenal,” Review of Jonathan P. Herzog, The Spiritual-Industrial Complex: America’s Religious Battle Against Communism in the Early Cold War, *Diplomatic History*, volume 37, Issue 2, April 2013

Review of David Settje, Faith and War: How Christians Debated the Cold and Vietnam Wars, *Journal of American Studies*, Volume 47, Issue 1, February 2013.

“Congress is Already Post-Partisan: Agreement Across the Aisle on U.S. Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs*, January 28, 2013. Co-authored with Joshua Busby, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama. Inboden 25% authorship.

“Of Swords, Shields, and Scaffolding: American Religion and Foreign Relations,” review essay, *Fides et Historia*, Summer/Fall 2012.

“China, India, and Civil Society in the Southern Atlantic Basin,” Report in *China and India: New Actors in the Southern Atlantic*, German Marshall Fund of the United States, October 2012.

Review of Jill K. Gill, Embattled Ecumenism: The National Council of Churches, The Vietnam War, and the Trials of the Protestant Left, *American Historical Review*, October 2012.

“Conspiracy Philanthropy: Are the Big Foundations Really the Agents of American Imperialism?,” *Philanthropy*, Fall 2012.

“Religious Freedom and National Security,” *Policy Review*, no. 175, October/November 2012.

“Is Foreign Policy Bipartisanship a Thing of the Past?” *ForeignPolicy.com*, September 12, 2012.

“The Olympics and Measuring National Power,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, August 13, 2012.

“Diversity Under Freedom: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Transatlantic Community,” *Foreign Policy Paper*, German Marshall Fund of the United States, July 2012.

“Making Sense of Six Chinas,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 26, 2012.

“American Foreign Policy is Already Post-Partisan,” *Foreign Affairs.com*, May 30, 2012. Co-authored with Joshua Busby and Jonathan Monten. Inboden 33% authorship.

“Past Intelligence: How Decision-Makers Use History in National Security Policy,” Report for the National Intelligence Council, February 2012.

“Looking to History Won’t Help the Iranian Situation Today,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 15, 2012.

“Burma Save: A Case of Geopolitical Interests Advancing Values,” *Transatlantic Take*, German Marshall Fund, December 2, 2011.

Review of Philip Dow, "Romance in a Marriage of Convenience: The Missionary Factor in Early Cold War U.S.-Ethiopian Relations, 1941-1960," *H-Diplo*, November 25, 2011.

"The Global Chessboard," *ForeignPolicy.com*, November 21, 2011.

"Obama As Bush," *Foreign Policy.com*, November 4, 2011.

"Transatlantic Trends: Weather Change or Climate Change?" *ForeignPolicy.com*, September 15, 2011.

"Libya's Unfolding Questions," *ForeignPolicy.com*, August 29, 2011.

"The Atlantic Charter's Enduring Relevance," *Transatlantic Take*, German Marshall Fund, August 11, 2011.

"Europe's Great Fear of Another War," *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 15, 2011.

"Bin Laden Raid Reflects Improved U.S. Intelligence," *Austin-American Statesman*, May 8, 2011.

"Libya and the Facile Misuse of History," *Transatlantic Take*, German Marshall Fund, March 14, 2011.

"Across the Aisle and Across the Atlantic, A Consensus on Democracy," *Transatlantic Take*, German Marshall Fund, November 22, 2010.

"Measuring National Power," Report for the National Intelligence Council, October 2010.

"Judging Obama's White House on Engagement," *Foreign Policy.com*, July 15, 2010.

"Obama and the 'Special Relationship'," *Wall Street Journal*, May 19, 2010. Co-authored with Lisa Aronsson; Inboden 75% authorship.

"In Search of the Obama Doctrine," *Foreign Policy.com*, April 9, 2010.

"A Valuation of Religious Freedom," *The Immanent Frame*, *Social Science Research Council*, April 2, 2010.

