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Academic Appointments

2023-Present Annett H. and Kenneth B. Pyle Professor in American Foreign Policy
2016-2020
2019-Present Associate Professor
2020-2022 Joff Hanauer Honors Professor in Western Civilization
2014-2019 Assistant Professor
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
University of Washington

Professional Associations

2023-Present Associate
Alameda Institute
London, United Kingdom

2019-Present Non-Resident Fellow
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
Washington, D.C.

Education

Ph.D. Duke University, History, 2013
M.A. Duke University, History, 2010
B.A. Columbia University, History, 2006
B.A. Jewish Theological Seminary, Jewish History, 2006

Books

(2024) *Imperialist Realism: The End of the American Century*. Hampshire, UK: Zero Books. (under contract)

2018 *Democracy in Exile: Hans Speier and the Rise of the Defense Intellectual*. United States in the World Series, edited by Mark Bradley, David Engerman, Amy Greenberg, and Paul Kramer. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. (312 p.)

* The subject of an H-Diplo/ISSF Forum, with contributions from Robert Jervis (Columbia University); Nils Gilman (Berggruen Institute); Daniel Immerwahr (Northwestern University); James W. Davis (University of St. Gallen); and Andrew Johnstone (University of Leicester); includes author's response.

<https://issforum.org/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-10-18.pdf>

* The subject of a Society for U.S. Intellectual History blog roundtable, with contributions from Jeremi Suri (University of Texas-Austin); Anne Kornhauser (CUNY Graduate Center); and Thomas Meaney (Institute for Human Sciences); includes author's response.

<https://s-usih.org/category/democracy-in-exile/>

* Article length discussions of the book in *Diplomatic History*; *Global Intellectual History*; and *The Korean Journal of American History*.

Also reviewed in: *Air Power History*; *American Historical Review*; *China International Strategy Review*; *Fellow Travelers*; *Foreign Affairs*; *German History*; *The Globe Post*; *H-War*; *Il Mulino*; *Journal of American History*; *The Los Angeles Review of Books*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Serendipities*; *Technology and Culture*

Edited Volumes

(2024) *Cold War Liberalism: Power in a Time of Emergency*. Co-edited with Michael Brenes. Military, War, and Society in Modern American History Series, edited by Beth Bailey and Andrew Preston. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. (under contract, forthcoming)

(2024) *Rethinking U.S. World Power: Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Relations*. London, UK: Palgrave. Co-edited with Michael Brenes. (March 2024)

2019 *The Decisionist Imagination: Sovereignty, Social Science, and Democracy in the Twentieth Century*. New York: Berghahn Books. Co-edited with Nicolas Guilhot. (278 p.)

* The subject of an H-Diplo/ISSF Forum, with contributions from Jasmine Chorley Forster (University of Toronto); Nils Gilman (Berggruen Institute); Emily Hauptmann (Western Michigan University); Hunter Heyck (University of Oklahoma); and Nicholas Mulder (Cornell University); includes authors' response.

<https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-1.pdf>

* Paperback edition released in June 2023.

Edited Journal Issues

- April 2021 “The Academic Jobs Crisis: A Forum.” Special Forum, *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 52, no. 1. Co-edited with Michael Brenes.
- Winter 2021 “Foreign Encounters and U.S. Democracy.” Special Forum, *Diplomatic History* 45, no. 1. Co-edited with Jennifer M. Miller.
- Spring 2020 “A Peoples’ Policy for the Americas: Reimagining Hemispheric Relations.” *NACLA Report on the Americas* 52, no. 1. Co-edited with Vanessa Freije.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (accepted) “A Brief History of Cold War Liberalism.” *Cold War History*. Co-authored with Michael Brenes and Michael Franczak.
- 2021 “Introduction: Foreign Encounters and U.S. Democracy.” *Diplomatic History* 45, no. 1, 23-27. Co-authored with Jennifer M. Miller.
- 2020 “Recentring the United States in the Historiography of American Foreign Relations.” *Texas National Security Review* 3, no. 2, 38-55. Co-authored with Fredrik Logevall.

* The subject of an H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable, with contributions from Adom Getachew (University of Chicago); Daniel Immerwahr (Northwestern University); Edward Miller (Dartmouth College); Michael Cotey Morgan (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill); and Christy Thornton (Johns Hopkins University); includes authors’ response.
<https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-42.pdf>

* The subject of a Roundtable in *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 51, no. 2 (September 2020), 39-44, with contributions from Chester Pach (Ohio University); Cindy Ewing (University of Missouri); and Kevin Y. Kim (University of California-Los Angeles); includes authors’ response.
<https://shafr.org/system/files/passport-09-2020-bessner.pdf>

* The subject of authors-meet-critics discussions at Sergey Radchenko’s Cold War Reading Group (April 2020) and the London School of Economics (June 2020).

* The subject of a discussion on the “Horns of a Dilemma” podcast, with Frank Gavin (Johns Hopkins University).
<https://warontherocks.com/2020/07/whats-the-role-of-america-in-american-foreign-policy/>

- 2017 “The Ghosts of Weimar: The Weimar Analogy in American Thought.” *Social Research* 84, no. 4: 831-855.
- 2015 “How Realism Waltzed Off: Liberalism and Decisionmaking in Kenneth Waltz’s Neorealism.” *International Security* 40, no. 2: 87-118. Co-authored with Nicolas Guilhot.
- * The subject of an H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable by Campbell Craig (Cardiff University); William Inboden (University of Texas-Austin); Robert Jervis (Columbia University); Robert Vitalis (University of Pennsylvania); and Stephen Walt (Harvard University); includes authors’ response.
https://issforum.org/articlereviews/59-waltz#_Toc460676623.
- 2015 “Organizing Complexity: The Hopeful Dreams and Harsh Realities of Interdisciplinary Collaboration at the RAND Corporation in the Early Cold War.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 51, no. 1: 31-53.
- 2014 “Murray Rothbard, Political Strategy, and the Making of Modern Libertarianism.” *Intellectual History Review* 24, no. 4: 441-456.
- * Awarded the Charles Schmitt Prize for Best Essay by a Young Historian International Society for Intellectual History
- 2012 “‘Rather More than One-Third Had No Jewish Blood’: American Progressivism and German-Jewish Cosmopolitanism at the New School for Social Research, 1933-1939.” *Religions* 3, no. 1: 99-129.
- 2010 “Karl Heinzen and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Terror.” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 22, no. 2: 143-176. Co-authored with Michael Stauch.

