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EDUCATION

Graduate, Massachusetts Institute of Psychoanalysis, 2016.

Ph.D., Harvard University: Public Policy, 1992.

MS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Technology Policy Program (Chemical Engineering), 1988.

BA, Barnard College, Major: Chemistry. Minor: Russian. 1985.

EMPLOYMENT

Research Professor, Pardee School for Global Studies, Boston University

Courses:
Terrorism and Guerilla Warfare
Countering Violent Extremism
Mapping Dangerous Online Speech

Lecturer, Harvard University

Harvard College, 2013 to 2015, Law School (2007-2010), Kennedy School, (1999-2007).

Courses:
Seminar, Understanding Terrorism
Terrorism and Non-State Threats to International Security
Assessing Other Governments (Theory of intelligence), with Ernest May
Religion and Conflict, with David Little (co-listed at Harvard Divinity School)
Religion in Global Politics, with Sam Huntington and David Little (co-listed at Harvard Divinity School)

Consultant on terrorism to US government agencies, 1998-present.

Fellow, Harvard Chan School of Public Health, 2012-present.

Director, Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council, 1994-95. Chaired interagency groups on nuclear smuggling and FSU nuclear security, established Nuclear Smuggling Response Group, helped to prepare President Clinton and Vice-President Gore for meetings with other leaders and for speeches, helped to oversee Project Sapphire, a secret operation to air-lift half a ton of vulnerable nuclear material to safe storage in the United States.

Postdoctoral Analyst, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. 1992-94.
Analyzed political developments in Russia that could put nuclear materials or fissile materials at risk for use by terrorists.

HONORS

- Jessica Stern's work was profiled by [Bostonia Magazine](#), [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) and [New York Times](#)
- Fellow, Guggenheim Foundation, 2009-2010
- Erikson Scholar, Erik Erikson Institute, 2009
- Fellow, MacDowell Colony, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2016, and 2017.
- Fellow, Yaddo Colony for the Arts, Summer 2009 and 2018.
- Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2009
- Included among seven "thinkers" in *Time* Magazine's 2001 series profiling 100 people with bold ideas.
- Fellow, World Economic Forum, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow, 1994-95.
- Elected to Sigma Xi, an engineering honors society, 1986.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Non-Residential Fellow of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, 2019 to present
 - Fellow, Hoover Institution, 2015 to present.
 - Co-Investigator, with Harvard team, NIJ funded project to evaluate prison-deradicalization programs, beginning 2020
 - Co-Investigator, with Harvard team, NATO funded project to evaluate CVE initiatives, 2018 to present.
 - Co-Investigator, with Harvard team, DOJ funded project to evaluate impact of CVE initiatives, 2017 to present.
 - Member, DHS-funded project to evaluate Boston's pilot CVE program, Harvard School of Public Health, 2015 to present.
 - Member, DOD-Minerva and NIJ-funded project on Somali children, Children's Hospital, Boston, 2013 to 2018
 - Member, Hoover Task Force on National Security and the Law, 2007 to 2015.
 - Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, 2006 - 2008.
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- Grantee, Smith-Richardson Foundation and the Weatherhead Initiative Fund, “Religion in Global Politics,” 2002 - 2004.
- Grantee, Women’s Leadership Board, 2002.
- Grantee, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard University, 2001, 2002.
- Senior Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, 1999-2000.
- Grantee, U.S. Institute of Peace, 1997, 2001.
- Grantee, W. Alton Jones Foundation, 1997, 1998.
- Grantee, Ploughshares Foundation, 1999, 2000.
- Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 1998-2001.
- National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1995-96.
- Recipient, Round XVI, MacArthur Foundation Grant for Research and Writing, 1995-96.
- Harvard Ph.D. Fellow, 1988-92.
- Harvard MacArthur Fellow, 1989-90.
- Fellow, Harvard Center for Science and International Affairs, 1989-90.
- Ford Foundation Fellow for Dual Competence in Soviet Area Studies and International Security, 1988-89.
- MIT Technology Policy Peace Prize, 1988.
- MIT Rabinowitz Fellowship, 1986-87.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Referee/Reviewer for *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, DHS grants, National Science Foundation, Israeli National Science Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, *American Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics*, *World Politics*, U.S. Institute of Peace, Smith-Richardson Foundation.
- Member of the Homeland Security Experts Group, 2019-present
- Member of the Aspen Institute [Homeland Security](#) Advisory Group, 2016-2019.
- Advisory Board Member, Cureviolence (an organization that quells gang violence), 2012 to 2013
- Board Member, Project on Justice in Times of Transition, 2012 to 2013
- Member, Leadership Group on U.S. – Muslim Engagement, 2007-2008.
- Consultant on terrorism to New York City Department of Police, 2003
- Editorial Board Member: *Current History*, *Journal on Terrorism and Organized Crime*, and *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (2001-2005)
- Advisory Board Member, American Bar Association Committee on Law Enforcement and National Security, 1997-1999
- Board Member, Lawyers’ Alliance for World Security, 1998-2000
- Board Member, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 1999-2001
- Advisory Board Member, *SAIS Review*, 1998-2000

- Member, Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations, and Women in International Security
- Testimony before Congress

BOOKS

My War Criminal: Personal Encounters with an Architect of Genocide (Ecco/Harper Collins, January 2020).