"Google's Noble Withdrawal From China," *Foreign Policy.com*, March 26, 2010.

"Arms to Taiwan, and a Course Correction in Asia?" *Foreign Policy.com*, February 1, 2010.

"Assessing the Tory Foreign Policy Platform," *The Conservative Intelligence Guide to the Tory Manifesto*, January 2010.

“An Obama-Cameron Partnership?” *Foreign Policy.com*, January 20, 2010.

“More White House-military tensions,” *Foreign Policy.com*, January 10, 2010.

“Putting the ‘Christian’ back in Realism: A Response to Steve Walt,” *Foreign Policy.com*, December 21, 2009.

“What is Power?” *The American Interest*, November/December 2009.

“India and Japan’s ‘China Paradox,’” *Foreign Policy.com*, December 16, 2009.

“The Five Messages Obama’s Afghanistan Speech Sent to the World,” *Foreign Policy.com*, December 2, 2009.

2009 Legatum Prosperity Index: A Global Assessment of Wealth and Well-Being. Co-authored with Ryan Streeter.

“When Soft Power Meets Hard Choices,” *Foreign Policy.com*, October 6, 2009.

“Faith and Law in China”, *Far Eastern Economic Review*. September 2009. Co-authored with Rana Siu Inboden.

“How Will the Tories Run UK Foreign Policy?” *Foreign Policy.com*, August 25, 2009.

“The Virtues of Pentagon Envy,” *Foreign Policy.com*, July 13, 2009.

“The Sources of Russian Conduct,” *Foreign Policy.com*, July 6, 2009.

“Five Opportunities President Obama Should Seize Right Now,” *Foreign Policy.com*, May 4, 2009.

“The Author’s Response,” (Roundtable on Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945-1960: The Soul of Containment), *Passport: The Newsletter for the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations* 40, April 2009.

“The Limits of Realism: A Review of The Rebellion of Ronald Reagan,” *Foreign Policy.com*, April 15, 2009.

“How to Get Serious on Sudan,” *Foreign Policy.com*, March 18, 2009.

“Five ‘Don’ts’ For U.S. Development Policy,” *Foreign Policy.com*, February 22, 2009.

“Prosperity in a Crisis,” *Weekly Standard Online*, February 12, 2009. Co-authored with Ryan Streeter.

2008 Legatum Prosperity Index: A Global Assessment of Wealth and Well-Being.
Principal author.

“Presidential Promotion of International Religious Freedom,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, volume 6, number 2, summer 2008.

“One Cheer for Civil Religion” in *Modern Reformation*, volume 13, number 5, September/October 2004.

“Realism We Can Agree On”, *Public Justice Report*, vol.25, no.3, 2002.

Review of Richard Sibbes: Puritanism and Calvinism in Late Elizabethan and Early Stuart England in *Modern Reformation*, volume 10, number 4, July/August 2002.

“Middle Class Idolatry,” *Modern Reformation*, volume 10, number 1, January/February 2002.

“A Few Lashes for the Bible Belt” (Review of *Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt*), *Modern Reformation*, volume 8, number 4, July/August 1999.

“American Missionary Influence on U.S.-China Relations,” *Yale International Forum*, vol. I, number 2, Spring 1999.

SELECTED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Evaluating the Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy,” invited webinar speaker, Alexander Hamilton Society, Wake Forest University, November 12, 2020.

“What is a Conservative Foreign Policy?”, invited speaker, National Review Institute, Dallas Country Club, November 10, 2020.

“Christianity and American Foreign Policy,” invited webinar speaker, Alexander Hamilton Society, Baylor University, October 14, 2020.

“The November Elections: Consequences for U.S. Foreign Policy,” webinar speaker, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin, September 29, 2020.

“Grand Strategy and Great Power Relations After COVID-19,” invited panelist for online conference, Johns Hopkins University, July 1, 2020.

