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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, 1986
B.A. Clark University, Government and Geography, 1976

CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics, 2013 –
Director, Phelan United States Centre, London School of Economics, 2015 –
Academic Director, Summer School, London School of Economics, 2023 –
Associate Fellow, Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs, 2014 –

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director, Phelan United States Centre, London School of Economics, 2015 –
Academic Director, Summer School, London School of Economics, 2023 –
Head of Department, International Relations, London School of Economics, 2016–2019
Director, University of Texas–Tsinghua University Summer Program, 2005–2012
Graduate Director, Department of Government, UT Austin, 1997–2000

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Whalen Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University, China, April 2023
Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2011–2012
Senior Fulbright Lecturer, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China, 2002–2003
Visiting Professor, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, 2000–2001
Associate Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 1996–2010
Visiting Scholar, Departamento de Ciencia Política, Universidad de Chile, summer, 1996
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, fall 1990
Assistant Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 1987–1995
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 1986–1987

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Consultant, U.S. National Intelligence Council, Global Trends Project, 2008–2013
Consultant, U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century, 1999
Research Associate, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA, 1985–1986
Arms Control Analyst, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, MA, 1982–1984

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2021–2022
Member, APSA Committee for APSR Editorial Team, 2105
Academic Editor, LSE US Politics and Policy Blog, 2014 –
Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2014 –

President, International History and Politics Section, APSA, 2014–2016
Chair, Europe and North America Working Group, Dahrendorf Project, 2014–2016
Section Head, International History and Politics Section, APSA, 2013–2014
External Examiner, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, 2012
U.S. Institute of Peace Grant and Fellowship Selection Committee, fall 2010
Advisory Board, U.S.–Israel Academic Exchange, 2009–present
Group head, APSA Task Force on American Standing in the World, 2008–2009
Editorial Board, Estudios Internacionales, Universidad de Chile, 2008–present
Greenstone Book Prize Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2006
Director, “America and the World,” Speaker Series, UT Austin, 2005–2008
Co-Director, Global Challenges Initiative, UT Austin, 2004–2005
Politics and History Council, American Political Science Association, 2000–2002

HONORS & AWARDS

Shortlisted for the *Arthur Ross Book Award* for 2024, Council on Foreign Relations
Foreign Affairs Magazine selection of *Geopolitics and Democracy* as “The Best of Books,” 2023
Choice Magazine selection of *Politics and Strategy* as an “Outstanding Academic Title,” 2011
Finalist, University of Texas Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award, 2010
Best Paper Prize, Foreign Policy section of the American Political Science Association, 2010
Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship in U.S. Foreign Policy, Beijing, China, 2002–2003
Greenstone Book Prize, *Defining the National Interest*, Politics & History section, APSA, 1999
President’s Associates Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin, 1995
Highest Honors, Government, Clark University, 1976
Phi Beta Kappa, Clark University, 1976

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Frequent television interviews on U.S. politics and global affairs, including BBC World, Bloomberg, CNN International, CNBC Europe, ITV, France–24, among others.

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Edited Volumes

Rethinking the 1990s: Liberal World Order-Building in the Aftermath of the Cold War, co-edited with G. John Ikenberry. New York: Oxford University Press, 2025.

Geopolitics and Democracy: The Western Liberal Order from Foundation to Fracture, with Brian Burgoon, Oxford University Press, 2023. [Named a *Foreign Affairs* “The Best of Books” for 2023. Shortlisted for the Arthur Ross Book Award for 2024.]

American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays, co-edited with G. John Ikenberry. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Politics and Strategy: Partisan Ambition and American Statecraft. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011, 185 pages. [Named a *Choice* Magazine “Outstanding Academic Title” for 2011.]

The Politics of Strategic Adjustment: Ideas, Institutions, and Interests. New York: Columbia University Press, 1999, 331 pages. Co-editor with Emily O. Goldman and Edward Rhodes.

Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998, 353 pages. [Awarded the Greenstone Book Prize in 1999 by the American Political Science Association.]

Articles & Chapters

“Un équilibre perdu: de la géopolitique pour les classes moyenne,” with Brian Burgoon, *Le Grande Continent*, June 13, 2023, <https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/2023/06/13/un-equilibre-perdu-de-la-geopolitique-pour-les-classes-moyennes/>“

“Make the Center Vital Again: How to Turn Back the Populist Tide and Build Support for the Liberal Order,” with Brian Burgoon, *Foreign Affairs*, May 2, 2023, <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/print/node/113031>

“The Retreat of the West,” with Brian Burgoon. *Perspectives on Politics*, 20 (2022): 1–21.

“The Geopolitical Threat Index: A Text-Based Computational Approach to Identifying Foreign Threats,” with Kohei Watanabe, *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (2021): 852-865.

