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## **Education**

- Ph.D. Political Science, Boston College, 1991.  
Dissertation: *Lifting the Veil: The Roots of American Covert Activity*.  
B.A. Political Science, Assumption College, 1979.

## **Field Specialties**

American Government and Politics  
American Presidency; American Foreign Policy; American Political History;  
American Political Thought; Constitutional Law

## **Teaching and Research Faculty Positions**

United States Naval War College, Newport, RI, 2007-  
Professor of National Security Affairs  
Department of National Security Affairs  
Courses: Policy Analysis  
Leadership  
The Presidency and National Security  
Strategy and Policy

Ashland University, Ashland, OH, 2006-  
Thomas & Mabel Guy Professor of American History and Government,  
Courses: The Early Republic  
The American Presidency  
The National Security Constitution  
Washington and Hamilton  
The American Way of War  
American Statesmen

University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, Charlottesville, VA, 2001-2007  
Associate Professor and Co-Chair, Presidential Oral History Program  
Courses: Intelligence and National Security  
Congress, the President, and Foreign Policy  
Executive Power in U.S. History

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, 1994-2001  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
Courses: The American Presidency; The U.S. Congress; U.S. Covert  
Operations; Senior Seminar in American Politics; Politics and  
American Government; American Political System and Theory

Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT, 1993-1994

Assistant Professor of American Politics and Political History

Courses: American Government; The American Presidency Since 1945; Covert Action and American Democracy; Congress and the President

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1992-1993

Visiting Assistant Professor of American Politics

Courses: The American Presidency; Covert Action and American Democracy; Fundamentals of Politics; Congress, The President and Foreign Policy

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 1991-1992

Visiting Assistant Professor of American Politics

Courses: American Government and Politics; CIA and American Democracy; Congress, The President and Foreign Policy

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*The Lost Soul of the American Presidency: The Decline into Demagoguery and the Prospects for Renewal*, The University Press of Kansas, November 2019.

*Washington and Hamilton: The Alliance That Forged America*, Sourcebooks, September 2015.

*The Evolution of the Executive and Executive Power in the American Republic*, Foreign Policy Research Institute E-Book, November 2014.

*Rush to Judgment: George W. Bush, the War on Terror, and His Critics*, The University Press of Kansas, March 2012.

*At Reagan's Side: Insiders' Recollections from Sacramento to the White House*, Rowman and Littlefield, May 2009.

*The Reagan Years*, Facts on File, Inc., April 2005.

*Alexander Hamilton and the Persistence of Myth*, The University Press of Kansas, February 2002.

*Secret and Sanctioned: Covert Operations and the American Presidency*, Oxford University Press, April 1996.

## **Book Chapters, Essays, and Reviews**

“9/11 Attacks,” in *Political Violence in America: Historical Flashpoints and Modern-Day Trends*, ABC-CLIO, Fall 2019.

“The Assassination That Could Have Sparked World War III,” *Washington Post*, November 23, 2018.

“As Election Day Nears, Trump Borrows From Harry Truman’s Playbook,” *Washington Post*, November 5, 2018.

“The Four Faces of Alexander Hamilton: Jefferson’s Hamilton, Hollywood’s Hamilton, Miranda’s Hamilton, and the Real Hamilton,” *American Political Thought*, Fall, 2018.

“James Monroe,” in *Hatred of America’s Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Obama*, ABC-CLIO, June, 2018.

“Collusion: A Presidential Tradition,” *Washington Post*, March 16, 2018.

“George Washington and American Power,” *Providence: A Journal of Christianity & American Foreign Policy*, February 19, 2018.

“America Has Been Fighting Over Statues Since the Founding,” *Politico*, October 27, 2017.

Review of *Bush* by Jean Edward Smith, *Congress and the Presidency*, vol. 44, Issue 3, 2017.

“The Fourth of July and the Martial Spirit,” *Online Library of Law and Liberty*, July 3, 2017.

“The Speech: Reagan, the Russians, and the Bomb,” in *The Reagan Manifesto: A Time For Choosing and Its Influence*, Palgrave, 2017.

“America’s Worst Secretary of State,” *The National Interest*, January 31, 2017.

“JFK. A Motorcade. A Rifle. But This Wasn’t Dallas,” *History News Network*, April 24, 2016.

“The Real Relationship Between Washington and Hamilton,” *Time*, January 26, 2016.

“Secrecy is as American as Apple Pie,” in *Debating Reform*, ed. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson, Congressional Quarterly Press, 2016.

Review of *American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan*, by Greg Weiner, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Issue 4, 2015.

Review of *The American Constitutional Order*, by Stephen M. Griffin, *Naval War College Review*, Spring, 2015.