“The Reagan Administration’s Ideological Warfare Strategy Against the Soviet Union and Its Insights for the US-China Competition,” invited briefing, U.S. House of Representatives Republican Task Force on China, June 8, 2020.

“Artificial Intelligence, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Hypersonics, and Autonomous Systems: Emerging Technologies and Euro-Atlantic Security,” invited testimony, U.S. Congress Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe Field Hearing, Dallas, TX. January 22, 2020.

“The Strategic Puzzle of the US-China Relationship: Lessons from Reagan’s Grand Strategy,” invited lecture, University of Dallas. October 30, 2019.

“Why Declassification Matters,” invited talk, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, Washington DC, February 22, 2019.

“Threats to Democracy: Corruption, Authoritarianism, Ultra-Nationalism, Disinformation,” invited panelist, Florida International University, Miami. January 11, 2019.

“What Role Should the United States Play in the World Today?” Invited presentation, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. November 13, 2018.

“The Impact of National Defense on the Economy, Diplomacy, and International Order,” testimony, U.S. House Armed Services Committee, Washington DC. September 26, 2018.

“Reagan Revisited: Reassessing the Reagan Administration’s Grand Strategy”, invited lecture, Brady-Johnson Grand Strategy Program, Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 3, 2018.

“Reflections on History and Statecraft,” invited lecture, Applied History Working Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April 2, 2018.

“Implementing National Security Strategies,” invited panelist, Center for a New American Security, Washington DC. March 7, 2018.

“Reagan Revisited: Themes in the Reagan Administration’s National Security Policies,” invited lecture, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. March 5, 2018.

“The Future of Democracy and Human Rights,” invited panelist, Florida International University, Miami. January 19, 2018.

“Christian Realism in a Time of Crisis: the Cold War Friendship of Reinhold Niebuhr and George Kennan,” annual Heyer Lecture, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, November 2, 2017.

“North Korea: Possibilities for the ‘Impossible State’,” invited lecture, Annandale Capital, Dallas Country Club, Dallas, TX. October 19, 2017.

“U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities,” keynote lecture, Global Austin Summit, Austin, TX. September 19, 2017.

“The Reassertion of American Power,” invited panelist, Conservative Internationalism conference, University of Texas-Austin. May 5, 2017.

“Cybersecurity in an Increasingly Insecure World: Perspectives from Technology, Business, Policy and Law,” invited panelist, Texas Edge, Dallas, April 26, 2017.

“Translating Research for Policy and Practice,” keynote address, National Security Studies Institute annual colloquium, University of Texas-El Paso, March 24, 2017.

“How to Think About Japan’s Twentieth Century History,” invited panelist, Center for Strategic and International Studies, February 21, 2017.

“Things Fall Apart: Reagan’s Second Term National Security Council,” invited paper, Conference on “Ronald Reagan and the Transformation of Global Politics,” University of Texas-Austin, January 21, 2017.

“Brexit and the Future of the European Union,” invited speaker, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 30, 2016.

“Religious Liberty and Violent Extremism,” invited panelist, Symposium on “Religious Freedom and the Common Good,” Georgetown University, November 15, 2016.

“Morality and American Foreign Policy,” keynote address, *The Great Conversation* conference, Pacifica Christian School, Irvine, CA, October 15, 2016.

“Just War in the Age of Terrorism,” invited lecture, Trinity Forum, Nashville, TN. September 27, 2016.

“Populism: Democratic Governance and Its Discontents,” invited panelist, India Trilateral Forum, German Marshall Fund, Stockholm, Sweden. September 9, 2016.

“Implementing Grand Strategy: The Nixon-Kissinger Revolution at the National Security Council,” invited paper, “Rethinking Grand Strategy” conference, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. May 14, 2016.

“What Year Is It? Making Sense of Today’s Geopolitics,” invited lecture, University of Texas Class of 1966 50th reunion, Austin, TX. May 6, 2016.

“Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election,” invited panelist, International Studies Association conference, Atlanta, GA. March 17, 2016.

