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Senior Vice President (2017 to present), and
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Previously:

Vice President for Scholars and Academic Relations (2012-2017)

Vice President for Programs (2009-2012)

Director, Division of International Studies (1988-2008)

Director (1988-2008), Senior Associate (1986-1988), and Research Associate (1983-85), International Security Studies Program

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of International Relations, London School of Economics

B.A., Haverford College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2000-2014)

Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, American University (1988)

Barnette Miller Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Wellesley College (1982-1983)

Class Tutor, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics (1978-1980)

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Los Alamos National Laboratory (2006 to present)

Director for Nonproliferation, National Security Council, White House (1995-1996)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Council on Foreign Relations

Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Member, Nuclear Security Working Group

Advisory Committee, Center for Preventive Action, Council on Foreign Relations (2010 – 2016)

Advisory Group, Program on National Security and Defense, Tower Center, Southern Methodist University (2008 – 2016)

Advisory Board, *National Security Studies Quarterly*, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2001)

Editorial Board, *Cambridge Studies in International Studies*, Cambridge University Press (1987-1993)

Steering Committee for Regional Security Studies, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London (1987-1990)

Editorial Board, *Atlantic Quarterly* (London School of Economics; 1983-1984)

Consultant, Department of Political Science, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA (1981-1982)

Managing Editor, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (London School of Economics; 1977-1978)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Studies, Oxford University (July 2002)

Executive Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC (1996)

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (March-June 1986); funded by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)

International Affairs Fellowship, Council on Foreign Relations (1985, declined)

IREX Developmental Fellowship for Russian language training (1984-1985)

Ford Foundation Fellowship in Soviet/East European and International Security Studies (1982-1984)

Olin Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Affairs and Russian Research Center, Harvard University (1981-1983).

Albert Gallatin Fellow, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (June-August 1982);

Research Associate, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London (1979-1981)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

Managing Nuclear Risks (Washington, DC: Wilson Center, 2020).

Nuclear Crises with North Korea and Iran: From Transformational to Transactional Diplomacy (Washington, DC: Wilson Center, 2019).

Preventing North Korea's Nuclear Breakout (Washington, DC: Wilson Center, 2017; revised edition 2018).

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Iran's Nuclear Chess: After the Deal (Washington, DC: Wilson Center, Middle East Program, 2015). First edition published as *Iran's Nuclear Chess: Calculating America's Moves* (2014).

Outlier States: American Strategies to Change, Contain, or Engage Regimes (Baltimore MD and Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press and Wilson Center Press, 2012).

Regime Change: U.S. Strategy through the Prism of 9/11 (Baltimore MD and Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press and Wilson Center Press, 2007).

Rogue States and U.S. Foreign Policy: Containment after the Cold War (Washington: Wilson Center Press; distributed by Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).
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Détente and the Nixon Doctrine: American Foreign Policy and the Pursuit of Stability, 1969-1976 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984; paperback edition, 1986).

Security in the Persian Gulf: Sources of Inter-State Conflict (London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 1981).

EDITED AND CO-AUTHORED BOOKS

(with Mitchell Reiss), eds., *Nuclear Proliferation after the Cold War* (Washington DC: Wilson Center Press; distributed by Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994).

(with Mary Brown Bullock), eds., *The United States and the Pacific Basin: Changing Economic and Security Relationships* (Washington DC: Wilson Center Press; distributed by Johns Hopkins University Press, 1991).

(with Samuel F. Wells, Jr.), eds., *Superpower Competition and Security in the Third World* (Cambridge, MA: Ballinger Press, 1987).

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(with Shahram Chubin, Zalmay Khalilzad, and Timothy George) *Security in Southern Asia* (New York: St. Martin's Press, for the International Institute for Strategic Studies, 1984).

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"Counterproliferation and the use of force" in Joseph F. Pilat and Nathan Busch, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Proliferation and Policy* (New York: Routledge, 2015), pp. 226-238.

"US Strategy Toward 'Rogue States'" in Seyom Brown and Robert H. Scales, eds., *US Policy in US Policy in Afghanistan and Iraq: Lessons and Legacies* (Boulder, CO: Lynn Rienner Publishers, 2012), pp. 17-29.

"The Overuse of American Power" in Ernest R. May, Richard Rosecrance, and Zara Steiner, eds., *History and Neorealism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 246-266.

"Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)" and "Proliferation Dynamics in the Middle East/Persian Gulf" in Taylor Bolz, ed. *In the Eyes of Experts: Selected Contributions by the Experts of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States* (Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2009), pp. 220-223; 238-243.

"Regime Change 2.0," *Wilson Quarterly* (Autumn 2008), pp. 22-27.

"Living with Ambiguity: Nuclear Deals with Iran and North Korea," *Survival* 50, no. 1 (February-March 2008), pp. 91-118.

"Les Etats-Unis: Un Rogue State?" *Annuaire Français de Relations Internationales 2008 IX* (Brussels, Belgium: Bruylant, 2008), pp. 23-39.

"Atoms for Peace and the 'Rogue States'" in Joseph F. Pilat, ed., *Atoms for Peace: A Future after Fifty Years?* (Baltimore MD and Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press and Wilson Center Press, 2007), pp. 71-82.

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