Book Chapters, Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, and Scholarly Comments

- (2024) “U.S. Elites and Scientific Mobilization after World War II.” In *Rethinking U.S. World Power: Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Relations*, edited by Daniel Bessner and Michael Brenes. London: Palgrave, 2024 (forthcoming).
- 2023 “Rethinking the Relationship between a US-Based Global Security Architecture and Global Capitalism.” *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.
- 2023 “Delineating Progressive Grand Strategies.” In *Forum: Progressivism and Grand Strategy: An Exchange*. *Security Studies*. 32, no. 2 (2023), 377-381.
- 2022 “The Progressive Origins of Project RAND.” In *Ideology in U.S. Foreign Relations: New Histories*, edited by Christopher McKnight Nichols and David Milne, 385-411. New York: Columbia University Press.

* Edited Volume Awarded the Joseph Fletcher Prize for Best Edited Book in Historical International Relations by the International Studies Association

- 2020 “Editors’ Note: A Peoples’ Policy for the Americas.” In “A Peoples’ Policy for the Americas: Reimagining Hemispheric Relations,” *NACLA Report on the Americas* 52, no. 1, edited by Daniel Bessner and Vanessa Freije, 1-4. Co-authored with Vanessa Freije.
- 2019 “Introduction: Who Decides?” In *The Decisionist Imagination: Sovereignty, Social Science, and Democracy in the 20th Century*, edited by Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot, 1-25. New York: Berghahn. Co-authored with Nicolas Guilhot.
- 2019 “Conclusion: The Myth of the Decision.” In *The Decisionist Imagination: Sovereignty, Social Science, and Democracy in the 20th Century*, edited by Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot, 295-301. New York: Berghahn. Co-authored with Nicolas Guilhot.
- 2014 “Weimar Social Science in Cold War America: The Case of the Political-Military Game.” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 54, *Bulletin Supplement* 10, 91-109.
- 2013 “New School for Social Research.” In *Encyclopedia of Jewish History and Culture, volume 5 (Ly-Po)*, edited by Dan Diner, 354-358. Stuttgart/Weimar: J.B. Metzler’sche Verlagsbuchhandlung. (in German)
- 2012 “Tender Hands: Terrorism, Women, and Emancipation in Karl Heinzen’s Work.” In *Terrorismus und Geschlecht: Politische Gewalt in Europa seit dem 19. Jahrhundert*, edited by Christine Hikel and Sylvia Schraut, 63-79. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag. (in German)

Major Book Reviews

- 2019 “What Are Intellectuals Good For? Review of *Cult of the Irrelevant: The Waning Influence of Social Science on National Security*, by Michael C. Desch, and *The Ideas Industry: How Pessimists, Partisans, and Plutocrats are Transforming the Marketplace of Ideas*, by Daniel W. Drezner.” *Perspectives on Politics* 17, no. 4, 1109-1114.
- 2017 “Thinking About the U.S. in the World. Review of *The Cold World They Made: The Strategic Legacy of Roberta and Albert Wohlstetter*, by Ron Robin, and *Worldmaking: The Art and Science of American Diplomacy*, by David Milne.” *Diplomatic History* 41, no. 5: 1018-1025.
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Peer-Reviewed Interdisciplinary Collaborations

- 2019 “Reaction, Resilience, and the Trumpist Behemoth: Environmental Crisis Management from ‘Hoax’ to Technique of Domination.” Second author; Co-authored with Matthew Sparke. *Annals of The American Association of Geographers* 109, no. 2, 533-544.
- * Reprinted in James McCarthy, ed., *Environmental Governance in a Populist/Authoritarian Era* (London: Routledge, 2020).
- 2017 “Nazism, Neoliberalism, and the Trumpist Challenge to Democracy.” *Environment and Planning A* 49, no. 6, 1214-1223. Co-authored with Matthew Sparke. (Commentary: Reviewed by editors.)
- * Earlier version appeared as “And Neither Nazi, Nor Neoliberal, But What? Coming to Terms with Trumpism,” in *Teach. Organize. Resist. A Collection of Work Produced from the #J18 Day of Collective Action on January 18, 2017*, edited by Andrés Carrasquillo. Los Angeles: Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin, 2017, 22-36.
- 2012 “Toward a Theory of Civil-Military Punishment.” *Armed Forces & Society* 38, no. 4: 649-668. Co-authored with Eric Lorber.

Policy Writing

- 2023 “The Return of the United States: Ukraine and the ‘Rules-Based International Order.’” *Alameda Institute* (May 2023).
<https://alameda.institute/2023/04/28/viii-the-return-of-the-united-states-ukraine-and-the-rules-based-international-order/>
- 2023 “How the War in Ukraine Has Challenged Left-Wing Restrainers.” *Responsible Statecraft* (February 23, 2023).
<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2023/02/23/how-the-war-in-ukraine-has-challenged-restrainers-on-the-left/>
- 2022 “Ending Primacy to End U.S. Wars.” *Quincy Brief No. 24*. Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. Washington, D.C. (17 p.)
<https://quincyinst.org/report/ending-primacy-to-end-u-s-wars/>
- 2020 “The Coronavirus Crisis is an Opportunity to Finally Move Past the Post-WWII Era.” *Responsible Statecraft* (March 26, 2020).
<https://www.responsiblestatecraft.org/2020/03/26/coronavirus-crisis-opportunity-move-past-post-wwii-era/>

Podcast

2021-Present American Prestige
Co-Host
Since 2024, in partnership with *The Nation*

National Television Appearances

Apr. 2023 Guest on *Real Time with Bill Maher* (April 21, 2023).
<https://www.hbo.com/real-time-with-bill-maher/season-21/12-april-21-2023-esther-perel-glenn-loury-daniel-bessner>

Oct. 2020 Guest on *Smerconish* (October 17, 2020).
<https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/smer/date/2020-10-17/segment/01>

Popular Writing (selected)

Nov. 2023 Intro to: “Hayim Katsman, an Israeli Murdered by Hamas, Envisioned a Democratic Israel/Palestine.” *Jacobin* (November 9, 2023).
<https://jacobin.com/2023/11/hayim-katsman-gaza-war-zionism-israeli-left>

* Reprinted in *Jewish Currents* as “Hayim Katsman’s Vision of Struggle.”
<https://jewishcurrents.org/hayim-katsmans-vision-of-struggle>

Apr. 2023 “A Bad Breakup. Review of Francis Fukuyama, *Liberalism and Its Discontents*.” *The Nation* 316, no. 9 (May 1/8, 2023), 44-49.
<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/francis-fukuyama-liberalism-discontents/>

* Featured on *3 Quarks Daily*

Apr. 2023 “It Didn’t Happen Here. Review of *Fascism Comes to America*, by Bruce Kuklick.” *The New Republic* (April 2023), 40-45.