“The Home Front: Why an Internationalist Foreign Policy Needs a Stronger Domestic Foundation,” with Charles A. Kupchan, *Foreign Affairs* 100 (May/June 2021): 92-101.

“The Politics of Power-Projection: The Pivot to Asia, Its Failure, and the Future of American Primacy,” with Peter Harris, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 14 (2021): 187-217.

“The End of the American century? Slow Erosion of the Domestic sources of Usable Power,” with Peter Harris. *International Affairs* 93 (2019): 619–639.

“Regional Shifts and U.S. Foreign Policy,” in *U.S. Foreign Policy*, edited by Michael Cox and Doug Stokes, 141–54. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Globalization, Domestic Politics, and Transatlantic Relations,” with Brian Burgoon and Tim Oliver. *International Politics* 54 (2017): 420–33.

“The ‘Balancer’: Ronald Reagan, Party Politics, and U.S. Grand Strategy.” In *Reagan in a World Transformed*, co-edited by Jeffrey Chidester and Paul Kengor. Harvard University Press, 2015.

“When States Appease: British Appeasement in the 1930s,” with Peter Harris. *Review of International Studies* 41 (2015): 1–23.

“American Statecraft in an Era of Domestic Polarization,” with Charles Kupchan. In *After Liberalism? The Future of Liberalism in International Relations*, co-edited by Rebekka Friedman, Kevork Oskanian, and Ramon Pacheco Pardo. London: Palgrave, 2013.

“The China Card: Playing Politics with Sino–American Relations,” with Jungkun Seo. *Political Science Quarterly*, 127 (summer 2012): 189–211. Reprinted in *China’s Great Leap Outward: Hard and Soft Dimensions of a Rising Power*, co-edited by Andrew Scobell and Maylena Mantas. New York: Academy of Political Science, 2014, 11–34.

“Foreign Policy, Bipartisanship, and the Paradox of post–September 11 America,” with Nicole Mellow. *International Politics* 48 (March/May 2011): 164–87.

“The Illusion of Liberal Internationalism’s Revival,” with Charles Kupchan. *International Security* 35 (summer 2010): 95–109.

“Dead Center: The Demise of Liberal Internationalism in the United States,” with Charles Kupchan. *International Security* 32 (fall 2007): 7–44. [Subject of roundtable on the “Future of

Liberal Internationalism” at the 2010 American Political Science Association meetings and an H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review on “Is Liberal Internationalism in Decline?,” February 2011. <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-2-4.pdf>.]

“Grand Strategy for a Divided America,” with Charles Kupchan. *Foreign Affairs* 86 (July/August 2007): 71–83. Reprinted in *Foreign Affairs En Espanol* (October/December 2007): 141–54.

“The Roots of Liberal Internationalism: Lessons From the Past,” with Charles Kupchan. In *Power and Superpower: Global Leadership and Exceptionalism in the 21st Century*, edited by Morton H. Halperin, Jeffrey Laurenti, Peter Rundlet, and Spencer P. Boyer, 23–48. New York: Century Foundation, 2007.

“Going Bipartisan: Politics by Other Means,” with Nicole Mellow. *Political Science Quarterly* 120 (fall 2005): 433–53.

“Red versus Blue: American Electoral Geography and Congressional Bipartisanship, 1898–2002,” with Nicole Mellow. *Political Geography* 24 (August 2005): 659–77.

“Foreign Policy Analysis.” *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, vol. 9, 5737–40. New York: Elsevier, 2001.

“Explaining American Strategic Adjustment,” with Edward Rhodes. In *The Politics of Strategic Adjustment: Ideas, Institutions, and Interests*, co-edited by Peter Trubowitz, Emily O. Goldman, and Edward Rhodes, 3–25. New York: Columbia University Press, 1999.

“Geography and Strategy: The Politics of American Naval Expansion.” In *The Politics of Strategic Adjustment: Ideas, Institutions, and Interests*, co-edited by Peter Trubowitz, Emily O. Goldman, and Edward Rhodes, 105–38. New York: Columbia University Press, 1999.

“Political Conflict and Foreign Policy in the United States: A Geographic Interpretation.” *Political Geography*, 12 (March 1993): 40–55. [Reprinted in G. John Ikenberry, editor, *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays*, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth editions. Pearson, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2005, and 2010.]

“Déjà Vu: Political Struggles over American Defense Policy.” In *Downsizing Defense*, edited by Ethan B. Kapstein, 61–78. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1993.

“Regional Interests and the Reagan Military Buildup,” with Brian Roberts. *Regional Studies* 26 (October 1992): 555–67.

“Sectionalism and American Foreign Policy: The Political Geography of Consensus and Conflict.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 36 (June 1992): 173–90.