“The Foreign Policies of the Two Parties,” invited lecture, University of Cincinnati. March 10, 2016.

“Perspectives on the Global History of the 20th Century,” invited panelist, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC. December 14, 2015.

“Historians and the Presidential Daily Brief,” invited panelist, LBJ Presidential Library, Austin, TX. September 16, 2015.

“The United States and the Burdens of History,” Japan Council on Foreign Relations, Tokyo. July 6, 2015.

“Religious Freedom and U.S. Foreign Policy: A Conversation on History, Theory, and Practice,” featured panelist, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. March 30, 2015.

“Ronald Reagan and Freedom Promotion,” featured panelist, Reagan Symposium, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. March 20, 2015.

“The Middle East Turmoil and the Challenge of Christian Statecraft,” Tiffany Memorial Lecture, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. March 17, 2015.

“The Uses of History in Grand Strategy and Statecraft: Insights from Five Historian-Strategists in the Anglo-American Tradition,” Invited lecture, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. September 5, 2014.

“Reconsidering the Reagan National Security Council: Failed Coordination Yet Successful Strategy,” panel presentation, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY. June 21, 2014.

“Religion and U.S. Foreign Relations: A Roundtable on the State of the Study,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY. June 20, 2014.

“Grand Strategy and Statecraft: Insights from Five Historian-Strategists in the Anglo-American Tradition,” invited lecture, Duke University, Durham, NC. March 31, 2014.

“Conservatism and American foreign policy,” roundtable speaker, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada. March 26, 2014.

“The Uses of History in Grand Strategy and Statecraft: Insights from Five Historian-Strategists in the Anglo-American Tradition,” featured presentation, Center for Strategic and International Studies workshop, Hakkone, Japan, March 13, 2014.

“What Do Policymakers Want from the Intelligence Community?,” featured panelist, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago, IL. February 14, 2014.

“American Foreign Policy in an Age of Transitions,” invited lecture, Legatum Institute, London, United Kingdom, October 18, 2013.

“Does Religious Freedom Undermine Terrorism and Conflict and Foster Secure Societies?,” featured panelist, Georgetown University, October 10, 2013.

“A New Look at American Foreign Policy,” featured panelist, Heritage Foundation, Washington DC, September 18, 2013.

“Grand Strategy and Petty Squabbles: The Paradox of the Reagan National Security Council,” invited lecture, Ford Security Seminar, University of Michigan, September 9, 2013.

“Reflections on Bridging the Scholarship-Policy Gap: The National Security Council perspective,” panel presentation, International Policy Summer Institute, American University, Washington DC, June 11, 2013.

“The Strategic Challenge of China,” invited lecture, Legacy Political Fund annual conference, Washington DC, June 9, 2013.

“Grand Strategy and Petty Squabbles: The Paradox of the Reagan National Security Council,” invited paper, conference on “The Uses of History in Policy,” Duke University, May 17, 2013.

“The Prophetic Voice: Reflections on Faithful Witness in the White House and the Ivory Tower,” invited lecture, Rivendell Institute, Yale University, May 11, 2013.

“Christian Realism in the White House? An Assessment of Reinhold Niebuhr's Influence on Barack Obama's Foreign Policy,” roundtable panelist, International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 4, 2013.

“The Strategic Puzzle of the US-China Relationship,” Invited lecture, UT LAMP program, Austin, Texas, March 19, 2013.

“Forecasting the Future: The Role(s) of Religion and History”, invited presentation, National Intelligence Council workshop on “Role of Culture, History, and Religion in Future Global Development,” Washington DC, March 8, 2013.

“Bipartisan Continuity in National Security, and Pluralism in Religion: The 2012 Election in Historical Context,” invited panelist, Presidential Panel, American Historical Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA, January 4, 2013.

“Reforming American Power: Civilian National Security Institutions in the Early Cold War and Beyond,” invited paper, Tobin Project Conference on Sustainable National Security, Beverly, MA, December 8, 2012.