* Featured in “Here’s What to Read from the Left and the Right,” *Tampa Bay Times*
<https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2023/03/11/heres-what-read-left-right-column/>

* Response by Jonathan Chait in *New York Magazine*,
<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2023/03/republican-fascist-authoritarian-democratic-trump-desantis-bessner.html>

Mar. 2023 “Mass Destruction. Review of David Allen, *Every Citizen a Statesman*.” *Boston Review* (March 27, 2023).
<https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/mass-destruction/>

* Featured on *3 Quarks Daily*

Mar. 2023 “Twenty Years after Invading Iraq, American Liberalism is Discredited Yet Still Dominant.” *Jacobin* (March 20, 2023).

<https://jacobin.com/2023/03/iraq-war-twentieth-anniversary-liberalism-us-imperialism-hegemony-end-of-history>

* Republished as “O liberalism está desacreditado, mas segue dominante duas décadas após a invasão do Iraque.” *Jacobin Brasil* (March 20, 2023).

Jan. 2023 “This is Actually the End of History.” *The New York Times* (Sunday Opinion Section) (January 15, 2023), 9.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/14/opinion/american-history-college-university-academia.html?smid=tw-share>

* Featured in *The New York Times*’ “The Morning” Newsletter

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/17/briefing/covid-infections.html?>

Nov. 2022 “Yellowstone: In Love with a Losing Battle.” *The New Republic*. (November 14, 2022).

<https://newrepublic.com/article/168760/yellowstone-love-losing-battle-season-5-review>

Sep. 2022 “*The Rings of Power* Is a Saga for a War-Hungry Nation.” *The New Republic* (September 7, 2022).

<https://newrepublic.com/amp/article/167665/rings-power-saga-war-hungry-nation-amazon-lord-rings-review>

July 2022 “Empire Burlesque: What Comes After the American Century?” *Harper’s Magazine* 345, no. 2066 (July 2022), 24-33.

<https://harpers.org/archive/2022/07/what-comes-after-the-american-century/>

* Cover story of issue

* Response by Andrew Bacevich in *The Nation*,

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/the-american-century-downfall/>

* Response by Alfredo Jalife-Rahme in *La Jornada*,

<https://bit.ly/3o7QP29>

* Response by Jan Postma in *Het Financieele Dagblad*

<https://fd.nl/opinie/1446533/een-aflopende-zaak>

* Response by Patrick Lawrence in *Scheerpost*

<https://scheerpost.com/2022/07/28/patrick-lawrence-the-causes-of-things/>

* Responses in *Harper's Magazine* by Branko Marcetic and Dalibor Rohac; includes author's response
<https://harpers.org/archive/2022/09/letters-september-2022/>

- June 2022 “Ask Me Anything [AMA]” in r/politics Subreddit, which has over 8 million members. June 29, 2022.
https://www.reddit.com/r/politics/comments/vnhtk5/im_daniel_bessner_former_foreign_policy_advisor/
- Mar. 2022 “The Incurable Optimism of Dave Grohl.” *The Nation* (March 14, 2022).
<https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/dave-grohl-the-storyteller/>
- Oct. 2021 “The Missing Peace: The Hidden Costs of Making America’s Wars ‘Humane.’ Review of *Humane*, by Samuel Moyn.” *The New Republic* 252, no. 10 (October 2021), 51-55.
<https://newrepublic.com/article/163503/case-against-humane-war-book-review-samuel-moyn>
- Aug. 2021 “Can We Live Without Twitter?” *The Nation* (August 30, 2021).
<https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/richard-seymour-twittering-machine/>
- Aug. 2021 “Everything You Need to Know About What’s Happening in Afghanistan: An Interview with Derek Davison.” *Jacobin* (August 18, 2021).
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/08/afghanistan-war-kabul-taliban-biden-collapse>
- * Republished as “در افغانستان چه می‌گذرد؟” *PE Critique* (August 19, 2021).
<https://bit.ly/3DGD9BC>
- * Republished as “Todo lo que hay que saber sobre el conflict en Afganistán.” *Jacobin America Latina* (August 20, 2021).
<https://jacobinlat.com/2021/08/20/todo-lo-que-hay-que-saber-sobre-el-conflicto-en-afganistan/>
- * Republished as “Il disastro afgano degli Usa è peggio del Vietnam.” *Jacobin Italia* (August 24, 2021).
<https://jacobinitalia.it/il-disastro-usa-in-afghanistan-e-peggio-del-vietnam/>
- Aug. 2021 “The Afghanistan War Was Founded on Lies. Some People Are Still Telling Them.” *The New Republic* (August 16, 2021).
<https://newrepublic.com/article/163291/afghanistan-war-founded-lies-people-still-telling-them>
- Apr. 2021 “Joe Biden’s Foreign Policy Isn’t About Democracy or Human Rights—It’s About Maintaining U.S. Dominance.” *Jacobin* (April 26, 2021).
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2021/04/joe-biden-first-hundred-days-foreign-policy-us-military>

- * Republished as “Biden não surpreende— a política externa de Whashington continua imperialista.” *Jacobin Brasil* (April 27, 2021).
<https://jacobin.com.br/2021/04/a-politica-externa-de-joe-biden-nao-e-para-incentivar-os-direitos-humanos-e-para-manter-o-imperialismo/>
- Mar. 2021 “Walter LaFeber (1933-2021).” *Jacobin* (March 11, 2021).
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/03/walter-lafeber-us-foreign-relations-cornell-obituary>
- Feb. 2021 “Argument without Argument: Robert M. Gates and America’s Forever Foreign Policy.” *n+1* (February 9, 2021).
<https://nplusonemag.com/online-only/online-only/argument-without-argument/>
- Feb. 2021 “Slimer on Coke, Muncher on Zoloft.” *Jacobin* (February 9, 2021). Co written with Matt Christman and Amber A’Lee Frost.
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/02/ghostbusters-afterlife-reboot-slimer-muncher>
- * Suggested reading by *The Onion AV Club* (February 9, 2021).
<https://news.avclub.com/read-this-does-ghostbusters-afterlifes-muncher-refle-1846229864>
- Feb. 2021 “Don’t Trust the Process. Review of *A Promised Land*, by Barack Obama.” *Jacobin* 40 (Winter 2021), 41-54.
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/02/dont-trust-the-process/>
- Feb. 2021 “First-Person Shooter Ideology: The Cultural Contradictions of *Call of Duty*.” *The Drift* 3 (February 2, 2021).
<https://www.thedriftmag.com/the-cultural-contradictions-of-call-of-duty/>
- * One of *The Drift*’s Top-10 most-read pieces of the year
https://twitter.com/thedrift_mag/status/1473720537398624263?s=20&t=3tXOjYYa6M1gMiJXOSknFA
- * Named to *Bunk History*’s “Best History Writing of 2021” list of 2021
<https://www.bunkhistory.org/resources/9334>
- Jan. 2021 “How the QAnon Cult Stormed the Capitol.” *Jacobin* (January 19, 2021). Co-written with Amber A’lee Frost.
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/01/q-anon-cult-capitol-hill-riot-trump>
- * Suggesting reading in “The Trailer: What’s Next for the Republican Party.” *Washington Post* (January 19, 2021).
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/01/19/trailer-what-next-republican-party/>