Commentary (selected)

“L’avenir du Consensus Internationaliste de Joe Biden,” with Charles Kupchan, *Le Grand Continent*, June 15, 2023, <https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/2021/06/15/lavenir-du-consensus-internationaliste-de-joe-biden/>

“Three debates are Now Unfolding over What Kind of Democracy America Is,” January 14, 2022, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/>

“A China Strategy to Reunite America’s Allies,” *Project Syndicate*, with Charles Kupchan, January 4, 2021,

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/biden-china-strategy-to-reunite-us-allies-by-charles-a-kupchan-and-peter-trubowitz-1-2021-01>

“Are U.S. and Chinese Leaders Passing the Stress Test Posed by the Covid-19 Crisis?,” April 21, 2020,
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/>

“Will Dysfunctional Politics Finally End the American Century?,” with Peter Harris, May 16, 2019,
<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/will-dysfunctional-politics-finally-end-american-century>

“U.S. Midterm Elections: What the Results Mean,” November 7, 2018,
<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/us-midterm-elections-what-results-mean>

“Trump is Redefining America’s Terms of International Engagement,” January 11, 2017,
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/>

“How the ‘Trump factor’ came to Dominate the 2016 Election,” January 29, 2016,
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/>

“Obama’s Foreign Policy Revival,” January 8, 2015
<http://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/16601>

“U.S. Shutdown has a Hefty International Price Tag,” October 7, 2013
<http://theconversation.com/us-shutdown-has-a-hefty-international-price-tag-18965>

“Obama’s Trench Warfare,” *The National Interest*, June 15, 2011
<http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/obamas-trench-warfare-5469>.

“Are China and America on a Collision Course?,” with Yan Xuetong. *Christian Science Monitor*, August 5, 2010.

“The Battle on the Home Front,” with Charles Kupchan. *International Herald Tribune*, July 27, 2007. Reprinted in: *Corriere Della Sera*, August 7, 2007, 35.

“National Security: Not a Sure Issue for GOP.” *Austin–American Statesman*, June 3, 2004.

“Bush, China y los Republicanos.” [“Bush, China, and the Republicans”] *Revista de Historia Internacional* 2 (fall 2001): 123–27.

“Fox Necesita Pensar en Pequeño.” [“Fox Needs to Think Small”] *Reforma*, Mexico, December 12, 2000.

“Why Consensus Is So Elusive in U.S. Foreign Policy.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 22, 1998.

INVITED LECTURES (selected since 2010)

“Geopolitics, Anti-Globalism, and International Order,” University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, April 23, 2024

“US-China Relations: Tracking Threat Perceptions Over Time,” Peking University, April 22, 2024

“From Rapprochement to Rivalry: U.S.-China Relations from Nixon to Biden,” Tsinghua University, April 19, 2024

“Globalization and the Fracture of the Liberal Order,” Council on Foreign Relations, June 5, 2023

“Geopolitics, Anti-Globalism, and the Liberal International Order, European University Institute, May 11, 2023.

“Geopolitics, Anti-globalism, and International Order,” Fudan University, April 17, 2023.

“Biden’s China Policy,” Tsinghua University, April 3, 2023.

“Geopolitics, Populism, and the Liberal Order,” Taipei School of Economics and Political Sciences (TSE), May 25, 2022.

“U.S. Foreign Policy under the Biden Administration,” Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, February 16, 2021.

“The Retreat of the West,” International Politics Seminar, Columbia University, March 18, 2021

“Trump and the Liberal World Order, POTUS Group, London, January 13, 2019

“U.S. Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump,” Keele World Affairs, March 21, 2019

“What does Trump Want?,” University of Utrecht, November 26, 2018

“Trump and the Future of American Power,” LSE Hellenic Alumni Association, Athens, March 26, 2018

“Trump’s Foreign Policy: End of the American Era?,” University of Edinburgh, February 10, 2017.

“Donald Trump’s Foreign Policy,” Institute of International and European Affairs, September 19, 2016

“The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election: Implications for Asia,” Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, June 14, 2016

“Clarendon Lecture: The 2016 Presidential Election,” Oxford University, May 24, 2016

“Carrot and Sticks: The Domestic Political Determinants of American Strategy toward China,” American University, February 17, 2016

“American Politics and Sino–American Relations,” Center for American Studies, Fudan University, December 7, 2015

“Domestic Drivers of U.S. Strategy toward China,” Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University, December 3, 2015

“American Statecraft in an Era of Polarization,” Keynote Address, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki, September 9, 2015.

“Leaders and Strategy: The Micro–Foundations of Grand Strategy,” University of Amsterdam, November 13, 2014

“American Statecraft in an Era of Polarization,” Institute for International and European Affairs, Dublin, May 2, 2014

“American Grand Strategy in an Era of Polarization,” All Souls College, Oxford University, April 30, 2014

“The World in 2030,” Chatham House, London, April 11, 2014

“U.S. Foreign Policy and Domestic Political Dysfunction,” Council on Foreign Relations, London February 14, 2014.