ISIS: The State of Terror, with J.M. Berger (Ecco: Harper Collins, March 2015). Selected by the *Washington Post* as a notable book, *Wall Street Journal's* “must-reads” on terrorism, and as a best book of the year by *Foreign Affairs*.

Denial: A Memoir of Terror (Ecco/Harper Collins, 2010). Selected as a best book of 2010 by *Washington Post* and *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Also published in Dutch, Hungarian, and Polish editions.

Terror in the Name of God: Why Religious Militants Kill (Ecco/Harper Collins: 2003). Also published in Dutch, Portuguese, Norwegian, Italian, and Croatian editions. Selected by the *New York Times* as a notable book of the year for 2003.

The Ultimate Terrorists (Harvard University Press, 1999). Also published in Spanish, Japanese, and Vietnamese editions.

Dissertation, unpublished: "The Control of Chemical Weapons: A Strategic Analysis."

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“Radicalization to Extremism and Mobilization to Violent Extremism,” in Richard Clarke, Rand Beers, Emilian Papadopoulos, and Paul Salem, eds., *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, November 2016, 102-117.

With Heidi Ellis et al, “Relation of Psychosocial Factors to Diverse Behaviors and Attitudes Among Somali Refugees,” *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 2015.

“Response to Marc Sageman’s ‘The Stagnation in Terrorism Research,’” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 2014.

“X: A Case Study of a Swedish Neo-Nazi and His Reintegration into Swedish Society,” *Behavioral Science and the Law*, Spring 2014.

“PTSD: Policy Issues,” *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Spring 2014.

Co-Editor with Gary LaFree of *Homeland Security and Terrorism* and author of editorial conclusion, "Strengths and Limits of Criminological Research on Terrorism," 661-665; Special issue of *Criminology and Public Policy*, August 2009.

"The Dangers and Demands of Cosmopolitan Law," 116 Yale L.J. Pocket Part 322 (2007).

"Precaution Against Terrorism," with Jonathan Wiener, *Journal of Risk Research* (June 2006): 393-447.

"Fearing Evil," *Social Research* Vol. 71, Number 3, (Fall 2004).

"Dreaded Risks and the Control of Biological Weapons," *International Security* (Winter 2003).

"The Prospects for Domestic Bioterror," *Emerging Infectious Diseases* (July-August, 1999).

"Apocalypse Never, Poison Possible," *Survival* (Winter 1999).

"Weapons of Mass Impact," *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 1996.

"U.S. Assistance Programs for Improving MPC&A in the Former Soviet Union," *Nonproliferation Review* Winter, 1996. Also published as "Cooperative Activities to Improve Material Protection, Control, and Accountability in the Former Soviet Union," in Bill Potter and John Shields, *The Nunn-Lugar Program: Donor and Recipient Country Perspectives* (MIT Press, 1997.)

"Cooperative Security and the CWC: A Comparison of the Chemical and Nuclear Weapons Regimes," *Contemporary Security Policy*, Fall 1994.

"Strategic Decision Making, Alliances, and the Chemical Weapons Convention," *Security Studies*, Summer 1994.

"Chemical and Biological Weapons in the Third World," (with Marie I. Chevrier), *Boston College Third World Law Journal* Winter 1991.

"Moscow Meltdown: Can Russia Survive?" *International Security*, Spring 1994. Also published in Russian by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"The Case of Thiodiglycol," review, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, August 1993.

POLICY ARTICLES

["Obama and Terrorism: Like it or not, the War Goes On,"](#) *Foreign Affairs* September/October 2015.

[“An Amended Front Page Rule: The Imperative to Protect Institutions,”](#) *Defining Ideas*, Hoover Institution, January 29, 2014.

[“The War Against Terror Must be Fought with Words Too,”](#) *Time Magazine*, December 16, 2013.

[“We Need to Worry About Somali Terrorists,”](#) *Time Magazine*, September 26, 2013.

With John Horgan, [“Terrorism Research Has Not Stagnated,”](#) *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 2013.