- Jan. 2021 “Trump is a Threat to Democracy. But That Doesn’t Mean He’s Winning.” *Jacobin* (January 15, 2021). Co-written with Ben Burgis.
<https://jacobinmag.com/2021/01/trump-capitol-riot-fascist-coup-attempt>
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- Nov. 2020 “The General Who Brought Down the American Empire.” *Jacobin* 39 (Fall 2020), 28-40.
<https://jacobinmag.com/2020/11/the-general-who-brought-down-the-american-empire>
- Nov. 2020 “Are the Democrats Losing on Purpose?” *Jacobin* (November 6, 2020). Co-authored with Amber A’Lee Frost
<https://jacobinmag.com/2020/11/democratic-party-2020-elections-campaign-donations-failure>.
- Oct. 2020 “Letting Go. Review of *Tomorrow, the World*, by Stephen Wertheim.” *The New Republic* 251, no. 11 (November 2020), 46-51.
<https://newrepublic.com/article/159672/tomorrow-world-wertheim-book-review-birth-america-world-power>
- Sep. 2020 “The US ‘War on Terror’ Has Created at Least 37 Million Refugees.” *Jacobin* (September 15, 2020).
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/09/war-on-terror-displacement-refugees-us-imperialism>
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<https://www.cartamaior.com.br/?/Editoria/Pelo-Mundo/A-guerra-ao-terror-dos-EUA-criou-ao-menos-37-milhoes-de-refugiados/6/48815>
- Sep. 2020 “House of Cards: Can the American University Be Saved? Review of *The Gig Academy*, by Adrianna Kezar, Tom DePaola, and Daniel T. Scott, and *The Meritocracy Trap*, by Daniel Markovits.” *The Nation* (September 21/28, 2020), 27-32.
<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/gig-academy-meritocracy-trap-universities-crisis/>
- Aug. 2020 “The Bernie Sanders Doctrine on Foreign Policy: An Interview with Matt Duss.” *Jacobin* (August 20, 2020).
<https://jacobinmag.com/2020/08/bernie-sanders-foreign-policy-matt-duss>
- Jul. 2020 “Michael Brooks Was a True Internationalist.” *Jacobin* (July 23, 2020).
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/07/michael-brooks-internationalist-remembrance>

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- Jun. 2020 “Stuck between Scylla and Charybdis: Our Society Has Rarely Placed Public Health Above Money.” Contribution to “The Great Reopening Debate: Professors, Administrators, Students, and Staff On the Most Consequential Question Facing the Sector.” *Chronicle of Higher Education* (June 18, 2020). <https://www-chronicle-com.offcampus.lib.washington.edu/article/The-Great-Reopening-Debate/249014>
- Jun. 2020 “How We Should Remember D-Day and the Struggle Against Nazism.” *Jacobin* (June 6, 2020). <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/06/d-day-anniversary-nazism-empire>
- Apr. 2020 “The Last Thing We Need Is a ‘New Cold War’ With China.” *Jacobin* (April 22, 2020). <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/04/new-cold-war-china-trump-coronavirus-pandemic>
- Feb. 2020 “As President, Bernie Sanders Should Use Executive Orders Aggressively—Just Like FDR Did.” *Jacobin* (February 7, 2020). <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/02/bernie-sanders-executive-orders-fdr-roosevelt>
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- * Response by Joshua Zoffer, “To End the Forever War, Keep the Dollar Globally Dominant.” *The New Republic* (February 3, 2020). <https://newrepublic.com/article/156417/end-forever-war-keep-dollar-globally-dominant>
- Jan. 2020 “Trump’s America May Be Declining in Global Soft Power—But U.S. Empire Rolls On.” *Prospect* (January 15, 2010). <https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/world/american-us-empire-not-in-decline-superpower-trump-proves-it-is-stronger-than-ever-militarism-daniel-bessner>
- Jan. 2020 “There’s No Such Thing As Good Philanthropy. Review of *In Defense of Open Society*, by George Soros.” *Jacobin* (January 8, 2020). <https://jacobinmag.com/2020/01/george-soros-defense-of-open-society-philanthropy>

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<https://nowyobywatel.pl/2020/07/16/dobra-filantropia-nie-istnieje/>

Nov. 2019 “Can We Democratize Foreign Policy? An Interview with Stephen Wertheim.” *Dissent* (December 4, 2019).
https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online_articles/foreign-policy-quincy-institute-antiimperialism

Oct. 2019 “On Foreign Policy, Bernie Stands Alone.” *Jacobin* (October 8, 2019).
<https://jacobinmag.com/2019/10/foreign-policy-bernie-sanders-elizabeth-warren-2020-presidential-campaign>

Aug. 2019 “The Fog of Intervention. Review of *The Education of An Idealist: A Memoir*, by Samantha Power.” *The New Republic* 250, no. 9, iss. 5032 (September 2019), 53-57.
<https://newrepublic.com/article/154612/education-idealist-samantha-power-book-review>

Aug. 2019 “An Empty Tale. Review of *The Empty Throne: America’s Abdication of Global Leadership*.” *Jacobin* 34 (Summer 2019), 57-60.

May 2019 “The Making of the Military-Intellectual Complex. Review of *White House Warriors: How the National Security Council Transformed the American Way of War*, by John Gans.” *The New Republic* (May 29, 2019).
<https://newrepublic.com/article/153997/making-military-intellectual-complex>

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- Oct. 2021 “Placing the US in the World.” (October 21).
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- Dec. 2020 “Military Matters.” (December 23).
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- Oct. 2020 “Realism in US Foreign Policy.” (October 13).
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- Sep. 2020 “The American Empire and Its Existential Enemies.” (September 7).
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Prizes, Honors, and Notices

- 2020-Present Contributing Editor
Jacobin
- 2022 Nominee, Honors Excellence in Teaching Award
University of Washington Honors Program
- 2020 Listed by Blue Tent as one of the “Top 11 Scholars” to read to understand the New Left
<https://bluetent.us/arenas/ideas-academia/read-these-11-scholars-to-understand-the-new-left/>
- 2018 Listed by Stephen Walt’s column in a group of young scholars who have “inspired, intrigued, interested, provoked, and otherwise enriched me.”
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/11/21/10-things-in-the-world-to-be-thankful-for-in-2018/>

