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Teaching and Research Interests

History of U.S. Foreign Relations
International History of Europe since 1789
Political Biography
Diplomatic Histories of USSR (Russia), China
International Relations Theory

Education

BA, Oberlin College, 1974.
MA, University of Chicago, 1976.
PhD, University of Chicago, 1979.

Teaching

1. Boston University, 1989—present.
2. Johns Hopkins University, Nanjing Center (China),
Spring Semester 1998.
3. University of California at Santa Cruz, 1980-1988.
4. Kenyon College, 1979-1980.

Background

Recipient of fellowships from: Oberlin College, University of Chicago, University of California at Santa Cruz, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1989), Institute for the Study of World Politics 1986, Hoover Institution (Title VIII) at Stanford University 1990, Center for International Studies at University of Southern California (Senior Visiting Scholar) 1991 (declined), John M. Olin Foundation 1991, Boston University 1992, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History 2000, Humanities Foundation of Boston University summer 2006, American Academy in Berlin (Berlin Prize--Haniel Fellow) 2008, Boston University Center for the Humanities (Senior Fellow) 2023. Member of Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1999-2005.
Clare Hall, Cambridge University—Life Member since 2013.
Honorary Member of Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK), 2022.
Chair of Political Science Department, Boston University, 2001-2004, 2004-2007, 2015-2018.
Member of the Management Committee of the Transatlantic Studies Association, 2016-2017, 2023-2026.

Publications

Books:

1. *Cracking the Monolith: US Policy Against the Sino-Soviet Alliance, 1949-1955* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1986).
2. *George Kennan and the Dilemmas of US Foreign Policy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988); a History Book Club selection; paperback version 1990; e-book.
3. *The Ambassadors and America's Soviet Policy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995). Awarded 1995 Douglas Dillon prize of the American Academy of Diplomacy; paperback version 1997; e-book.
4. *Wars and Peace: The Future Americans Envisioned, 1861-1991* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998); paperback version 1999; e-book.
5. *Dissenting Voices in America's Rise to Power* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007); paperback version 2007; e-book.
6. *FDR's Ambassadors and the Diplomacy of Crisis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013); e-book.
7. *America and the Postwar World: Remaking International Society, 1945-1956* (London: Routledge, 2018); paperback version 2018; e-book.
8. *Seekers and Partisans: Americans Abroad in the Crisis Years, 1935-1941* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2026); e-book.

Book in Progress:

1. *Where the Grapes of Wrath Are Stored: The United States, 1852.*

Edited Book:

1. *Reevaluating Eisenhower: American Foreign Policy in the 1950s* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1987) coeditor with Richard Melanson of ten essays by historians and political scientists; contributed an essay (indicated below) and coauthor of "Introduction;" paperback version 1989.

Book Chapters and Journal Articles:

1. "Eisenhower's Containment Policy and the Major Communist Powers, 1953-1956" in *The International History Review*, February 1983.
2. "George Kennan and the Soviet Union, 1933-1938: Perceptions of a Young Diplomat" in *The International History Review*, November 1983.
3. "Young Kennan's Criticisms and Recommendations" in *Biography*, Summer 1985.
4. "Soviet War Aims and the Grand Alliance: George Kennan's Views, 1944-1946" in *Journal of Contemporary History*, January 1986.
5. "Containment and the Primacy of Diplomacy: George Kennan's Views, 1947-1948" in *International Security*, Summer 1986.
6. "Nazi Germany and the Future of Europe: George Kennan's Views, 1939-1945" in *The International History Review*, November 1986.
7. "Eisenhower and Communism: Later Findings" in *Reevaluating Eisenhower: American Foreign Policy in the 1950s* (indicated above, 1987).
8. "The Practitioner/Theorist in American Foreign Policy: George Kennan" in L. Carl Brown, ed., *Centerstage: American Diplomacy Since World War Two* (New York: Holmes and Meier, 1990).

