

Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

Ph.D.--Ohio State University, June 1972

B.S.--Cornell University, June 1966

Professional Experience:

1993-Present: Edward Stettinius Professor of American History, University of Virginia

2006-7: Visiting Distinguished Professor, Christ's College, University of Cambridge.

2002-3: Harmsworth Professor, University of Oxford

1997-2001: Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia

1990-1995: Chairman, Department of History, University of Virginia

1986-1993: Professor, Department of History, University of Virginia

1977-86: Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University

1972-77: Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University

Publications: Major Books

In Uncertain Times: American Foreign Policy After the Berlin Wall and 9/11, co-edited with Jeff Legro. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2011.

Cambridge History of the Cold War, co-edited with Odd Arne Westad, 3 vols. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

To Lead the World: American Strategy After the Bush Doctrine, co-edited with Jeffrey Legro. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War. New York: Hill and Wang, 2007.

The Cold War: An International History, co-edited with David Painter. 2nd edition, London: Routledge, 2005.

The Specter of Communism: The United States and the Origins of the Cold War, 1917- 1953. New York: Hill & Wang, 1994.

A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1992.

The Elusive Quest: America's Pursuit of European Stability and French Security, 1919- 1933. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979.

General Editor: Shapers of International History (a new series of short biographies, published by Potomac books. One volume has appeared; another will be out in 2010. About ten more have been contracted).

Publications: Major Articles and Essays

“Dreams of Freedom, Temptations of Power,” 132-69, in The Fall of the Berlin Wall, ed. by Jeffrey A. Engel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Remembering George Kennan: Lessons for Today?” Special Report (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Institute of Peace, 2006)

“9/11 and American Foreign Policy,” Diplomatic History, 29(June 2005): 395-413.

“Cold War and Global Hegemony, 1945-1991,” Magazine of American History, 19(March 2005): 65-71.

“Is Bush A Radical?” Foreign Policy, September/October 2004, 22-30.

“How Did the Cold War Begin?” Cold War International History Studies (Shanghai) 1(Fall 2004): 102-112.

“The Inevitable Tragedy: The United States’ Embroilment in Vietnam,” Leidschrift, 19 (September 2004): 55-74.

“9/11 and the Past and Future of American Foreign Relations,” International Affairs (London), (November 2003): 1045-63.

“The Beginning and the End: Time, Context and the Cold War,” in The Cold War in the 1980s, ed. by Olav Njolstad. London: Frank Cass Publishers, 2004.

“American Grand Strategy from World War to Cold War, 1940-1950,” in From War to Peace: Altered Strategic Landscapes in the Twentieth Century, eds. By Paul Kennedy and William I. Hitchhcock. New Haven: University Press, 2000.

“The Cold War: What do ‘We Now Know’?” The American Historical Review, 104(April 1999): 501-24.

“Inside Enemy Archives: The Cold War Reopened,” Foreign Affairs, 75(July/August 1996): 120-35.

“The Struggle for Germany and the Origins of the Cold War,” Occasional Paper No.16. Washington, D.C.: German Historical Institute, 1996.

“New Approaches, Old Interpretations, and Prospective Reconfigurations,” Diplomatic History, 19(Spring 1995): 173-96.

“National Security,” Journal of American History, 77(June 1990): 143-52.

“Adherence to Agreements: Lessons of the early Cold War,” International Security, 11(Summer 1986): 88-123.

“The American Conception of National Security and the Beginnings of the Cold War, 1945-48,” The American Historical Review, 89(April 1984): 346-400.

“From the Truman Doctrine to the Carter Doctrine: Lessons and Dilemmas of the Cold War,” Diplomatic History, 7(Fall 1983): 245-66.

“Political Isolationism, Economic Expansionism, and Diplomatic Realism: American Policy Towards Western Europe, 1921-1933,” Perspectives in American History, (December 1974): 413-461.

“The Origins of Republican War Debt Policy, 1921-23: A Case Study in the Applicability of the Open Door Interpretation,” The Journal of American History, (September, 1972):
Honors and Fellowships

- Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center, 2010-11
- George Louis Beer prize for best book in European international history, granted by The American Historical Association, 2008
- Visiting Distinguished Professor, Christ's College, University of Cambridge, Fall 2007
- Henry Kissinger Fellow, Library of Congress, 2005
- Jennings Randolph Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, 2004-5
- Harmsworth Professor, Oxford University, 2002-3
- Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center, 2001-2002
- Senior Fellow, Norwegian Nobel Institute, 1998, 1993
- Alois Mertes Memorial Lecture, German Historical Institute, 1996
- Bancroft Prize, 1993, awarded by Columbia University for distinguished works in American history and diplomacy
- Hoover Prize, 1993, awarded by the Hoover Presidential Library Association for the best book on 20th Century U.S. History
- Ferrell Prize, 1993, awarded by the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations for the best book on U.S. Foreign Relations
- Gelber Prize, one of six finalists, 1992, for the best book in English on international relations
- President, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, 1994
- Lehrman Institute, Fellowship, 1984-85
- ACLS Fellowship, 1984-1985
- Peterson Award, 1984, awarded by the Eastern National Park and Monument Association for the best article (American Historical Review, 1984) on American military history in an American or foreign journal
- Bernath Prize, 1984, awarded by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations for the best article (AHR, 1984) on the history of American foreign relations

International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 1979-1980

Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center, 1979-1980

Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 1978-1979

Gilbert Chinard Incentive Prize, awarded by the Society for French Historical Studies and the Institut Francais de Washington, 1975, for the most promising manuscript (The Elusive Quest) on Franco-American Relations

Lectures and Presentations, 2007-10

Invited Lectures at Oxford; Cambridge; Norwegian Nobel Institute; Roma III; Columbia University; University of California, Santa Barbara; Nixon Library; Hebrew University; University of Texas (Austin); Oklahoma State University; George H. W. Bush Library; Temple University; Vassar College; Norwegian Nobel Institute.

Symposia, conference, and workshop presentations at United States Institute of Peace; Woodrow Wilson International Center; University of Beijing; Council on Foreign Relations (Washington, D.C.); Truman Institute (Hebrew University, Jerusalem); Miller Center, University of Virginia.

Courses Taught

Many different undergraduate courses and seminars in the History of American Foreign Relations, for example:

Lecture courses:

- U.S. foreign relations, 1776-1917
- U.S. foreign relations, 1917-present

Seminars:

- 9/11 and American foreign relations
- Origins of the Cold War
- Morality and American foreign relations

Graduate seminars and colloquia in the History of American Foreign Relations.

I have occasionally taught (but not in recent years):

Standard course in U.S. history since 1877.

Some courses in modern U.S. history since 1917.

Service:

Over the years I have served on dozens of department, college, and university committees, culminating, most notably, with my selection as Chair of the History Department, 1990-1995, and then Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences at UVA, 1997-2001.

Professionally, I have served on various editorial boards (Diplomatic History, Journal of American History) and have committed my time to the development of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, serving as an officer and then president (1993).

My most important national service has been on advisory committees to the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency, especially regarding declassification of secret documents.