- 2014 Charles Schmitt Prize for Best Essay in Intellectual History by a Young Historian
Awarded to graduate students and those within two years of receiving the Ph.D.
International Society for Intellectual History
- 2013 Finalist, Louis Pelzer Memorial Award for the Best Graduate Student Essay
Organization of American Historians

National Fellowships

- 2015-2016 International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy Postdoctoral Fellowship
Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding
- (Spring 2016) Membership in the School of Historical Studies
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey (declined)
- (10/2015-2/2016) Junior Fellowship
Central European University, Institute for Advanced Study (declined)
- (2014-2015, 2013-2014) International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy Postdoctoral Fellowship
Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding (declined)
- 2013-2014 Foreign Policy, Security Studies, and Diplomatic History Postdoctoral Fellowship
Cornell University, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies
- (2013-2014) Ernest May Postdoctoral Fellowship in History and Public Policy
Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government (declined)
- (2013-2014) Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship
Hebrew University of Jerusalem (declined)
- 2012-2013 Josephine de Kármán Dissertation Completion Fellowship
De Kármán Fellowship Trust
- (2012-2013) Transatlantic Perspectives Dissertation Fellowship
German Historical Institute (declined)
- 2011-2012 George C. Marshall-Baruch Dissertation Fellowship in U.S. Diplomatic History
The Marshall Foundation
- 2011 Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Award
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2010 Doctoral Fellowship
German Historical Institute
- 2008 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic

University of Washington Fellowships and Grants

2020-2021	Society of Scholars Simpson Center for the Humanities
2017-2018	Royalty Research Fund Grant University of Washington
2016-2017	Junior Fellowship International Policy Institute, Jackson School of International Studies University of Washington
2014-2015	Mini-Mellon Grant States, Markets, and Societies Project
2014	Travel Grant Center for West European Studies, University of Washington

Interviews

Oct. 2023	“Interview on Gaza War 2023 w/Matt Duss.” <i>Jacobin</i> (October 14, 2023), https://jacobin.com/2023/10/gaza-israel-palestine-history-geopolitics-interview-hamas
Mar. 2023	“Who You Calling a Fascist?” <i>The New Republic</i> (March 29, 2023), https://newrepublic.com/article/171370/calling-fascist
Mar. 2023	“America, la storia in ostaggio,” <i>La Lettura, Corriere della Sera</i> 588 (March 5, 2023), 9.
Nov. 2022	“An Interview with Former Sanders’ Advisor Daniel Bessner on the State of the Left’s Foreign Policy.” (November 4, 2022). https://realistreview.org/2022/11/04/an-interview-with-former-sanders-advisor-daniel-bessner-on-the-state-of-the-lefts-foreign-policy/
July 2022	“American Empire is Marching into the Sunset—Can We Handle It?” (July 22, 2022) https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/07/25/american-empire-is-marching-into-the-sunset-can-we-handle-it/
July 2021	“How Should the Left Think About Realism in Foreign Policy?” (July 6, 2022). https://jacobin.com/2022/07/realism-morgenthau-mearsheimer-international-relations-left/

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- Feb. 2020 “Professor Daniel Bessner: Der er ikke nogen, der vinder den nye kolde krig mellem Kina og USA—kun vabenindustrien.” *Raeson* (June 6, 2020).
<https://www.raeson.dk/2020/professor-daniel-bessner-der-er-ikke-nogen-der-vinder-den-nye-kolde-krig-mellem-kina-og-usa-kun-vabenindustrien/>
- Oct. 2019 “Here’s How Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren Would Use One of the Presidency’s Most Expansive Powers.” *Business Insider* (October 22, 2019).
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- Mar. 2019 “Beyond Good and Evil.” *Fellow Travelers* (March 18, 2019).
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- May 2018 “Echoes of Weimar in American Cold War Politics.” *Toynbee Prize Foundation* (May 20, 2018).
<https://toynbeeprize.org/posts/daniel-bessner/>

Book Reviews

- 2021 “Christian Dayé. Experts, Social Scientists, and Techniques of Prognostication in Cold War America. London: Palgrave, 2020.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 57, no. 3 (Summer 2021): 303-305.
- 2018 “Scott Selisker. *Human Programming: Brainwashing, Automatons, and American Unfreedom*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2016.” *Journal of American History* 105, no. 2 (September 2018): 462-463.
- 2018 Introduction to H-Diplo Roundtable on Nicolas Guilhot, *After the Enlightenment: Political Realism and International Relations in the Mid-Twentieth Century*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017, XIX, no. 21. https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/1299022/h-diplo-roundtable-xix-21-after-enlightenment-political-realism#_Toc504840387.

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- 2015 “Jeremy Adelman. *Worldly Philosopher: The Odyssey of Albert O. Hirschman*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013.” *Journal of Modern History* 87, no. 2: 419-421.
- 2013 “Philipp von Hilgers. *War Games: A History of War on Paper*, translated by Ross Benjamin. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2013.” *Technology and Culture* 54, no. 2: 395-396.
- 2008 “Rachel E. Utley, ed. *Major Powers and Peacekeeping: Perspectives, Priorities, and the Challenges of Military Intervention*. Brookfield, VT: Ashgate, 2005.” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 8, no. 2: 371-373.

Additional Affiliations at the University of Washington

- 2019-2021 Convener
Joff Hanauer Honors Professorship in Western Civilization Speaker Series
- 2015-Present Adjunct Appointment
Department of History
- 2014-Present Member
European Studies Faculty; Jewish Studies Faculty
- 2014-Present Founder, Faculty Facilitator
The United States in the World Lecture Series
Jackson School of International Studies

Additional Qualifications

- 2013 Certificate in Interdisciplinary European Studies, Duke University
- 2007 Summer Program in German, Middlebury College

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

U.S. in the World (lecture)
U.S. in the World (seminar)
Rethinking U.S. Foreign Policy (Calderwood Seminar in Public Writing)
U.S.-Europe Relations
U.S. Grand Strategy in the Twenty-First Century (Task Force)
History of the Social Sciences
Claims and Evidence
Senior Honors Thesis Seminar

Graduate

Peace, Violence, and Security Field Seminar
Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Policy

Independent Studies

2021-2022: One independent study with three graduate students; one experiential learning seminar with four undergraduate students in the Honors program
2020-2021: Three graduate independent studies
2018-2019: One graduate independent study
2017-2018: One graduate independent study; one undergraduate independent study
2016-2017: Three graduate independent studies
2014-2015: Three graduate independent studies; one undergraduate independent study

Advising

Have served on committees in the Jackson School Ph.D. Program; Jackson School Master's Program; UW History Department; Boston University American and New England Studies Ph.D. Program; UW History Department Undergraduate Honors Program; McNair Scholars Program

Duke University Fellowships and Grants (selected)