9. "Diplomacy and the Politics of Amelioration: The Thought of George Kennan" in *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, Spring 1991.
10. "Preparing for Moscow: Training US Diplomats and the Dilemmas of Recognition" in *Brown Foreign Affairs Journal*, Winter 1992.
11. "After Stalin: The Ambassadors and America's Soviet Policy, 1953-1962" in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, July 1994.
12. "JFK's Ambassadors and the Cold War" in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, November 2000.
13. "La guerra con Mexico y los disidentes estadounidenses, 1846-1848" ("The Mexican War and U.S. Dissenters, 1846-1848") in *Secuencia*, May 2004.
14. "Neither War Nor Peace: FDR's Ambassadors in Embassy Berlin and Policy toward Germany, 1933-1941" in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, March 2009.
15. "The Great Patriotic War, FDR's Embassy Moscow, and Soviet-U.S. Relations" in *The International History Review*, June 2011.
16. "John Gilbert Winant and the Anglo-U.S. Wartime Alliance, 1941-1945" in J. Simon Rofe and Alison Holmes, eds., *The U.S. Embassy in London 1938-2008: Seventy Years in Grosvenor Square* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).
17. "FDR's Diplomats and Sino-U.S. Crises, 1937-1945" in Andrew Stewart and J. Simon Rofe, eds., *Diplomats at War: The American Experience* (Dordrecht: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2013).
18. "Humanity in 1948: The Genocide Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, September 2015.
19. "Destruction Repaired and Destruction Anticipated: United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), the Atomic Bomb, and U.S. Policy 1944-46" in *The International History Review*, February 2016 (online), October 2016 (print).
20. "Crossing to Safety From Cold War America: The Collaboration and Friendship of John Paton Davies, Jr. and George Frost Kennan," *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, April 2018 (online), June 2018 (print).
21. "Kennan Agonistes" in Miles Hollingworth and Robert Schuett, eds., *The Edinburgh Companion to Political Realism* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018).
22. "The Lure of Ethiopia and the Saga of Colonel John Robinson, 1935-1937" in *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, October 2019 (online), December 2019 (print).
23. "Freelance Revolutionist: Agnes Smedley in Wartime China, 1937-1941" in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, June 2022 (online and print).
24. "Quixotic Calling: Robert and Marion Merriman in the Spanish Civil War" in Gaynor Johnson, ed., *Locating the Transatlantic in Twentieth-Century Politics, Diplomacy and Culture* (London: Bloomsbury, 2024).
25. "From Pacifism to Spitfire: John Magee in the RCAF, 1940-1941" in *Journal of Military Aviation History*, (online) July 2024.

Essays in Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Guides:

1. "George Kennan" in John Findling and Frank Thackery, eds., *Statesmen Who Changed the World* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1993).
2. "George Kennan" in Joel Krieger, ed., *The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993; updated 2001).
3. "The Cold War" in John Findling and Frank Thackery, eds., *Events that Changed America in the Twentieth Century* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1996).
4. "Ambassador George Kennan" in Cathal Nolan, ed., *Notable US Ambassadors, 1776-1996* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1997).
5. "Russian-American Relations" in Leonard Schlup and James Ryan, eds., *Historical Dictionary of the Gilded Age* (Armonk, New York: M. E. Sharpe, 2003).
6. "Dwight David Eisenhower" in Carl Hodge and Cathal Nolan, eds., *U.S. Presidents and Foreign Policy: From 1789 to the Present* (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2007).
7. "George F. Kennan" in *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World, 1776 to the Present* (Charles Scribner's Sons and Macmillan Reference, 2015).

Review Essays:

1. Norman Saul, "History of Russian-U.S. Relations, 1861-1921" in *Diplomatic History*, June 2003.
2. "Gaddis, Kennan, and the Cold War: An Assessment of the Biography" in *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Fall 2013.

Book Reviews:

1. Anna Pawelcznska, *Values and Violence in Auschwitz* in *American Journal of Sociology*, May 1980.
2. Ralph Pettman, *State and Class* in *American Journal of Sociology*, July 1981.
3. Alexander George (ed.), *Managing US-Soviet Rivalry in Perspective*, July-August 1983.
4. Abba Eban, *The New Diplomacy: International Affairs in the Modern Age* in *Perspective*, April 1984.
5. J. Haslam, *The Struggle for Collective Security in Europe*, and J. Hochman, *The Soviet Union and the Failure of Collective Security* in *The International History Review*, May 1986.
6. Paul Gordon Lauren (ed.), *The China Hands' Legacy: Ethics and Diplomacy* in *The Journal of American History*, June 1988.
7. Stuart Kahan, *The Wolf of the Kremlin in Perspective*, Spring 1988.
8. Strobe Talbott, *The Master of the Game: Paul Nitze and the Nuclear Peace* in *The International History Review*, May 1989.
9. Waldo Heinrich, *Threshold of War: Franklin Roosevelt and American Entry into World War II* in *The International History Review*, May 1989.
10. George Kennan, *Sketches From A Life* in *The International History Review*, May 1990.