“The Current Debate on Grand Strategy,” discussant, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, November 10, 2012.

“Religious Freedom: Past and Future,” discussant, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington DC, October 24, 2012.

“Assessing U.S. Strategic Rebalancing in Asia,” presentation and panel discussion, Army War College National Security Seminar, Austin, TX, August 17, 2012.

“Reinhold Niebuhr and the Transatlantic Community Today,” invited lecture, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington DC, July 25, 2012.

“American Foreign Policy in an Age of Bush and Obama: Change or Continuity?” invited lecture to Texas-Exes Alumni College, Austin, TX, June 20, 2012.

“Confidence Building in the US-China Relationship,” panel discussion, Sino-U.S. colloquium, Hong Kong Convention Center, June 10, 2012.

“Religion and State after the Arab Spring: Devising Ground Rules for a New Era,” panel discussion, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, May 14, 2012.

“Religious Freedom, Religious Extremism, and the Arab Spring: Bush and Obama Administration Perspectives,” panel discussion, Georgetown University, Washington DC, March 16, 2012.

“Reflections on American Grand Strategy,” invited lecture, Marshall Fellows Seminar, Heritage Foundation, Washington DC, March 15, 2012.

“America at War,” panel discussion, Tucson Festival of Books, University of Arizona, March 7, 2012.

“Faith, the Burden of History, and American Foreign Policy,” Keynote Address, Trinity Forum Academy Annual Conference, Washington DC, January 20, 2012.

“Reinhold Niebuhr, the Fascist Threat, and World War II,” panel presentation, Society for United States Intellectual History annual conference, New York City, November 18, 2011.

“Democratic Politics in the West and India,” panel discussion, German Marshall Fund Stockholm Forum, Stockholm, Sweden, November 11, 2011.

“A Prophetic Conflict: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Second World War,” invited lecture, Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University, St. Louis, October 27, 2011.

“Energy Policy and National Security,” panel discussion, Next Generation Texas conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 21, 2011.

“Is American Global Leadership Worth the Price?” panel discussion, Alexander Hamilton Society National Conference, Washington DC, October 15, 2011.

“American National Security and International Religious Freedom,” invited lecture, Foreign Service Association of Central Texas, Austin, Texas, October 12, 2011.

“American Foreign Policy in an Age of Austerity,” invited presentation for Academic Encounter Day, Midland University, Fremont, Nebraska, October 4, 2011.

“Religion and the National Security Strategy,” Workshop on Religion and Security in World Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, September 13, 2011.

“Those Who Remember the Past Are Condemned to Repeat It’: Policy-Making and the Use and Abuse of History,” LBJ School Doctoral Colloquium, Austin, Texas, April 28, 2011.

“Assessing Terrorism as a Non-Traditional Security Threat,” Global Security Conference, University of Texas-Austin, March 23, 2011.

“A Niebuhrian Assessment of the Bush Administration’s National Security Policy,” Conference on “The Niebuhrian Moment, Then and Now: Religion, Democracy, and Political Realism,” Princeton University, February 24, 2011.

“Measuring National Power in a New Era,” Japan Forum on International Relations Conference on US-Japan Relations, Tokyo, February 14, 2011.

“Religion, American Identity, and the Cold War,” Invited Lecture for the Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy, University of Virginia, December 2, 2010.

“Policy-Making and the Use and Misuse of History,” Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Duke University, November 4, 2010.

“The National Security Strategy and Religious Freedom,” Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs Conference on Religious Freedom and National Security, Georgetown University, October 28, 2010.

“Economics and the End of the Cold War: A Response to Thomas Zeiler on the role of GATT,” Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Durham, United Kingdom, July 12, 2010.

“The ‘Real’ Truman Doctrine: Harry Truman’s Theology of Containment,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 25, 2010.

“Policy-Making and History: A Preliminary Typology,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 23, 2010.