2012-2013	Graduate Fellowship Kenan Institute for Ethics
2012-2013	Perilman Advanced Student Dissertation Fellowship Center for Jewish Studies
2012-2013	Research Scholarship Center for European Studies, Duke University

2011	Jenkins Family Summer Graduate Fellowship Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
2010	Grant to found a seminar on “The Moral and Political Economies of Marxism” Center for International Studies, Duke University
2010-2011	James B. Duke International Fellowship Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
2009	Shore Fellowship in Jewish Studies Religion Department

Conferences and Workshops Organized

Aug. 2021	Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Policy Zoom Workshop. Co-organized with Michael Brenes.
Aug. 2020	Cold War Liberalism in the North Atlantic Zoom Workshop. Co-organized with Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins.
Feb. 2019	Realism, Liberal Internationalism, History: Conceiving a New Research Agenda Duke University, Durham, NC. Co-organized with Matthew Specter.
Aug. 2017	Foreign Encounters and the Remaking of American Democracy Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Co-Organized with Jennifer Miller.
Apr. 2011	Jewish Émigrés and the Shaping of Postwar Culture National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. Co-Organized with Malachi Hacohen
Apr. 2008	As It Really Was? Senior Thesis Writers Conference Duke University, Durham, NC

Invited Talks for *Democracy in Exile*

Jan. 2021	Seminar with Class of Brian McNeil Air War College Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (via Zoom)
May 2019	Ralph J. Bunche Speaker Series Department of State Washington, D.C.
Mar. 2019	Tamiment Library New York University New York, NY

Dec. 2018	Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany
Nov. 2018	Harvey Goldberg Center University of Wisconsin at Madison Madison, WI
Oct. 2018	Historical International Studies Cluster American University Washington, D.C.
Oct. 2018	Washington History Seminar The Wilson Center Washington, D.C.
Oct. 2018	Clare College, Cambridge University Cambridge, United Kingdom
Oct. 2018	King's College London London, United Kingdom
Oct. 2018	City, University of London London, United Kingdom
Oct. 2018	Seminar on Twentieth Century Politics and Society Columbia University New York, NY
Oct. 2018	Modern Europe Workshop Center for Collaborative History Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Oct. 2018	West End Synagogue New York, NY
Oct. 2018	The New School New York, NY

Invited Talks and Comments

Oct. 2023	“The U.S.-R.O.K. Relationship.” 10 th Annual Korean Peninsula Forum: 70 Years of the U.S.-R.O.K. Alliance and the Dilemma and Asian Security. University of Washington, Seattle, WA
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- Feb. 2023 “The End of The American Century?”
Contemporary History Institute
Ohio University
Athens, OH (via Zoom)
- Jun. 2022 “Empire Burlesque.”
Local Group of Israeli-Americans
Seattle, WA (via Zoom)
- Nov. 2022 “The American Centuries.”
The Structure of ‘the American Century’
The Americas and the World
Institute of the Americas
University College London
London, UK (via Zoom)
- May. 2022 Commenter on Ola Innset, “From Open Borders to ‘Rasisit’.”
Nordic Libertarianism
Centre for Research into Ideas and the Study of Political Ideologies
University of Nottingham
Nottingham, UK (via Microsoft Teams)
- Sep. 2021 Commenter on Elizabeth Borgwardt, Christopher McKnight Nichols, and Andrew
Preston, eds. *Rethinking American Grand Strategy*.
Washington History Seminar
The Wilson Center
Washington, D.C. (via Zoom)
- Jun. 2021 Commenter on Andrew Hedden’s “Empire in Need: Seattle and the Federal
Government in the 1970s.”
History Department Colloquium
University of Washington
Seattle, WA (via Zoom)
- Apr. 2021 Participant in “Is America Entering a New Cold War with China?” Panel
Students Against Imperialism
George Washington University
Washington, D.C. (via Zoom)
- Apr. 2021 Participant in “New Platforms for Engagement: A Structured Conversation.”
University of Washington Libraries
Seattle, WA (via Zoom)
- Mar. 2021 Commenter on Sean Case’s “Building the Balance, Maintaining the Peace: Power,
Compromise, and the Creation of the Strategic Field.”
Decolonization-in-Progress Seminar

Global Decolonization Initiative
Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts (via Zoom)

- Mar. 2021 Commenter on John Emery's "The Origins of Political-Military Wargaming: Certainty, Ethics, and Technostrategic Language in the Nuclear War."
Janne Nolan Prize Workshop
Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs
School of Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland (via Zoom)
- Mar. 2021 "The Political-Military Game and Material Culture."
Visual and Material History Working Group
European University Institute
Florence, Italy (via Zoom)
- May 2019 "The American Left and U.S. Foreign Policy."
A U.S. Foreign Policy for the Left?
UCLA Center for Social Theory and Comparative History
Los Angeles, CA
- Oct. 2018 "Existential Threats and Nuclear Assessment from the Cold War to the War on Terror." International History Seminar.
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.
- Apr. 2016 "The Social Role of the Intellectual Exile."
Exile and Inequality: German Exile Economists in the U.S. and the Debates over Inequality in the U.S. and Germany in the pre- and post-War Eras.
New School, New York, NY
- Nov. 2015 "The Intellectual, History, and Strategic Thought."
Stability at Low Nuclear Numbers: Alternative Framings
Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- Oct. 2015 "Kenneth Waltz, Foreign Policy Decisions, and System Theory."
Decision, Decisionism, Decision-Making: Making Sovereign Decisions in the 20th Century. Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, New York, NY (with Nicolas Guilhot)
- Feb. 2014 "The Rise of the Defense Intellectual."
Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

- Nov. 2013 “Organizing Complexity: The Hopeful Dreams and Harsh Realities of Interdisciplinary Collaboration at the RAND Corporation, 1947-1960.”
Cross-Disciplinary Research Ventures in Post-War American Social Science
Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences
New York, NY
- May 2013 “The Rise of the Defense Intellectual: Hans Speier, the Public, and the Making of the Military-Intellectual Complex.”
The Rise of the Decision Sciences
Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences
New York, NY

Panels Organized

- Jan. 2019 Historians and the Public Sphere in Turbulent Political Times
American Historical Association 133rd Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
- Nov. 2018 The Public, Intellectuals, and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century
Society for United States Intellectual History Tenth Annual Conference
Chicago, IL
- Jun. 2018 International Experiences and the Making of American Democracy
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, P
- Jun. 2014 Thinking Foreign Policy: Intellectuals and U.S. Foreign Relations
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting
Lexington, KY
- Nov. 2013 Blind Oracles? Policy Intellectuals and U.S. Foreign Policy
from the 1920s to the 1970s
Society for United States Intellectual History Fifth Annual Conference
Irvine, CA