11. H.W. Brands, *Loy Henderson and the Rise of the American Empire* in *The International History Review*, August 1992.
12. Gordon Craig and Felix Gilbert (eds.), *The Diplomats, 1919-1939* and Gordon Craig and Francis Leowenheim (eds.), *The Diplomats, 1939-1979* in *The International History Review*, November 1995.
13. George Kennan, *At A Century's Ending: Reflections 1982-1995* in *The Historian*, Fall 1997.
14. Jussi M. Hanhimaki, *Containing Coexistence: America, Russia, and the "Finnish Solution," 1945-1956*, in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, July 1998.
15. Dennis Dunn, *Caught Between Roosevelt and Stalin: America's Ambassadors to Moscow* in *The International History Review*, December 1998.
16. Michael Sheng, *Battling Western Imperialism: Mao, Stalin, and the United States* in *The Journal of American History*, March, 1999.
17. James Chace, *Acheson: The Secretary of State Who Created the American World* in *The American Historical Review*, October 1999.
18. Spencer Tucker, *Vietnam* in *The Journal of Military History*, January 2000.
19. Joseph Nye, *The Paradox of American Power* in *The International History Review*, June 2004.
20. Bruce Kuklick, *Blind Oracles: Intellectuals and War From Kennan to Kissinger* in *Diplomatic History*, June 2007.
21. David Ekbladh, *The Great American Mission: Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order* in *The International History Review*, June 2012.
22. Hannah Gurman, *The Dissent Papers: The Voices of Diplomats in the Cold War and Beyond* in *Journal of American Studies*, November 2012.
23. Frank Costigliola (ed.), *The Kennan Diaries* in *Journal of Modern History*, September 2015.
24. Richard Breitman, *A Calculated Restraint: What Allied Leaders Said about the Holocaust* in *Journal of Modern History*, September 2026.

Miscellaneous and Newspapers:

1. "Soviet-American Relations" in *The Transmitter* (Oakland, California), April 7, 1983.
2. "If Only Those Redcoats Had Won" in *San Jose Mercury News*, July 4, 1988.
3. "Means and Ends in the Gulf" in *San Jose Mercury News*, August 24, 1990.
4. "Ambassador Joseph Davies Reconsidered" in *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, September 1992.
5. "Ambassadorial Diplomacy and Its Critics" in *Newsletter* of the American Academy of Diplomacy, January 1996.
6. "After the Wars: US Conceptions of World Order, 1861-1991" in *Annual Meeting/Congres annuel 1997* (Microfiches) of the Canadian Political Science Association.
7. "The U.S. Past as Window on Contemporary Germany" in *News*, BU History Department newsletter, April 2008.

8. "Musings on Anniversaries: 1941, 1991" in *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, January 2012.
9. *Letters to Home in World War Two: Lieutenant Eugene David Mayers* (private printing and family/friends distribution, April 2017; on deposit with the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress; on deposit with Institute for the Study of War and Democracy: National World War II Museum, New Orleans.
10. "Greatest Simplifier Ever" (letter), *Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, Spring 2017.
11. "Biden's Chance to Revive U.S. Tradition of Inserting Ethics in Foreign Policy" in *The Conversation*, December 11, 2020.
12. "Russia—And Not Just Its Army—Is Headed for a Crisis of Morale" in *History News Network*, April 3, 2022.
13. Essay in *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* for roundtable on Tony McCullough's *Tacit Alliance: Franklin Roosevelt and the Anglo-American "Special Relationship" before Churchill, 1937-1939*, July 2026.

Selected Professional Activities

1. Featured in *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in America*. Interviews to newspaper, radio, and television reporters about current/historical topics; talks to high school, elementary school, church, and civic groups; guest lectures to classes and faculty/Fellows seminars at Leningrad State University (USSR), Brown University, Hoover Institution of Stanford University, Boston University, Kenyon College, UCSC, Nanjing Center of Johns Hopkins University (China), US Naval War College, Williams College, Holy Cross College, St. Andrews University (Scotland).
2. Referee for book manuscripts, book proposals, and articles for University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Louisiana State University Press, Random House, Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, Princeton University Press, Stanford University Press, Fordham University Press, Praeger Press, Georgetown University Press, Greenwood Press, *Review of International Studies*, *Diplomatic History*, *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *International Security*, *The International History Review*, *The Historian*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*. (Unable to accept for Columbia University Press and Palgrave Macmillan.)
3. Evaluator of faculty under tenure and/or promotion review at Emory University, Mount Holyoke College, Tulane University, University of Maine, University of Oklahoma, Williams College, Humboldt State University, University College London. (Unable to accept for University of California, George Washington University, University of Virginia, and Georgia Tech.)
4. Paper about George Kennan to research conference sponsored by Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at University of California, Berkeley, April 26-28, 1984.
5. Associate Director of Summer Seminar on Global Security and Arms Control, sponsored by Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation of the University of California, June 22-July 3, 1984.
6. Presenter and member of organizing committee for UCSC's conference on US/USSR/Central America, October 29, 1985.
7. Delegate to conference "Containment and the Future" at the National War College, November 7-8, 1985.