“Obama’s Not–So–Grand Strategy,” Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS, University of London, December 10, 2013

“U.S. and Asia: What Should the Presidential Candidates Be Talking About?,” Asia Society, Houston, Texas, Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

“Defining the National Interest: The Domestic Drivers of U.S. Foreign Policy,” CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico, October 3, 2012.

“Politics and Strategy: Partisan Ambition and American Statecraft,” Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University, April 20, 2012.

“The U.S.–Indian Partnership: Domestic Politics and Strategic Constraints,” Princeton University, November 11, 2011.

“September 11th and U.S. Foreign Policy: Cost and Consequences.” Tarlton State University, September 9, 2011.

“Barack Obama’s National Security Strategy.” Beijing Foreign Studies University, June 16, 2010.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

College Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, fall 2009

Dean’s Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, fall 2005

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 2003–2004

United States Information Agency Grant, 2001

Faculty Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin, 1999, 1989

Social Science Research Council Grant, 1993–1994

MacArthur Fellowship in International Peace and Security, Princeton University, 1991–1992

Olin Fellowship in National Security Affairs, Harvard University, 1985–1986

Ford Fellowship in Arms Control, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1984–1985

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

LSE

Member, International Strategy Committee, university level, 2023 –

Member, Capital Campaign Working Group, university level, 2018 –

Member, Executive Education, university level, 2017–

Member, School of Public Policy Steering Group, university level, 2017–2018

Member, Sabbatical Leave Working Group, university level, 2017–2018

Head of International Relations, university and department levels, 2016–2019

Member, IDEAS Management Committee, university level, 2016–2019
Member, Middle East Centre Management Committee, university level, 2016–2019
Director, United States Centre, university level, 2015–present
Member, Promotions Committee, university level, 2014–2016
Co-Organizer, American Strategy and History Speaker Series, university level, 2014–2015
Member, Research Postgraduate Committee, department level, 2013–2015
Co-Director of the USA Programme, LSE IDEAS, university level, 2013–2014
Member, Institute for Global Affairs Working Group, university level, 2014–2015

UT Austin

Member (elected), Executive Committee, department level, 2011–2012, 2003–2007, 1997–2000
Chair, International Relations field, department level, 2005–2012
Chair, Graduate Financial Aid, department level, 2005–2006, 1996–2000, 1993–1994
Director, “America and the World,” Speaker Series, university level, 2005–2008
Co-Director, Global Challenges Initiative, university level, 2004–2005
Member, Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, university level, 2009–2012
Member, Study Abroad Faculty Selection Committee, university level, 2011–2012, 2008–2009
Member, Committee on International Studies Major, university level, 2007–08
Member, President’s Building Committee, university level, 1999–2000
Director, Graduate Program, department level, 1996–2000
Member, Graduate School Fellowship Committee, university level, 1996–1997
Director, Honors Program, department level, 1995–1996

TEACHING

Current courses

American Grand Strategy (postgraduate and undergraduate)
America as a Global Power: FDR to Biden (undergraduate)
Contemporary Issues in International Relations (undergraduate)

Previously Taught

Issues and Policies in American Politics (undergraduate)
Seminar in American Foreign Policy (undergraduate)
Strategy, Ideas, and Statecraft (graduate)
Core Seminar in International Politics (graduate)
U.S.-China Relations (undergraduate)
U.S. Foreign Policy: Past and Present (undergraduate)

PHD SUPERVISION

Manas Chwala, in progress (supervisor)
Alexander Davies, in progress (co-supervisor)
Sophie Kaldor, in progress (supervisor)
Aisenour Bitsen, in progress (co-supervisor)
Oksana Levkovich (2022) (co-supervisor)

Armando Marozzi (2022) – Rates Strategist, BlueCrest Capital Management (co-supervisor)
Jacklyn Majnemer (2021) – Postdoctoral Fellow, LSE
Gökhan Çiflikli (2018) – Senior Data Scientist, Attest
Sidharth Kaushal (2018) – Defense Analyst, RUSI
Hillel Ofek (2018) – Executive Director, Pro Musica Hebraica
Peter Harris (2015) – Associate Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University
Sarat Krishna (2015) – Senior Engineer, Dell Computer, Round Rock, Texas
Yuval Weber (2014) – Associate Professor, Morgan Graduate School of National Security
Adam Myers (2013) – Associate Professor of Political Science, Providence College
Amanda Skuldt (2013) – Senior Analyst, Lucena Group, Austin, Texas
Jungkun Seo (2007) – Professor of Political Science, Kyung Hee University, Korea
Jonathan Chausovsky (2005) – Professor of Political Science SUNY Fredonia
Julie Blasé (2003) – Professor of Political Science, Principia College
Nicole Mellow (2003) – Professor of Political Science, Williams College