Presentations on *Democracy in Exile*

- Feb. 2020 Modern History Lecture
Amsterdam School of Historical Studies
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Nov. 2018 Society for United States Intellectual History Tenth Annual Conference
Chicago, IL
- Jun. 2018 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

Jan. 2017	Inaugural lecture to celebrate the Anne H.H. and Kenneth B. Pyle Professorship in American Foreign Policy Seattle, WA
Nov. 2016	Faculty Research Group, Jackson School of International Studies Seattle, WA
Oct. 2016	Society for United States Intellectual History Eighth Annual Conference Stanford, CA
Oct. 2016	German Studies Association Annual Meeting San Diego, CA
Jun. 2016	Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting San Diego, CA
Jan. 2016	Dickey International Relations Faculty Working Group Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Oct. 2015	Society for United States Intellectual History Seventh Annual Conference Washington, D.C.
Sep. 2015	History Department Postdoctoral Seminar Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Jun. 2015	Society for History of Recent Social Science Annual Meeting Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Apr. 2015	Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting St. Louis, MO
Apr. 2015	University of Washington Comparative History of Ideas Program Colloquium Seattle, WA
Jan. 2015	University of Washington Communication Department Colloquium Seattle, WA
Oct. 2014	University of Washington History Department Colloquium Seattle, WA
Jun. 2014	Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting Lexington, KY
Nov. 2013	Society for United States Intellectual History Fifth Annual Conference Irvine, CA

- Apr. 2013 Kenan Institute for Ethics Monday Seminar Series
Durham, NC
- Feb. 2013 Third Biennial German Jewish Studies Workshop
Duke University, Durham, NC
- Dec. 2012 From Washington to Vienna: German-Jewish Émigrés and the Making of
the Cold War Atlantic
Duke University History Department Colloquium, Durham, NC
- Sep. 2012 Perilman Doctoral Symposium, Duke University Center for Jewish Studies
Durham, NC
- Jun. 2012 German Historical Institute, More Atlantic Crossings?
The Entangled History of the Atlantic World, 1950s-1970s, Washington, D.C.
- Aug. 2011 German Historical Institute, Europe—Migration—Identity Summer Seminar
Minneapolis, MN
- Oct. 2010 Society for United States Intellectual History Third Annual Conference
New York, NY
- Oct. 2010 German Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA
- Jul. 2010 GHI Doctoral Fellows Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Apr. 2010 Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention
Columbia University, New York, NY
- Mar. 2010 University of Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany

Presentations on “Recentering the United States”

- Feb. 2019 Brady-Johnson Speaker Series in Grand Strategy and International Security
International Security Studies (with Fredrik Logevall)
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Nov. 2018 History Department Colloquium
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Nov. 2018 Ideas between Political Cultures and Cultural Politics
University of Wisconsin at Madison, Madison, WI
- Sep. 2018 Workshop on U.S. Power in the Global Arena
Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History (with Fredrik Logevall)
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Other Presentations

- Mar. 2023 “The Past, Present, and Future of the Humanities.”
Organization of American Historians
Los Angeles, CA
- Jun. 2022 “The State of Academia.”
American Political History Conference
Purdue University (via Zoom)
West Lafayette, Indiana
- May 2022 “The End of Unipolarity” (introduction and moderation)
“American’s Unipolar Moment.”
Red May Seattle (via Zoom)
Seattle, WA
- Apr. 2022 “What Comes After the American Century?”
“New Work in International Studies.”
Institute of European Studies/Berkeley City College
Berkeley, CA
- Apr. 2022 “Cold War Liberalism in Historical Context.”
Hanauer Honors Series
University of Washington (via Zoom)
Seattle, WA
- Mar. 2022 “Podcast Workshop.”
Hanauer Honors Series
University of Washington (via Zoom)
Seattle, WA
- Feb. 2022 “Question and Answer Session on U.S. Foreign Policy.”
John Quincy Adams Society
University of Washington Chapter
- Jan. 2022 “Making the National Security State: U.S. Elites and Scientific Mobilization after
World War II.”
Perry World House
University of Pennsylvania
- Jun. 2021 Commenter on panel “Circulating and Consolidating Technical Expertise in the
Cold War.”
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting
Via Zoom
- Feb. 2021 “Fear and Anxiety at the RAND Corporation in the American Century.”

- American Historical Association Annual Meeting
Seattle, WA (via Zoom)
- Jan. 2021 “The Modern American University.”
University in Crisis: Tuition Strike Teach-In
New York, NY (via Zoom)
- Jan. 2021 “The Storming of the Capitol and the Fear of Domestic Security Legislation.”
Attack on the Capitol—What Does it Mean for Democracy?
University of Washington (via Zoom)
Seattle, WA
- Nov. 2020 “U.S. Foreign Policy after the Election and Fascism.”
Hanauer Honors Series
University of Washington (via Zoom)
Seattle, WA
- Jul. 2020 “The Progressive Origins of the RAND Corporation.”
U.S. Think Tanks & Foundations in World Politics
City University of London, Centre for International Policy Studies/LSE Ideas
London, United Kingdom (via Zoom)
- May 2020 “U.S. Foreign Policy and COVID.”
“National Security after a Viral Pearl Harbor.”
Red May Seattle
Seattle, WA
- May 2019 “The Progressive Origins of the RAND Corporation.”
Ideologies and U.S. Foreign Policy Conference
Oregon State University
- Nov. 2019 “The History Job Market and the Future of the Profession.”
Society for United States Intellectual History Eleventh Annual Conference.
New York, NY
- Oct. 2019 “Europe’s Futures and Transatlantic Relations.”
25 Years of European Studies at UW
Center for West European Studies and the EU Center
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Jun. 2019 “The Contemporary State of U.S. Foreign Policy.”
International Relations of the Pacific Rim
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Mar. 2019 “Uighurs and U.S. Foreign Policy.”
China’s Mass Internment of Uighur and Kazak Muslims