“Those Who Remember the Past Are Condemned to Repeat It’: Policy-making and the Uses (and Abuses) of History,” Lecture at the LBJ School of Public Policy, University of Texas-Austin, February 26, 2010.

“Measuring Holistic Prosperity,” Presentation at the World Bank, Washington DC, November 2, 2009.

“The Role of Congress in Religious Freedom Promotion,” Presentation to the United States Congress International Religious Freedom Caucus, Washington DC, November 2, 2009.

“Democracy Promotion and the Bush Administration Record: An Assessment,” Presentation at “Advancing and Defending Democracy: Towards a Transatlantic Approach,” Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Headquarters, Prague, Czech Republic, October 8-9, 2009.

“National Security, History, and the Financial Crisis,” AEI/Legatum Institute London Forum on the Economic Crisis, London, United Kingdom, September 14-15, 2009.

“The Restlessness of Prosperity,” Legatum Institute Prosperity Symposium, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, June 26-28, 2009.

“A New Approach to Assessing Global Economic Growth and Well-Being,” Presentation at the World Bank, Washington DC, June 16, 2009.

“Next Steps on Entrepreneurship Policy Reforms,” International Conference on Entrepreneurship, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India, June 5-7, 2009.

“The ‘Real’ Truman Doctrine: President Harry Truman’s Theology of Containment,” American History Seminar, Cambridge University, May 11, 2009.

“Prophet, Priest, and President: Dwight D. Eisenhower and the New American Faith,” Symposium on Religion and American Cold War Foreign Relations, Cambridge University, May 9, 2009.

“Globalization and Religious Liberty,” Consultation on Law and Religion, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University, April 17-18, 2009.

Respondent to Paper by Andrew Preston on Religion and American Foreign Policy, Lone Star National Security Forum, San Antonio, Texas, April 3-5, 2009.

“Governance, Well-Being, and Reform in the Middle East,” Presentation at the World Bank, Washington DC, November 17, 2008.

“Economic and Governance Challenges in the Middle East: A Comparative Assessment,” Dubai School of Government, United Arab Emirates, November 3, 2008.

“The Irony of Prosperity,” Legatum Institute Prosperity Symposium, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, June 24-26, 2008.

“An Assessment of Presidential Religious Freedom Promotion,” Conference on “U.S. Religious Freedom Policy: Assessing the Results,” Georgetown University, Washington DC, April 21, 2008.

“Human Rights and Religious Freedom in American Diplomacy,” Presentations at the United States Foreign Affairs Training Center, multiple occasions, Washington DC, 2003-2005.

“Religion and American Foreign Policy Today,” at *The Soul of Foreign Policy: Religion and American Diplomacy*, American Enterprise Institute symposium, April 25, 2002.

“Religion and America’s Role in the World, Past and Present.” Address at *Terrorism: The State of the Conflict* conference, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, TX, April 10, 2002.

“The Spiritual World of John Foster Dulles.” *Pew Working Group in American Religious History*, Yale University, December 2, 2000.

“Guided by God: The Unusual Decision-Making of Senator H. Alexander Smith,” *Pew Working Group in American Religious History*, Yale University, February 28, 2000.

“Comparative Implications of Religious Persecution Legislation for American Foreign Policy.” *Consultation on Religious Persecution as a U.S. Policy Issue*, Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, September 26-27, 1999.

“To Save China: American Protestant Missionaries and the Debate Over Sino-American Relations, 1945-1950.” *Colloquium in International History and Security*, International Security Studies, Yale University, September 14, 1999.