[“Brief Interviews with Hideous Terrorists,”](#) *Foreign Policy*, April 25, 2013.
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/04/25/what_its_like_to_talk_to_a_terrorist

[“Terrorism After the 2003 Invasion of Iraq,”](#) with Megan McBride, March 19, 2013. For “Costs of War” project of Brown University’s Watson Institute. <http://costsofwar.org>

[“Can Google Make Non-Violence Cool?”](#) *Defining Ideas*, August 25, 2011.

[“Terror and Mortality,”](#) *Journal of Democracy*, September 2011.

[“Muslims in America,”](#) *National Interest*, May/June 2011, 38-46.

[“Mind Over Martyr,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, January 2010.

[“Holy Avengers,”](#) *Financial Times Weekend Magazine*, 12 June 2004.

[“Forum: Caliphate of Terror,”](#) *Harvard Magazine* July-August 2004.

[“Al Qaeda: The Protean Enemy,”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2003). Also published in James Hoge and Gideon Rose, editors, *Understanding the War on Terror* (Foreign Affairs books: 2005).

[“Preparing for a War on Terrorism,”](#) *Current History* (November 2001).

[“Confronting Biological Terrorism,”](#) *Harvard International Review*, Spring 2001.

[“Meeting with the Muj,”](#) *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (January/February, 2001).

[“Pakistan’s Jihad Culture,”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (November/December 2000).

[“Lethal Compounds: The New Chemical Weapons Ban,”](#) *Brookings Review*, Summer 1994.

[“Will Terrorists Turn to Poison?”](#) *Orbis*, Summer 1993.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND REFEREED POLITICAL-SCIENCE READERS

“Creatively Collecting Data and Evidence,” in Peter Krause and Ora Szekeley, eds. *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2020).

“Prison-Based Deradicalization” in Stian Lid and Stig Jarle Hansen, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Deradicalisation and Disengagement* (Abington, U.K: Routledge, 2020).

“ISIL and the Goal of Organizational Survival,” in Hilary Matfess and Michael Miklaucic, eds. *Beyond Convergence: World Without Order* (Washington DC: National Defense University Press, 2017.)

With Jonathan B. Wiener, “Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction,” in Jonathan B. Wiener, Michael D. Rogers, James K. Hammitt, and Peter H. Sand, eds., *The Reality of Precaution: Comparing Risk Regulation in the United States and Europe* (Washington DC: Resources for the Future Press, 2011.)

With Dalia Mogahed and Tom Pyszczynski, "Religious Engagement and Violence," in Chad Meistec, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Religious Diversity* (London: Oxford University Press, 2010).

“Overview: Terrorism,” in Mark Green and Michele Jolin, eds., *Change for America: A Progressive Blueprint for the 44th President* (New York: Basic Books, 2009).

With Amit Modi, “Organizational Forms of Terrorism,” in Thomas Biersteker and Sue Eckert, eds., *Countering the Financing of Terrorism*, (New York: Routledge, 2008.)

“The Protean Enemy,” in Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues, 7th ed.* (Longman: 2005). Originally published in *Foreign Affairs*.

“Dreaded Risks and the Control of Biological Weapons,” in *New Global Dangers*, an International Security reader, MIT Press, July 2004. Originally published in *International Security*.

“Controlling Biological Weapons: A Risk-Tradeoff Analysis for a ‘Dreaded Risk’” in Janne Nolan *The Transformation of Nonproliferation* (The Century Foundation/Georgetown University, 2003).

“Terrorist Motivations and Unconventional Weapons,” in Peter Lavoy, Scott Sagan, and Jim Wirtz, ed., *Planning the Unthinkable*, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000).

“The Public Health Consequences of Terrorism” in C. Everett Koop, ed., *Global Health in the 21st Century* (Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2000).

“The Covenant, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord,” in Jonathan Tucker, ed., *Toxic Terror* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2000).

“Larry Wayne Harris,” in Jonathan Tucker, ed., *Toxic Terror*, (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2000).

"Russia's Crisis of Evolving Statehood: The Impact of the New Constitution and of the Parliamentary Elections," in Stephen J. Blank, ed., *Does Russian Democracy Have a Future?* (Carlisle Barracks, Penn.: U.S. Army War College, 1994). Also published in Carol Timko, ed., *Russia After the Elections* (Berkeley: Berkeley-Stanford Program on Post Soviet Studies, 1994).

"Stalking Two Varieties of Poisonous Snakes: A Comparison of the Chemical and Nuclear Anti-Proliferation Regimes," in J. B. Poole and R. Guthrie, eds., *Verification Report 1994: Yearbook on Arms Control and Environmental Agreements* (London: Pergamon Brassey, 1994).

"All's Well That Ends Well: Verification and the CWC," in J.B. Poole and R. Guthrie, eds., *Verification Report 1993: Yearbook on Arms Control and Environmental Agreements* (London: Pergamon Brassey, 1993.)