8. Paper about George Kennan biography to conference "Examined Lives: Writing and Reading Biographies" at University of California, February 5, 1986.
9. Paper on George Kennan and the USSR to research conference sponsored by Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at University of California, Berkeley, March 27-29, 1986.
10. Co-organizer of panel "Democracy, the Constitution, and the Making of American Foreign Policy" at the American Political Science Association; presenter of "The Dilemmas of Democratic Diplomacy" Chicago, September 3-6, 1987.
11. "Diplomacy and the Politics of Amelioration: Assessing George Kennan" to Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, November 9, 1987. Lecture was one in Peter Lewis series of "Forty Years of American Diplomacy, 1947-1987."
12. Student at "European Security and Arms Control Seminar" University of Sussex (England), July 8-20, 1988.
13. University of California faculty exchange scholar to Leningrad State University (USSR), September 1-30, 1988.
- 14 "Methods and Purposes in US Foreign Policy" for panel "Approaches to Intervention: The Ethics and Projection of American Power" at the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 1988.
15. "George Kennan as Theorist" to Mount Holyoke College, October 26, 1989; lecture was one in series on foreign policy/USSR issues.
16. "Europe's Future and US Foreign Policy" for panel "Reshaping American Foreign Policy" at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 1989.
17. "The Dilemmas of Nuclear Ethics" for panel "Nuclear Ethics: Rational and Moral Choices in National Security Policy" at the Southern Political Science Association, Memphis, November 1989.
18. Chair for panel "Russia Perceived" at the Western Slavic Association; presented "St. Petersburg and the American Diplomatic Tradition, 1780-1861" Tucson, March 28-31, 1990.
19. Chair for panel "United States in the 1990s: Decline or Renewal?" International Studies Association, Washington, DC, April 10-14, 1990.
20. Honors examiner for Government and Foreign Affairs Department, University of Virginia: May 10-11, 1990.
21. "The European Future and American Choices" for panel "Nationalism and the Two World Wars" at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), September 3-8, 1990.
22. "Reporting From St. Petersburg: American Diplomats and Policy Toward Russia, 1861-1914" to Center for International Studies at University of Southern California, October 17, 1990.
23. "U.S. Foreign Policy After the Cold War" to Program on Global Security at University of California at Santa Cruz, December 3, 1990.
24. Chair/discussant of panel "Soviet Society and the Military," New England Slavic Association, April 12-13, 1991.

25. Honors examiner for Government and Foreign Affairs Department, University of Virginia: May 9-10, 1991.
26. "Reporting From Moscow: US Diplomats and Policy Toward the Soviet Union, 1933-1941" for panel "From Grand Alliance to Cold War" to Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Washington, DC, June 19-21, 1991.
27. "Ethics and Diplomacy in the Post-Cold War World" to Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, October 16, 1991; lecture was one in series "The Emerging Shape of the Post-Cold War World."
28. "Kennan's Realism" for conference "Morgenthau, Niebuhr, Kennan and the Realist Tradition" Bard College, October 18-20, 1991.
29. Discussant for panel "The Role of Perception in US-Soviet Relations" International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 31-April 3, 1992.
30. "US Diplomats and Policy Toward the Soviet Union, 1942-1945" for panel "US-Soviet Relations During World War II" to SHAFR, Hyde Park, New York, June 18-21, 1992.
31. "Reflections on Kennan and Kennan Scholarship" to NEH Summer Seminar--"George Kennan: Diplomat, Historian, Commentator" at Brown University, July 27, 1992.
32. "US Diplomats and America's Soviet Policy" to the European International Studies Conference, University of Heidelberg (Germany), September 16-20, 1992.
33. "The Ambassadors and America's Soviet Policy, 1946-1952" to US Naval War College, October 8, 1992.
34. "Containment: A Critique" and 2 seminars to US Naval War College, October 19-21, 1992.
35. "America's Soviet Policy, 1953-1962" Russian Research Center, Harvard University, October 29, 1992.
36. "US Policy Against the Sino-Soviet Alliance" National War College, February 4, 1993.
37. "The Ambassadors and America's Soviet Policy, 1953-1962" for panel "Soviet-American Relations from Cold War to Détente" to SHAFR, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 17-20, 1993.
38. "The Primacy of Interest: George Kennan's Strategy of Containment" National War College, September 17, 1993.
39. "The Ambassadors and America's Soviet Policy" to Five Colleges Slavic seminar, Amherst, October 5, 1993.
40. Chair of panel "Ethnic Minorities and Ethnic Relations in the CIS" and roundtable participant in "Developing Criteria for US Military Intervention in the Post-Cold War World" International Studies Association, Washington, DC, March 29-April 1, 1994.
41. Student at Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, "Teaching Ethics and International Affairs," University of Virginia, June 5-July 15, 1994.
42. "Kennan as Diplomat" to conference "Kennan, the Cold War, and the Future of American Foreign Policy" at School of International Relations, University of Southern California, January 27-29, 1995.