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- Chair, University of Texas Advisory Committee on Classified Research, 2019-present
- Member, Ronald Reagan Institute Academic Advisory Committee, 2019-present
- Chair, MGPS Graduate Studies Committee, LBJ School, 2019-present

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- Member, Department of State Historians Advisory Council, 2018-present
- Co-chair, University of Texas Chancellor's National Security Network, 2016-2019
- Chair, PhD Admissions Committee, LBJ School, 2018-2019 academic year
- Member, DC Program Curriculum Committee, LBJ School, 2018-2019 academic year
- Chair, LBJ School Mid-Probationary Review for Assistant Professor Joshua Eisenman, 2016-17 academic year
- Chair, Strategic Surprise Task Force, Atlantic Council Strategy Consortium, 2017-18
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, History Department, 2016-17 academic year
- Member, CIA Historical Review Panel, 2015-present
- Chair of Search Committee for LBJ School Dean, 2015
- Chair of Faculty Search Committee, LBJ School, 2013-2014 academic year
- LBJ School PhD Admissions Committee, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 academic years
- LBJ School Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committee, 2013-2015
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- LBJ Foundation Grants-in-Aid Committee, 2011-2013
- LBJ School Graduate Admissions Committee, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Academic Years
- Faculty Research Supervisor for McCombs Graduate School of Business Executive Education Students
- Gordon College Council of 125
- Advisory Council, Cambridge Institute for Religion and Global Affairs
- International Academic Advisory Council, Oxford House
- Trinity Forum Senior Fellow
- Advisory Board Member, China Aid

DISSERTATIONS

- Cambridge University Department of International Relations, External Examiner for Doctoral Dissertation Committee on "Routine Pathologies of US Military Occupations: The Case of Iraq"
- Member of Dissertation Committee for LBJ School Dissertation on "Eisenhower's Shield: Building Foreign Militaries, Retrenchment, and the New Look"

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- Member of Dissertation Committee for History Department Dissertation on “The City of Houston and International Policy”
- Member of Dissertation Committee for History Department Dissertation on “The Good Guys Win: Ronald Reagan and the Transformation of National Security”
- Member of Dissertation Committee for History Department Dissertation on “The Shield Of Asia: How Deterrence And Domestic Politics Shaped U.S. Foreign Policy Towards China And The Asia-Pacific, 1949-1969”
- Member of Dissertation Committee for History Department Dissertation on “Engaging The 'Evil Empire': East-West Relations In The Second Cold War”
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AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/QUALIFICATIONS

- Selected as one of the “Texas 10” (top 10 professors as nominated by UT-Austin alumni) by the *Alcalde*, the UT-Austin alumni magazine), 2017
- Awarded “Class Most Likely to Challenge Your Assumptions” for “Ethics and International Affairs” for 2016-2017 academic year
- Awarded “Best Course at LBJ School” for “Presidential Leadership, Decision-Making, and National Security” for 2013-2014 academic year
- National “Faculty Advisor of the Year” for the Alexander Hamilton Society, 2012-2013 academic year

- Awarded “Best Course at LBJ School” for “Ethics and International Affairs” for 2012-2013 academic year
- Awarded “Most Helpful Professor” at LBJ School for 2011-2012 academic year
- Awarded “Best New Professor” at LBJ School for 2010-2011 academic year
- Policy Research Institute research grant, 2011 and 2012
- Selected as 2012 Aspen Ideas Festival Scholar
- Selected as British-American Project Fellow, 2007
- Civitas Fellowship, Center for Public Justice, Washington, DC
- Smith-Richardson Fellowship, International Security Studies, Yale University
- Pew Graduate Fellowship, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale
- Lincoln Fellowship, Claremont Institute, Claremont, CA
- Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation, Arlington, VA
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- Yale University Doctoral Qualifying Exam passed with Distinction
- Teaching Fellow, *The Colonial Period of American History*, Yale University
- Teaching Fellow, *Religion in American History, 1865-present*, Yale University
- Stanford University James A. Weter Prize for top History Honors Thesis
- Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations
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- Member, *Society for U.S. Intellectual History*
- Member, *International Studies Association*
- Member, Chicago Council on Global Affairs Religion and Foreign Policy Task Force
- Member, Mellon Foundation Working Group on Religion and International Relations
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