"Sanctions Against Violators of the CWC," in Benoit Morel and Kyle Olson, eds., *The Chemical Weapons Convention: The Shadow and the Substance* (Boulder: Westview, 1993).

OP-EDS

“[Red-Pill Factories: A Troubling Visit to On-line Places of Radicalization](#),” Review, *Times Literary Supplement*, June 26, 2020.

“[The Flood of On-Line Misinformation Around the George Floyd Protests](#),” *Lanfare*, June 22, 2020.

“[My 48 Hours Alone with Radovan Karadzic](#),” *New York Times*, January 16, 2020.

“[The World is Fighting More than ISIS](#),” *New York Times*, October 27, 2019.

“[Trump’s Executive Order Will Make Us Less Safe](#),” *Boston Globe*, January 30, 2017.

“[How Terror Hardens Us](#),” *New York Times*, December 5, 2015.

“[How ISIS and Other Jihadist Groups Lure Westerners](#),” *Boston Globe*, April 6, 2015.

“[Iraq: Where Terrorists Go to School](#),” *New York Times*, March 19, 2013.

“[The Invasion of Iraq Was an Engine of Terrorist Growth](#),” *US News & World Report*, March 19, 2013.

[“The Double Standard of Sex Crimes,”](#) *Time Magazine*, July 27, 2011.

[“After Bin Laden,”](#) *Washington Post*, May 8, 2011.

[“Osama Death will Reopen America’s 9/11 Wounds,”](#) *Daily Beast*, May 2, 2011.

[“Arab Revolutions Don’t Mean the End for al Qaeda,”](#) *Boston Globe*, April 20, 2011.

[“The Military Must Take a Harder Line Against Sexual Assault,”](#) *Washington Post*, February 18, 2011.

[“Why Does Terrorism Fascinate Me? Because of the Terror of my Past,”](#) *Washington Post*, June 20, 2010.

[“Five Myths About Who Becomes a Terrorist,”](#) *Washington Post*, January 10, 2010.

“Mind Over Martyr,” *International Herald Tribune*, December 21, 2009.

[“Keep American Muslims on Our Side,”](#) *New York Times*, September 10, 2006.

[“Jihad: A Global Fad,”](#) *Boston Globe*, 1 August 2006.

[“Al Qaeda, American Style,”](#) *New York Times* 16 July 2006.

With Jeffrey Frankel, [“The Wrong Approach,”](#) *Baltimore Sun*, Oct 29, 2004.

[“Terrorists’ Own Words Can Help Us Stop Them,”](#) *USA Today*, 24 June 2004.

[“Militant Groups: Beneath Bombast and Bombs, a Caldron of Humiliation,”](#) *Los Angeles Times*, 8 June 2004.

[“How the War in Iraq Has Damaged the War on Terrorism,”](#) *Salon*, 7 April 2004.

[“Que significan los atentados del 11-M para Espana y el mundo?”](#) *El Pais*, 27 March 2004.

[“Errors in Fighting Al Qaeda Have Worsened the Danger,”](#) *Boston Globe*, March 25, 2004.

[“Explaining the Addiction to Jihad,”](#) *The Daily Star* (Lebanon), February 5, 2004.

“When Women are Bombers,” *Washington Post* 18 December 2003.

[“Terrorism's New Mecca,”](#) *Globe and Mail*, 28 November 2003.

[“How America Created a Terrorist Haven,”](#) *New York Times*, 20 August 2003.

[“A Rational Response to Dirty Bombs,”](#) *Financial Times*, 12 June 2002.

[“Allies Split over Executing Terrorists,”](#) *Boston Globe*, 28 May 2002.

[“Get to the Roots of Terror: Trauma and Humiliation,”](#) *International Herald Tribune*, 26 April 2002.

[“How Terrorists Hijacked Islam,”](#) *USA Today*, September 30, 2001.

[“Being Feared Is Not Enough to Keep Us Safe,”](#) *Washington Post*, September 15, 2001.

[“Execute Terrorists at Our Own Risk,”](#) *New York Times*, February 28, 2001.

“A Lethal Weapon We Must Learn to Recognize,” *New York Times*, October 16, 1999.

“Taking the Terror Out of Bioterrorism,” *New York Times*, April 8, 1998.

[“U.S. Backs Wrong Nuke-Deterrence Efforts,”](#) *USA Today*, September 17, 1997.

[“Preventive Defense,”](#) *Washington Post*, June 23, 1997.

[“Ratify the Chemical Weapons Treaty,”](#) *Los Angeles Times*, February 24, 1997.

“Terrorism Multiplied,” *Washington Post*, July 17, 1996.

[“Preventing Portable Nukes,”](#) *New York Times*, April 10, 1996.

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