43. Chair/discussant for panel on "Crisis Points in US-Soviet Relations" to SHAFR, Annapolis, June 21-24, 1995.
44. "Reporting From Moscow: US Ambassadors and Policy Toward the Soviet Union, 1981-1991" to Second Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Paris (France), September 13-16, 1995.
45. "Ambassadorial Diplomacy and Its Critics" to American Academy of Diplomacy, Washington, DC, December 12, 1995.
46. Discussant in "Balances of Power" conference at Boston University, March 22-24, 1996.
47. "Intervention and Conscience in the Spanish-American War: A Cautionary Tale" International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego, California, April 20, 1996.
48. Chair of panel "Stalin and the Coming of the Second World War" American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Boston, November 14, 1996.
49. Discussant in symposium "Moral Judgment and Cold War History" at Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, New York, December 13-14, 1996.
50. "After the Wars: US Conceptions of World Order, 1861-1991" to Congress of the Learned Societies, Memorial University, St. John's (Newfoundland, Canada), June 10, 1997.
51. Organizer/discussant of panel "Moments in Soviet History: The View From US Embassy Moscow" to AAASS, Seattle, November 20-23, 1997.
52. "Imperialism and Anti-Imperialists: The American Debate on the Philippines, 1898" to University of Nanjing (China), May 6, 1998.
53. Discussant of panel "Show Trials Reconsidered: New Archival Evidence" to AAASS, Boca Raton, Florida, September 24-27, 1998.
54. Roundtable participant on *The Ideological Origins of American Internationalism*, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, November 5, 1998.
55. Evaluator of NEH fellowship applications in international history to Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, 1998-2000.
56. "The Peace That Americans Envisioned" to Conference on "Spanish-American War of 1898 and the Birth of the American Century," Portland, Maine, April 10, 1999.
57. Honors examiner for Government and Foreign Affairs Department, University of Virginia: May 13-14, 1999.
58. Chair of panel "Legacies of the Vietnam War" at SHAFR conference, Princeton University, June 24-26, 1999.
59. "Kennedy's Cold War Diplomacy" for panel "Professionals, Appointees and 'Pathetic Heroes': Diplomatic Theory and Practice"; discussant for panel "Diplomatic Negotiations," ISA conference, Los Angeles, March 14-17, 2000.
60. Discussant/participant in workshop: "Ethics and International Affairs: Broadening the International Studies Curriculum Through Scholarly Exchange," sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, Los Angeles, March 15-16, 2000.

61. Honors examiner for Government and Foreign Affairs Department, University of Virginia: May 11-12, 2000.
62. "JFK's Ambassadors and the Cold War" for panel "Kennedy Foreign Policy Reevaluated" at SHAFR conference in Toronto (Canada), June 22-24, 2000.
63. Chair of panel "Regional Tensions in the 1980s" at conference on "Reassessing the Gulf War," Boston, February 20-22, 2001.
64. Participant in Memory/Reconciliation workshop "Educating for Reconciliation: Can Tolerance Toward Former Enemies Be Taught?" in Lublin (Poland), June 3-5, 2001.
65. "The U.S. Response to Greece's War of Independence, 1821-1830" for panel "Beware of the Greeks" at SHAFR conference, Washington, DC, June 14-16, 2001.
66. Discussant in conference on "Changing and Unchanging Values in the World of the Future," Pardee Center, Boston, November 9-10, 2001.
67. "Humanitarian Intervention Debated" for panel on "International Obligations in the Diplomatic Arena," International Studies Association, New Orleans, March 24-27, 2002.
68. Chair of panel "In Defense of the Pax Americana" for conference on "Challenges to the Existing Political Structure of the World," Pardee Center, Boston, April 11-13, 2002.
69. "Russia and the United States in War and Peace, 1861-1867" to Five Colleges Slavic seminar, Mount Holyoke College, October 3, 2002.
70. Delegate to McCormick Tribune Foundation conference on "Democracies and Dirty Wars: Hard Cases in Military Ethics," in Wheaton, Illinois, March 12-14, 2003.
71. Panelist on "Engaging the World: How Effective is U.S. Diplomacy?" for meeting of WorldBoston (World Affairs Council), Boston, May 6, 2003.
72. Evaluator of Kluge Fellowship applications in American history to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., February 2004 (unable to accept in 2015).
73. "Military Dissent: General Nelson Miles and Dirty War in the Philippines, 1899-1902" for panel "Identity and Remembrance in Filipino-American Relations" at SHAFR conference, Austin, Texas, June 24-26, 2004.
74. "American Dissenters and the Mexican War: John C. Calhoun and Unexpected Company" for panel "Conservatives, Empire, and Imperialism: The 19th Century" at ISA-South, Columbia, South Carolina, October 22-23, 2004.
75. "Henry Morgenthau and Jewish Rescue in World War Two" to conference "What Enabled the Jews to Survive in History?" at the Spinoza Institute, Jerusalem (Israel), January 4-6, 2005.
76. Panelist and presenter on "Sixty Years After the Iron Curtain Speech--How the Cold War Began," National War College, March 6, 2006.
77. Discussant for panel "Migration, Escape, and International Relations" at SHAFR conference, Lawrence, Kansas, June 23-25, 2006.
78. Chair for panel "The Implementation of the Peace Settlement" for conference "From the Great War to the Peace Settlement, 1918-1919" Boston, March 23, 2007.