“Hating Alexander Hamilton: An American Tradition,” *The Federalist*, June 24, 2015.

“Distorted ‘History’: The Case of George W. Bush and the War on Terror,” *Citizens and Statesmen: An Annual review of Political Theory and Public Life*, Volume 8, 2014.

“What Might Have Been: The Presidency of John F. Kennedy,” *The Review of Politics*, Fall, 2014.

“If George Washington Were Alive, He’d be Reading Your E-Mail,” *Foreign Policy*, January 29, 2014.

“The World of Justin Amash,” *The National Interest*, October, 2013.

“When Everyone Agreed About Iraq,” *The Wall Street Journal*, March 16, 2013.

“Judging George W. Bush, Scholarship or Punditry?” *The Washington Post*, April 21, 2013.

Review of *The Cuban Missile Crisis in American Memory: Myths versus Reality*, by Sheldon M. Stern, *Review of Politics*, Summer, 2013.

Review of *The Reagan Diaries*, Douglas Brinkley, ed., and *White House Diary* by Jimmy Carter, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Winter, 2011.

Review of *In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir*, by Dick Cheney, *Naval War College Review*, Winter, 2011.

Review of *The Education of Ronald Reagan: The General Electric Years and the Untold Story of His Conversion to Conservatism* by Thomas Evans, *Naval War College Review*, Autumn, 2011.

“President Obama, the Intelligence Community, and the War on Terror” *The Obama Presidency in the Constitutional Order*, Carol McNamara and Melanie Marlowe, eds., Rowman and Littlefield, April, 2011.

Review of *Advice to War Presidents: A Remedial Course in Statecraft*, by Angelo M. Codevilla, *Review of Politics*, Spring, 2010.

Review of *Dead Last: The Public Memory of Warren G. Harding’s Scandalous Legacy*, by Phillip G. Payne, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Summer, 2010.

“Necessity Knows No Law,” *The Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy*, January, 2010.

“Mr. Reagan Goes to Washington,” *The Enduring Reagan*, Charles W. Dunn, ed., The University Press of Kentucky, 2009.

Review of *The Third Reich at War*, by Richard J. Evans, *Naval War College Review*, Autumn, 2009.

Review of *Hitler, The Germans, and the Final Solution*, by Ian Kershaw, *Naval War College Review*, Spring, 2009.

“Let’s Give the Constitution a Chance,” Ashbrook Center of Public Affairs, [www.ashbrook.org](http://www.ashbrook.org), July, 2007.

Review of *The Reagan Imprint: Ideas in American Foreign Policy from the Collapse of Communism to the War on Terror*, by John Arquilla, *Claremont Review of Books*, Winter, 2006.

Review of *Hamilton, Adams, Jefferson: The Politics of Enlightenment and the American Founding*, by Darren Staloff, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, December, 2006.

“Opposed in Death as in Life: Hamilton and Jefferson in American Memory,” *The Many Faces of Alexander Hamilton*, Douglas Ambrose and Robert W. T. Martin, eds., New York University Press, 2006.

Review of *Breach of Trust: How the Warren Commission Failed the Nation and Why*, by Gerald D. McKnight, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Spring, 2006.

Review of *Executive Secrets: Covert Action and the Presidency*, by William J. Dougherty, *American Diplomacy*, Spring, 2006.

“The Six-Year War: Intelligence Oversight in the Reagan Years,” *The Reagan Presidency*, Paul Kengor and Peter Schweizer, eds., Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

Review of *The Reagan Presidency: Pragmatic Conservatism and Its Legacies*, W. Elliot Brownlee and Hugh Davis Graham, eds., *Perspectives on Political Science*, Spring, 2005.

Review of *Alexander Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow, *Claremont Review of Books*, Fall, 2004.

Review of *Alexander Hamilton: A Life*, by Willard Sterne Randall, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, January, 2004.

“The Legacy of John Adams,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, June, 2002.

“Congressional Oversight and the Crippling of the CIA,” *History News Network*, November 4, 2001.

Review of *The Last Campaign: How Harry Truman Won the 1948 Election*, Zachary Karabell, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Winter, 2001.

“The Republican Party and Intelligence Oversight,” *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, Spring, 2000.

Review of *Secrecy: The American Experience*, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, *The Review of Politics*, Spring, 1999.

Review of *The Kennedy Tapes: Inside the White House During the Cuban Missile Crisis*, eds. Ernest R. May and Philip D. Zelikow, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Winter, 1998.

“Executive Power and American Intelligence,” *Intelligence and National Security*, Summer, 1998.

“America’s Romance with the Clandestine,” *Freedom Review*, Summer, 1997.

Review of *Kennedy and Nixon: The Rivalry that Shaped Postwar America*, Christopher Matthews, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Summer, 1997.