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- Feb. 2019 “U.S. Foreign Policy after Trump.”
Realism, Liberal Internationalism, History: Conceiving a New Research Agenda
Duke University, Durham, NC
- Jan. 2019 “Historians and the Public Sphere.”
Historians and the Public Sphere in Turbulent Political Times
American Historical Association 133rd Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
- Jan. 2019 “Crisis and U.S. Politics.”
Two More Years of Trump: What Is to Be Done?
American Historical Association 133rd Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
- Nov 2018 Commenter on panel “Voices Heard and Unheard: The Marketplace of Ideas in
the Cold War.” Society for United States Intellectual History Tenth Annual
Conference. Chicago, IL
- Sep. 2017 “Trump and the World: A Historical Perspective.”
Trump and the World: International Implications of the Trump Presidency
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Aug. 2017 “Liberalism and the Confrontation with Tyranny in U.S. History.”
Foreign Encounters and the Remaking of American Democracy
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- Oct. 2015 “The Responsibility of the Historians.”
U.S. and the Rise of Asia: Celebrating the Career of Kenneth B. Pyle
Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle, WA
- Feb. 2015 “How Realism Waltzed Off: Kenneth Waltz’s Theory of International Politics and
the Ideological Modernization of IR Theory.” (with Nicolas Guilhot)
International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA
- Oct. 2014 “Commenter on Daniel Chirot’s ‘Purifying Islam: The Muslim Reaction Against
the Western Enlightenment.’” Department of Sociology’s Seminar on Cultural,
Organizational, Political, and Economic Sociology, University of Washington,
Seattle, WA
- Apr. 2013 “Murray Rothbard, Political Strategy, and the Making of Modern Libertarianism
in the 1970s.” Refiguring the 1970s: New Narratives in U.S. and International
History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Sep. 2012 “‘We Shall Repeal the Twentieth Century’: Murray Rothbard and the Making of Modern Libertarianism.” Triangle Legal History Seminar, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC
- Sep. 2012 “Commenter on Joshua Kertzer’s ‘Resolve in International Politics.’” Triangle Institute for Security Studies Thirteenth Annual New Faces Conference, Durham, NC
- Oct. 2010 “Commenter on Rosemary Kelanic’s ‘No Oil for War: The Coercive Potential of Energy.’” Triangle Institute for Security Studies Eleventh Annual New Faces Conference, Durham, NC
- Oct. 2009 “Karl Heinzen and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Terrorism.” With Michael Stauch. German Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Sep. 2009 “Commenter on T. N. Pegahi’s ‘Dangerous Deterrent? The Strategic Consequences of Nuclear Acquisition.’” Triangle Institute for Security Studies Tenth Annual New Faces Conference, Durham, NC

Workshops

- Feb. 2021 Social Histories of the Security State
Journal of Social History Workshop
Via Zoom
- Aug. 2018/
Oct. 2017 Reassessing Threat Assessments from the Early Nuclear Era (invited)
Tobin Project
Cambridge, MA
- Aug. 2017 Foreign Encounters and the Remaking of American Democracy (co-organized)
Dartmouth College, NH
- Jun. 2016 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute
Culture, Propaganda, and Intelligence in Foreign Relations
Leiden, the Netherlands
- Jun. 2012 German Historical Institute, More Atlantic Crossings?
The Entangled History of the Atlantic World, 1950s-1970s
Washington, D.C.
- Aug. 2011 German Historical Institute, Europe—Migration—Identity Summer Seminar
Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 2010 University of Heidelberg Center for American Studies Spring Academy

Heidelberg, Germany

Dec. 2009 Tobin Project National Security Conference
America and the World: Power Through Its Prudent Use
Charlotte, NC

May 2009 Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research
George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Peer Reviewer

University Presses: Manchester University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge Press;
Stanford University Press; Yale University Press

Journals: *Cold War History*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Diplomatic History*;
European Journal of International Relations; *Global Perspectives*; *History of the Human
Sciences*; *History of Social Science*; *Humanity*; *International History Review*; *International
Security*; *Journal of American History*; *Journal of Cold War Studies*; *Journal of Holocaust
Research*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of the History of Ideas*; *Journal of the
History of the Behavioral Sciences*; *Journal of Political Ideologies*; *Minerva*; *Modern American
History*; *Modern Intellectual History*; *Political Geography*; *Security Studies*

Granting Agencies: Austrian Science Fund; Carnegie Corporation of New York; National
Science Centre, Poland

Professional Service

2019-2023 Co-chair and Co-founder, Ad Hoc Committee on the Jobs Crisis in Academia
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

2018-2021 Member and Chair (2020-2021), Stuart L. Bernath Article Prize Committee
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

2018-2019 Member, Program Committee, Annual Conference
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Service at the University of Washington

2020-Present Faculty Advisor
John Quincy Adams Society
University of Washington Chapter

2021-2022 Director, Honors Program, Jackson School; Director, Calderwood Seminar
Program, Jackson School; Chair, Honors Admissions Committee, Jackson School;
Member, Cybersecurity Teaching Faculty Search Committee (search cancelled),

	Jackson School; Member, Honors Faculty Council, Honors Program; Graduate School International Research Fellowship Committee, Graduate School
2020-2021	Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Director's Office, Jackson School; Member, Calderwood Seminar Committee, Jackson School; Member, Honors Faculty Council, Honors Program; Convener, Hanauer Lecture Series, UW Honors Program; Member, Applied Qualitative Methods Initiative, University of Washington
2019-2020	Member, Director Search Committee, Jackson School; Chair, Hazel D. Cole Fellowship Committee, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, Jackson School; Member, Applied Qualitative Methods Initiative, University of Washington; Member, JSIS Master's in International Studies Admissions Committee, Jackson School
2019-Present	Faculty Associate, Standing Committee, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies
2017-2019	Co-organizer, History Workshop
2016-2019	Member, Faculty Council, Jackson School (elected by the department)
2018-2019	Member, Applied Qualitative Methods Initiative, University of Washington; Chair, Peace, Violence, and Security Curriculum Committee, Jackson School; Member, JSIS Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Jackson School; Member, JSIS Master's in International Studies Admissions Committee, Jackson School; Member, JSIS Ph.D. in International Studies Admissions Committee, Jackson School
2017-2018	Member, 200 Series Curriculum Committee, Jackson School; Chair, Peace, Violence, and Security Curriculum Committee, Jackson School; Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Jackson School Journal, Jackson School; Member, Master's of International Studies Admissions Committee, Jackson School; Member, FLAS Fellowship Committee, Center for West European Studies, Jackson School
2016-2017	Member, Ph.D. Program Committee, Jackson School; Member, Ph.D. Program Subcommittee Concerning Ph.D. Funding, Jackson School; Member, 200 Series Curriculum Committee, Jackson School; Selection Committee for the Hazel D. Cole Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, Jackson School; Member, Lecturer Renewal Committee, Jackson School; Member, FLAS Fellowship Committee, Center for Global Studies, Jackson School
2014-2015	Member, Ph.D. Program Committee, Jackson School; Steering Committee, Applied Qualitative Methods Initiative, University of Washington; Curriculum Committee, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, Jackson School; Executive

Committee, Center for Global Studies and International Studies Program, Jackson School

Public Service

2019-2020	Foreign Policy Advisor Bernie Sanders 2020 Presidential Campaign
2019	Co-chair Democratizing Foreign Policy Working Group Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
2018-2019	Steering Committee for Founding Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
Jul. 2018	Observer, Mexican Elections Colonia Venustiano Carranza Red Universitaria y Ciudadana por la Democracia