79. "Joseph Grew and U.S. Policy Toward Japan in the Crisis Years, 1937-1941" for panel "Communication and U.S.-Japanese Relations During the 1940s;" chair and commentator of panel "A Valuable Batch of Brains: Postwar Foreign Policy Intellectuals from the Bureaucracy, the Academy, and the Public Sphere" at SHAFR conference, Chantilly, Virginia, June 21-23, 2007.
80. "Dissenting Voices in America's Rise to Power" to Teach American History Summer Institute (Brown University), June 28, 2007.
81. "American Policy toward Germany, 1933-1941," to the German-American Center/James F. Byrnes Institute, Stuttgart (Germany), April 2, 2008.
82. Haniel lecture (on dissent and diplomacy), American Academy in Berlin (Germany), April 17, 2008.
83. "Strands of Dissent in America's Rise to Power" for panel "America as Vindicator or Exemplar: The Soul of American Statecraft" at American Political Science Association (APSA) conference, Boston, August 28-31, 2008.
84. Roundtable participant on "America in World Affairs" for Symposium on "American Studies in Global Perspective," October 3, 2008, Boston University.
85. "Neither War Nor Peace: FDR's Ambassadors in Embassy Berlin and Policy toward Germany, 1933-1941" for panel "America, British, and Soviet Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century" at British International Studies Association (BISA) conference, University of Exeter (England), December 15-17, 2008.
86. Discussant for panel "Revisiting Reinhold Niebuhr in the 21st Century" at APSA conference, Toronto (Canada), September 3-6, 2009.
87. "FDR's Diplomats in London and the Special Relationship, 1938-1945" for conference of BISA's U.S. Foreign Policy Working Group, University of East Anglia (England), September 17-18, 2009.
88. "FDR's Ambassadors and Sino-U.S. Crises, 1937-1945" and chair of panel: "The US Embassy in London, 1938-2008." Transatlantic Studies Association (TSA) Annual Conference, Durham University (England), July 12-15, 2010.
89. Discussant for panel "Moral Crusades, Totalitarianism, and a Post-National World" at APSA conference, Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010.
90. "Ways to Understand U.S. Diplomatic History" to Evergreen Program, Boston, October 26, 2010.
91. "Reflections on the Twentieth-Century American Experience: World War Two and Cold War" for "Diplomacy in a Globalized World," Yale University, March 24, 2011.
92. Chair/discussant for panel "Leadership and Foreign Policy," Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, March 31-April 3, 2011.
93. "France Agonistes, FDR's Policy, and U.S. Diplomats 1939-1945" for panel "Transatlantic Relations, Diplomacy, Statecraft, and Culture in the Second World War;" discussant for panel "Anglo-American Relations and the Practice of Diplomacy 1924-1954" to TSA Annual Conference, University of Dundee (Scotland), July 11-14, 2011.

