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## Academic Appointments

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2023-Present Anne H.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

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2023-Present Associate  
Alameda Institute  
London, United Kingdom  
  
2019-Present Non-Resident Fellow  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft  
Washington, D.C.

## Education

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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

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(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

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(2025) *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: Palgrave. Co-edited with Michael Brenes (294 p.)

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.

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## Edited Journal Issues

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- 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 and Book Chapters

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- (2025) “Introduction: Cold War Liberalism in Historical Context.” In *Cold War Liberalism: Power in a Time of Emergency*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (forthcoming)
- 2024 “Introduction: Rethinking U.S. World Power—Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Relations.” In *Rethinking U.S. World Power: Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Relations*, edited by Daniel Bessner and Michael Brenes, 1-14. London: Palgrave, 2024. Co-authored with Michael Brenes.
- 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, 89-110. London: Palgrave, 2024.
- 2024 “A Brief History of Cold War Liberalism.” *Cold War History* 24, no. 2 (2024), 299-308. Co-authored with Michael Brenes and Michael Franczak.
- 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

- 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/>

\* Reprinted in Daniel Bessner and Michael Brenes, ed., *Rethinking U.S. World Power Domestic Histories of U.S. Foreign Relations*. London, UK: Palgrave, 15-47.

2019 "Introduction: Who Decides?" In *The Decisionist Imagination: Sovereignty, Social Science, and Democracy in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, edited by Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot, 295-301. New York: Berghahn. Co-authored with Nicolas Guilhot.

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 "The Ghosts of Weimar: The Weimar Analogy in American Thought." *Social Research* 84, no. 4, 831-855.

- 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.
- 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](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.
- 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)
- 2012 “Toward a Theory of Civil-Military Punishment.” *Armed Forces & Society* 38, no. 4, 649-668. Co-authored with Eric Lorber.
- 2010 “Karl Heinzen and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Terror.” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 22, no. 2, 143-176. Co-authored with Michael Stauch.

## Non-Peer Reviewed Articles and Scholarly Comments

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- 2024 “Rethinking the Relationship between a US-Based Global Security Architecture and Global Capitalism.” *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*. 9, no. 1 (March 2024), e12657.
- 2023 “Delineating Progressive Grand Strategies.” In Forum: Progressivism and Grand Strategy: An Exchange. *Security Studies*. 32, no. 2 (2023), 377-381.
- 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.
- 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.

## Major Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

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- 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.
- 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)

## Policy Writing

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- 2024 “America Must Grapple with the Limits of Ukraine’s Kursk Offensive.” *The National Interest*. (September 18, 2024). Co-authored with Derek Davison. <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/america-must-grapple-limits-ukraines-kursk-offensive-212795>.
- 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/>
- \* Recommended on the Planned Parenthood website for its “Summer of Friendship” in terms of hosting an academic discussion
- 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

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- 2021-Present American Prestige  
Co-Host  
<https://www.americanprestigepod.com/>  
Since 2024, produced in partnership with *The Nation*  
<https://www.thenation.com/content/american-prestige/>

## National Television and Radio Appearances

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- Apr. 2024 Guest on NPR’s *Fresh Air*  
<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/25/1197965134/end-of-hollywood>
- 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)

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- May 2024 “Talking Punk, Nirvana, and the Ethics of Art Under Capitalism with Steve Albini.” *The Nation* (May 14, 2024).  
<https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/steve-albini-interview/>
- May 2024 “The Life and Death of Hollywood: Film and Television Writers Face an Existential Threat.” *Harper’s Magazine* 348, no. 2088 (May 2024), 24-32.

<https://harpers.org/archive/2024/05/the-life-and-death-of-hollywood-daniel-bessner/>

- \* Reprinted as “La fine di Hollywood: La finanza ha distrutto l’industria cinematografica. A farne le spese sono gli sceneggiatori. E anche gli spettatori.” *Internazionale* 31, no. 1565 (May 31/June 6, 2024), 46-53.  
<https://www.internazionale.it/magazine/daniel-bessner/2024/05/30/hollywood-sul-viale-del-tramonto>
- \* Cover story of issues
- \* Listed as an “Article of Note” on Arts & Letters Daily
- \* Editors’ Pick, Longreads.com
- \* Featured as a “Great Weekend Read” on *Politico*
- \* Featured on *The Hollywood Reporter*
- \* Featured on Harvard Kennedy School’s Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy
- \* Featured on *Hollywood Elsewhere*
- \* Featured on *Bookforum*
- \* Featured on RealClearBooks
- \* Featured on Lit Hub Daily
- \* Featured on the *Financial Times Alphaville* Daily Reading
- \* Featured on Criterion.com
- \* Featured on Mubi News
- \* Featured on *3 Quarks Daily* (twice)
- \* Featured on SAGindie
- \* Featured on *The Journal*
- \* Featured on *Illuminations*
- \* Featured on This is Glamorous



