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Mr. Young is emeritus professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia and Randolph P. Compton Scholar at the Miller Center of Public Affairs. He directs the Center's Presidential Oral History Program.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Young attended the Savannah public schools through high school. Following United States Army service in China and Japan he received the A. B. degree from Princeton University. He pursued graduate study at Columbia University in political science, history, and anthropology. In 1964 he received the Ph.D. from Columbia and was appointed assistant professor in the Department of Public Law and Government.

Mr. Young served on the Columbia faculty until 1978, becoming associate professor in 1968 and professor in 1971. He taught courses on American government and politics, established a graduate internship program with the City of New York, and directed a grants program to encourage the study of urban life and problems, concentrating on the Harlem community. Following the disruptions of 1969, he was elected to the first University Senate and chaired its committee on educational policy. From 1971 to 1977, Mr. Young served as the Columbia's third ranking academic officer, holding the posts of Deputy Provost and Vice President. He was principally responsible for the coordinated planning of the central university's academic programs, budgets, and physical facilities and for policies governing the use, historic preservation, and new construction of academic buildings on the Morningside campus.

In 1978 Mr. Young joined the University of Virginia as professor in the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs and as research program director at the recently established Miller Center of Public Affairs. He taught courses on the presidency, established a presidential research and publications program for resident scholars, and organized conferences of academicians, public officials, and journalists on trends affecting the future presidency. At the Miller Center, Mr. Young founded the nation's only oral history program focused on the American presidency. As director of the program, Mr. Young heads an oral history team of 22 persons including faculty, fellows, staff, and students currently engaged in oral history projects on the presidencies of Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and William J. Clinton, and on Edward M. Kennedy and the Senate of his time.

Mr. Young is author of The Washington Community, 1800-1828, awarded the Bancroft Prize. He has held research appointments at the Institute of Politics of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, the Brookings Institution, and the George Washington University. He has given invited talks at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Texas at Austin, the City University of New York, the United States Military Academy, the Library of Congress, the University of Warsaw, the University of Groningen, and the Graduate Institute of Policy Studies in Tokyo.

In 1985-86 Mr. Young was a member of the Advisory Council of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. In 1987 he was invited by the Republic of Brazil to be a consultant and the United States participant in an international conference in Brasilia on the drafting of a new

national constitution. In 1993 he served as U. S. Speaker in Asia for the United States Information Agency, giving talks on the founding and governance of the United States to public and university audiences in Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Changchun, Guangzhou, and Bangkok.

He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the American Political Science Association, the American Oral History Association, and the International Oral History Association. He is past president of the Presidency Research Group, an organized section of the APSA which he helped to establish.

Mr. Young is married to the anthropologist Virginia Heyer Young. The Youngs make their home at Swift Run Farm in Albemarle County, Virginia.