94. Discussant for panel "New Angles on the New Diplomacy of the Interwar Era: Actors, Methods, and Objectives" ISA conference, San Diego, April 1-4, 2012.
95. "Kennan as Christian Moralizer" for panel "Kennan and the Art of Diplomacy" for conference "George Kennan: An American Life," Williams College, April 6-7, 2012.
96. Discussant for panel "Beyond Containment: George Kennan as Writer and Thinker," SHAFR conference, Hartford CT, June 28-30, 2012.
97. Evaluator of fellowship applications to the American Academy in Berlin, November 2012.
98. "Justice After War: American Participation/Legacy in the Nuremberg and Tokyo Tribunals," to School of International Relations, St. Andrews University (Scotland), February 25, 2013.
99. "The Diplomacy of Crisis: FDR's Ambassadors in Berlin and Policy toward Nazi Germany, 1933-1941," to Clare Hall, Cambridge University (England), ASH lecture, June 11, 2013.
100. "Triumph and Tragedy: JFK and American Foreign Policy" to Boston University Alumni Association, November 19, 2013.
101. Chair for panel "The War Over Legacies" for conference "Legacies of the Great War: A Centennial Commemoration," Williams College (and *Diplomatic History*), April 18-19, 2014.
102. Chair for panel "The 1930s" for conference "Race and Politics in American Political History" at Clare College, Cambridge University, April 24-25, 2014.
103. "Humanity in 1948: The Genocide Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" for panel "The United States and the United Nations: Reframing International Cooperation During the Postwar Decades," chair/discussant for panel "Out in the Cold: American Diplomats in Greece, India, and Vietnam, 1944-54," SHAFR conference, Lexington, Kentucky, June 19-21, 2014.
104. Discussant for panel "Native Americans and the West: Politics, History, and Connections to Broader Debates," APSA conference, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014.
105. Discussant for panel "New Insights on George F. Kennan," SHAFR conference, Arlington, Virginia, June 25-27, 2015.
106. "Destruction Repaired and Destruction Anticipated: UNRRA, the Atomic Bomb, and U.S. Policy 1944-46" for panel "Transnational Governance and Politics," SHAFR conference, San Diego, California, June 23-25, 2016. Same paper delivered to panel "NBC Weapons, Foreign Policy and Alliances"; chair for panel "The Christian Churches and Diplomacy during the Cold War," TSA Annual Conference, Plymouth (England), July 4-6, 2016.
107. "After Armageddon: International Society and the United States, 1945-1956" to the Foreign Policy Seminar, University of Connecticut, April 7, 2017.
108. Chair and discussant for panel "Challenges of Political Biography," SHAFR conference, Arlington, Virginia, June 22-24, 2017.

109. "Crossing to Safety from Cold War America: The Collaboration and Friendship of John Paton Davies, Jr. and George Frost Kennan" for panel "Truman Returns;" chair for panel "Transatlantic Experiences and Narratives of German and North American Masculinities: Race, Sexuality, Class in the Long Postwar Period;" chair for panel, "France and the Transatlantic World," TSA Annual Conference, Cork (Ireland), July 10-12, 2017.
110. "America and the Postwar World: Remaking International Society, 1945-1956" to Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, April 5, 2018; same talk to BU Program in Washington, D.C., November 15, 2018.
111. Panelist for Spotlight Symposium, *We Will Not Be Silent* (play re. Sophie Scholl and the White Rose student resistance in Nazi Germany), "Student Activism and the Power of Resistance," New Repertory Theater, Watertown, Massachusetts, October 21, 2018.
112. "The Lure of Ethiopia and the Saga of Colonel John Robinson, 1935-1936" for panel 1 "Transatlantic Aviation;" chair for panel 2 "Transatlantic Aviation," TSA Annual Conference, Lancaster (England), July 8-10, 2019.
113. "The Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935-1936," International History Institute, Boston University, October 4, 2019.
114. "Quixotic Calling: American Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939" to TSA Annual Conference, Lisbon (Portugal), July 6-8, 2020 (canceled by Covid-19).
115. Chair for panel "The Road to Defeat in Japan" for conference "Triumph Amidst Tragedy: The Last Days of World War II," American Heritage Museum, Hudson, Massachusetts, July 21, 2020 (canceled by Covid-19).
116. Assessor of applications for funding by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2020.
117. "Ezra Pound and His Apologia for Mussolini" for panel "Forgotten (and Semi-Forgotten) Transatlantic Thinkers about World Order" to TSA Annual Conference, Lisbon (Portugal) switched entirely to online, July 5-7, 2021.
118. "Twenty Years After 9/11: What Have We Learned?" to We are America the Beautiful (online, non-partisan civic initiative), October 14, 2021.
119. "Seekers and Partisans: Americans Abroad Before Pearl Harbor, 1935-1941" to American Political History Institute, Boston University, November 17, 2021.
120. Chair of morning panel for "Pearl Harbor Symposium," American Heritage Museum, Hudson, Massachusetts, December 4, 2021.
121. "Reflections on the Ukrainian-Russian War" for induction as honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa at Boston University (for "distinguished contribution to the scholarly world of arts and sciences"), May 20, 2022.
122. "Chasing After Strange Gods: Americans in the Third Reich—Philip Johnson, Mildred Fish-Harnack" for panel "Transatlantic Influences: Cultural and Diplomatic Transmission Belts;" chair of panel, "Alliance Politics and the War in Ukraine," TSA Annual Conference, July 4-6, 2022, Canterbury (England).
123. Talk (re. Americans abroad in the 1930s) to Fellows seminar, Boston University Center for the Humanities, April 4, 2023.
124. "Three Americans in Vichy France: Gertrude Stein, Josephine Baker, Varian Fry" for panel "Transatlantic Intellectuals, Dancers, and Poets in the Twentieth Century" to TSA Annual Conference, July 3-5, 2023, Plymouth (England).