- \* Featured on Splainer
- \* Featured on Bunk History
- \* Featured on EU Forum
- \* Response by *The Ankler*  
<https://theankler.com/p/a24-enters-the-uncanny-valley>
- \* Response by *The Bulwark*  
<https://www.thebulwark.com/p/customers-have-a-say-in-what-gets>
- \* Response by *Awards Daily*  
<https://www.awardsdaily.com/2024/04/18/can-the-oscars-survive-the-imminent-death-of-hollywood/>
- \* Extensively referenced in *The Nation*  
<https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/haollywood-blockbuster-ip-addiction-box-office/>
- \* Extensively referenced in *Jacobin*  
<https://jacobin.com/2024/06/tv-streaming-private-equity>

- Apr. 2024 “Liberals’ Heated Fascism Rhetoric Sidesteps Reflection.” *Jacobin* (April 18, 2024).  
<https://jacobin.com/2024/04/liberals-fascism-rhetoric-democrats-election>
- Apr. 2024 “The Last Man: Larry David and the Final Season of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.” *The Nation* 318, no. 4 (April 2024), 76-81.  
<https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/curb-your-enthusiams-larry-david/>
- Nov. 2023 Intro to: “Hayim Katsman, an Israeli Murdered by Hamas, Envisioned a Democratic Israel/Palestine.” *Jacobin* (November 9, 2023), co-written with Liora Halperin.  
<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*

\* Finalist, Kukula Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Book Reviewing,  
*Washington Monthly*

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 liberalismo 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/](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 afghano 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-afterlifef-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](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>

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<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>

\* Reprinted in Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins, ed., *Did It Happen Here? Perspectives on Fascism and America* (W.W. Norton: New York, 2024).

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<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.

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### **Prizes, Honors, and Notices**

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2020-Present Contributing Editor  
*Jacobin*

2024 Finalist  
Kukula Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Book Reviewing  
*Washington Monthly*

2024 Was sanctioned by the Russian government for unclear reasons  
<https://embassyliife.ru/en/post/45234>  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Russian Federation

2022 Nominee, Honors Excellence in Teaching  
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**

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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  
U.S. Department of Education

### **University of Washington Fellowships and Grants**

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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

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- 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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### **Additional Affiliations at the University of Washington**

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- 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**

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

### **Courses Taught**

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#### *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**

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Have served on committees in the Jackson School Ph.D. Program; Jackson School Master's Program; UW History Department; UW Political Science Department; UW Sociology 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)**

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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**

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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 Hacoheh
- Apr. 2008 As It Really Was? Senior Thesis Writers Conference  
Duke University, Durham, NC

**Invited Talks for *Democracy in Exile***

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- 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**

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- Aug. 2024 "Trump vs. Harris: Whose Foreign Policy Will Win the 2024 Election."  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft  
Washington, D.C. (via Zoom)
- Jun. 2024 "Hollywood and Foreign Policy."  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft  
Washington, D.C. (via Zoom)
- Oct. 2023 "The U.S.-R.O.K. Relationship."  
10<sup>th</sup> 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
- Feb. 2023 "The End of The American Century?"  
Contemporary History Institute  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH (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 20<sup>th</sup>  
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**

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- Jan. 2019      Historians and the Public Sphere in Turbulent Political Times  
American Historical Association 133<sup>rd</sup> 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***

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- 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”**

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- 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**

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- Feb. 2024 “Zionism in History.”  
“Confronting Conflict: An Educational Series on the Israel-Hamas War”  
Seattle University  
Seattle, WA
- 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 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting  
Chicago, IL

- Jan. 2019 “Crisis and U.S. Politics.”  
Two More Years of Trump: What Is to Be Done?  
American Historical Association 133<sup>rd</sup> 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

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- 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

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University Presses: Manchester University Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave 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*; *Review of International Studies*; *Security Studies*

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

## Professional Service

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- 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

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- 2020-Present Faculty Advisor  
John Quincy Adams Society  
University of Washington Chapter
- 2023-2024 Head, U.S. in the World Program, Jackson; Faculty Advisor, Jackson School  
Student Association; Graduate Committee, Jackson School
- 2022-2023 Head, U.S. in the World Program; Member, Jackson School, Lecturer Search  
Committee; Member, Jackson School, Merit Review Committee
- 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

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- 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