“Lake Should be Confirmed,” *The Christian Science Monitor*, February 7, 1997.

“What the Antifederalists Can Teach Us,” *On Principle*, February 1997.

“Lincoln’s Covert Civil War,” *The Washington Times*, October 5, 1996.

“Reagan’s Critics,” *The National Interest*, Summer, 1996.

“Let Secret Agencies Stay Secret,” *The Washington Times*, May 20, 1996.

“Invoking an ‘Executive Decision,’” *The Christian Science Monitor*, April 29, 1996.

Review of *The War Between the Spies: A History of Espionage During the American Civil War*, Alan Axelrod, *Intelligence and National Security*, April, 1994.

“Covert Action Comes Home: Daniel Webster’s Secret Operations Against the Citizens of Maine,” *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence*, Vol. 5, No.1.

“Thomas Jefferson’s Clandestine Foreign Policy,” *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence*, Vol. 4, No. 3.

## Conference Participation and Lectures

“Alexander Hamilton: The Man, the Myths, and the Musical,” Suffolk University, Boston, MA, March 16, 2019.

“As American as Apple Pie: Clandestine Operations and the American Experience,” Association of Former Intelligence Officers, Dedham, MA, October 20, 2018.

“Jefferson versus Hamilton,” Ashland University, Ashland, OH, Online Webinar, October 13, 2018.

“Washington and Hamilton: The Great Collaboration,” The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., August 28, 2018.

“The Executive Branch,” Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA, August 10, 2018.

“The Price of Greatness: Madison, Hamilton, and the Struggle to Create a National Republic,” American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., July 10, 2018.

“The Founding Fathers and Covert Operations,” Suffolk University, Boston, MA, July 7, 2018.

“Presidential Greatness: Myth vs. Reality,” Kenyon College, Summer Institute, Gambier, OH, June 16-23, 2018.

“Alexander Hamilton,” Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C., June 11, 2018.

“Ronald Reagan’s ‘A Time for Choosing,’” Ashland University, Ashland OH, Online Webinar, May 16, 2018.

“Leadership and the American Presidency,” Villanova University, Naval ROTC Program, Villanova, PA, March 13, 2018.

“Alexander Hamilton: His Life, Thought, and Legacy,” James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 26, 2018.

“George Washington: The Indispensable President,” The Institute of World Politics, Washington, D.C., February 20, 2018.

“George Washington: The Indispensable President,” The New Hampshire Institute of Politics, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, February 15, 2018.

“Secrets, Spies, and Lies: The Founding Fathers and the American Revolution,”  
Christopher Newport University, October 23, 2017.

Constitution Day Lecture, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, September 21, 2017

Constitution Day Lecture, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, September 18, 2017

“Miranda’s Hamilton, Jefferson’s Hamilton, and the Real Hamilton” the Annual  
Convention of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA,  
September 1, 2017.

“Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Adolf Hitler: Three Wartime Leaders and  
Their Legacy,” Kenyon College, Summer Institute, Gambier, OH, June 18-24, 2017.

“Scholarly Double Standards and the American Presidency,” The Institute of World  
Politics, Washington, D.C., May 8, 2017.

“John F. Kennedy, Prince of American Progressivism,” presented at the Annual Meeting  
of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 22, 2017.

“The Election of 1800,” presented at the symposium on Controversial Elections in  
American History, Christopher Newport University, October 17-18, 2016.

Constitution Day Lecture, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, September 23, 2016.

Constitution Day Lecture, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University, Ashland, OH,  
September 16, 2016.

Panel Chair, “Hamilton versus Jefferson in the Washington Administration,” the Annual  
Convention of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA,  
September 3, 2016.

“Washington and Hamilton: The Alliance That Forged a Nation, Kenyon College,  
Summer Institute, Gambier, OH, June 19-25, 2016.

“Espionage, Kidnapping, and the Dark Art of Spycraft at America’s Founding,” The  
Institute of World Politics, Washington, D.C., April 13, 2016.

“The Democratic Statesmanship of Washington and Hamilton,” presented at the annual  
convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16, 2015.

“Washington and Hamilton,” James Madison Program in American Ideals and  
Institutions, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 31, 2016.



“The Bush Doctrine and Combatting Terrorism” and “Homeland Security and National Security,” presented at the Conference on the George W. Bush Presidency, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, March 24, 2015.

“The Presidency of James Madison,” presented at the Washington, Jefferson, and Madison Institute, Charlottesville, VA, September 12, 2014.

“The Presidency of George Washington,” presented at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, February 27, 2014.

“Ronald Reagan and Nuclear Weapons,” presented at the Ronald Reagan Symposium, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 7, 2014.