125. Panelist for “The Monroe Doctrine: 200 Years of American Diplomatic History,” Institute of Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Emmanuel College, December 9, 2023, Boston, Massachusetts.
126. Presenter/participant in TSA symposium, “Locating the Transatlantic in Twentieth-Century Politics, Diplomacy and Culture,” February 28, 2024, online.
127. “Quest and Survival: Anna Louise Strong in the USSR” for panel “Twentieth-Century Transatlantic Dissidents;” chair of roundtable, Tony McCullough’s *Tacit Alliance: Franklin Roosevelt and the Anglo-American “Special Relationship” before Churchill, 1937-1939* to TSA Annual Conference, July 8-10, 2024, Lancaster (England).
128. “Chasing After Strange Gods: Anna Louise Strong in Stalin’s USSR” for Workshop in International Theory & History, April 25, 2025, Boston University.
129. “Kennan’s Relevance for the Twenty-first Century” for panel “Key Turning Points in Transatlantic History, as Interpreted by Key Political Thinkers and Actors of the Twentieth century;” chair of panel, “FDR’s Legacy and the Post-War International System;” chair of “Teaching Transatlantic History-A Roundtable.” TSA Annual Conference, July 14-17, 2025, Lisbon (Portugal).
130. Podcast with Scott Rank, History Unplugged, *Seekers and Partisans*, August 28, 2025; podcast with Andrew Keen, Keen on America, *Seekers and Partisans*, October 23, 2025; blog article for Fifteen Eighty Four (Cambridge University Press), June 25, 2026.
131. TSA-Cambridge University Press book prize committee, 2025-2026.
132. “Agnes Smedley in Wartime, China, 1937-1941” for panel “Soong Mayling and Her World,” Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, April 8, 2026.
133. “Reflections” to Delta Phi Epsilon (international relations society), Boston University, April 13, 2026.
134. “Independence and Liberation in 1852: Frederick Douglass, Lajos Kossuth, and America” for panel “17th Century Politics and Frederick Douglass;” Program Committee member; chair of Omohundro Institute keynote speaker, Professor Ronald Johnson; chair of roundtable, “Franklin Roosevelt and the Origins of the Liberal World Order.” TSA Annual Conference, July 13-15, 2026, Williamsburg, Virginia.
135. talk re. *Seekers and Partisans: Americans Abroad in the Crisis Years, 1935-1941* to Boston University History Department, September 16, 2026; similar presentation for Haystack Book Festival, October 2-4, 2026, Norfolk, Connecticut.

Selected University Service

1. Academic Policy Committee, chair, Boston University.
2. Advanced Credit and Placement Committee, Boston University.
3. Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee of College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University.
4. Curriculum Committees (UCSC, Boston University).
5. Acting Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science at Boston University, 1998-2000.
6. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science at Boston University, 1991-1997.
7. Executive Committee of the History Department (elected), Boston University, 1999-2001, 2025—present.
8. Faculty/Administration Recruitment Searches (UCSC, Boston University).
9. Faculty sponsor of UCSC's chapter of Amnesty International.
10. Fellowships Committees (Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright, Watson); Science Research Review Committees.
11. International History Institute of Boston University, Fellow, 1999-present; member of Advisory Council, 2021-2023.
12. Organizer of faculty/graduate student seminar series for Political Science at Boston University.
13. University Promotion and Tenure Committee, Boston University.
14. University Recruitment tours for Admissions Office, Boston University.
15. Boston University's Center for Innovation in Social Sciences, Faculty Affiliate, since 2021.
16. Faculty Council (elected 2024), Boston University.
17. Faculty adviser to *Boston University History Journal* (an undergraduate publication), since 2025.

Memberships (current/past)

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, American Historical Association, American Political Science Association, British International Studies Association, International Studies Association, Russian Research Center of Harvard University, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Transatlantic Studies Association.