“George W. Bush and the War on Terror,” presented at Boston University’s International History Institute and World Affairs Forum, November 13, 2013.

“Distorted History: The Case of George W. Bush and the War on Terror,” presented at The Center for Political and Economic Thought, Government and Political Education Lecture Series, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, February 6, 2013.

“A Conversation on the Presidency,” presented at Assumption College, Worcester, MA, November 6, 2012.

“Has the War on Terror Undermined the U.S. Constitution,” Constitution Day Debate, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR, September 2012.

“Was Ronald Reagan a Great President,” presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, September 2011.

“President Obama, War Powers, and the Intelligence Community,” presented at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC, April 2011.

“President Obama, War Powers, and the Intelligence Community,” presented at the conference on “The Obama Presidency in the Constitutional Order,” Utah State University, April 2010.

“Hamilton vs. Jefferson,” Constitution Day Roundtable, Villanova University, September 2009.

Discussant, “Alexander Hamilton and Modern America,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York City, January 2009.

“Mr. Reagan Goes to Washington,” presented at the conference on “The Legacy of Ronald Reagan,” Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 2008.

Discussant, "The Use of Oral Sources in Political Research," Political Studies Association Annual Conference on Europe and Global Politics, University of Bath, UK, April 2007.

"From Hot War to Cold War: British Influence on American Intelligence" presented at the conference on "The United States and Great Britain: The Legacy of Churchill's Atlantic Alliance," Howard Baker Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee, March 2006.

"Understanding Ronald Reagan," presented at the conference on "The Ronald Reagan Oral History Project," Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, February 2006.

"Civil Rights and the Reagan Presidency," presented at the conference on "The United States in the 1980s: The Reagan Years," Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, November 2005.

"The Reagan Years," presented at a Miller Center of Public Affairs Forum, University of Virginia, May 2005.

Discussant, "Executive Leadership in a Cultural Context," at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, September 2004.

"Alexander Hamilton in Myth and Memory," presented at the conference on "Hamilton: The Formative Years," St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, July 2004.

"The Falklands War Roundtable," presented at the International Oral History Association Conference, Rome, Italy, June 2004.

"Ronald Reagan and the Rise of Modern American Conservatism," Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, December 2003.

"The Ronald Reagan Oral History Project," presented at the Conference on Contemporary History, Public Life, and Oral Sources held at the University of Groningen in Groningen, Holland, August 2003.

Discussant, "Changing the Constitutional Presidency," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2002.

"Can Military Virtue be Taught? What the American Military Learns in its Schools and How it Affects American Foreign Policy," presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, August 2002.

Discussant, "Presidential Decision-Making," at the International Conference on the History of the Presidency of Ronald Reagan, March 2002.

“Alexander Hamilton in American Memory,” presented at a conference on “Alexander Hamilton and His Era,” Hamilton College, April 2001.

Discussant, “Teaching Intelligence,” at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, February 2001.

“Alexander Hamilton in the American Mind,” presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, September 1999.

“Recent Trends in Intelligence Oversight,” presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, February 1999.

Panel Chair, “The Consequences of Democratization as a Deliberate Policy Choice,” the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, March 1998.

“The Hamilton Legacy,” presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, August 1997.

Panel Chair, “Presidential Powers,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 1996.

“Equal Rights Under the Law? Civil Rights and the Reagan Administration,” presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, August 1996.

“Agents of Propaganda: Abraham Lincoln’s Covert Campaign for the Hearts and Minds of Europe,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Historians of Foreign Relations, June 1996.

“Principle and Prudence in the Foreign Policy of Ronald Reagan,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 1995.

Panel Chair, “The 104<sup>th</sup> Congress: Domestic Priorities,” Colorado-Wyoming Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 1995.

“The Foreign Policy of James Madison,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 1994.

“The Jurisprudence of Justice Clarence Thomas,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 1993.

“Intelligence and Covert Operations: An International Bibliography,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, November 1992.

“Intelligence Assessments and the Founding Fathers: A Legacy for the Future,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, April 1992.

## Honors and Awards

Member of the Board of Visitors, The Washington, Jefferson, and Madison Institute,  
Charlottesville, VA, November 2013

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Letters, Assumption College, May 11, 2013

Outstanding Achievement Award, Assumption College Alumni Association, 2009

Who's Who in America, 2002-2003.

Best Instructor Award, Politics and American Government, Department of Political  
Science, United States Air Force Academy, 1998-1999.

Charles R. Coble Jr. Award for Excellence in Political Science Research, 1997.

*Choice* Award for Outstanding Academic Book of 1996.

The National Intelligence Study Center Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation, 1990.

The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1990-1991.

The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1988-1990.

Thomas P. O'Neill Fellow in American Government at Boston College, 1985-1986.