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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of California, Los Angeles, 1988  
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B.A., Plan II Undergraduate Honors, University of Texas, Austin, 1981

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor to Professor  
Department of History  
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis  
1990-

Visiting Fellow  
St. Catherine's College  
University of Oxford  
2002

Freeman Professor of American History  
Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center  
Nanjing, China  
1999-2000

## BOOKS

*Road to Disaster: A New History of America's Descent into Vietnam* (HarperCollins, 2018)

*American Sheikhs: Two Families, Four Generations, and the Story of America's Influence in the Middle East* (Prometheus Books, 2012)

*Pandora's Keepers: Nine Men and the Atomic Bomb* (Little, Brown, Back Bay Books, 2005)

Robert S. McNamara with Brian VanDeMark, *In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam* (Times Books, 1995)

*Into the Quagmire: Lyndon Johnson and the Escalation of the Vietnam War* (Oxford University Press, 1991)

Research assistant to Clark Clifford with Richard Holbrooke, *Counsel to the President: A Memoir* (Random House, 1991)

## ARTICLES

"Economic Transformation and Political Reaction: Globalization in Historical Context," in Patrick DeSouza, ed., *Economic Strategy and National Security* (Westview Press, 2000)

"A Way of Thinking: The Kennedy Administration's Initial Assumptions about Vietnam and Their Consequences," in Lloyd C. Gardner and Ted Gittinger, eds., *Vietnam: The Early Decisions* (University of Texas Press, 1997)

Entry on Robert S. McNamara in Stanley I. Kutler, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1996), pp. 297-300

Entries on Bretton Woods Agreement, Destroyer Deal, Good Neighbor Policy, Cordell Hull, Japanese Peace Treaty, Pearl Harbor, Potsdam Conference, and Vandenburg Resolution in Leonard W. Levy and Louis Fisher, eds., *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency* (4 vols., Simon & Schuster, 1993)

"Beard on Lippmann: The Scholar vs. The Critic," *New England Quarterly*, v. 59, n. 3, September 1986, pp. 402-405

"Kennedy the Diplomatist: A Historiographical Appraisal," *Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, v. 15, n. 3, December 1984, pp. 21-34

## BOOK REVIEWS

Henry Kissinger, *Years of Renewal*. Reviewed in *Boston Sunday Globe*, April 1999

H.R. McMaster, *Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies that Led to Vietnam*. Reviewed in *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, May 11, 1997

Geoffrey Perret, *Old Soldiers Never Die: The Life of Douglas MacArthur*. Reviewed in *Reviews in American History*, v. 25, n. 1, March 1997, pp. 132-135

Lloyd C. Gardner, *Pay Any Price: Lyndon Johnson and the Wars for Vietnam*. Reviewed in *Political Science Quarterly*, v. 111, n. 3, Fall 1996, pp. 536-537

Ronald H. Spector, *After Tet: The Bloodiest Year in Vietnam*. Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, June 1995, p. 975

Peter Macdonald, *Giap: The Victor in Vietnam*. Reviewed in *Newsday*, March 28, 1993, p. 42

Ed Cray, *General of the Army: George C. Marshall, Soldier and Statesman*. Reviewed in *Reviews in American History*, v. 19, n. 4, December 1991, pp. 576-580

## PRESENTATIONS

“Road to Disaster: The United States and Vietnam, 1961-1968,” U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, January 2019

“The Irony of ‘the Best and the Brightest,’” U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, October 2018

“The Atomic Scientists and Today,” Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, May 2002

“American Isolationism: Past and Present,” Modern History Faculty, University of Oxford, January 1998

“Vietnam, 1965-1975,” McCormick Tribune Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Program, Chicago, Illinois, March 1997

“How Clausewitz Speaks to Us on Vietnam,” ROTC Fellowship Program, U.S. Military Academy, June 1996

“Why Vietnam?” U.S. Naval Institute Annapolis Seminar, U.S. Naval Academy, April 1996

“Robert McNamara and *In Retrospect*,” Brasenose College Seminar, University of Oxford, May 1995

“The Lessons of Vietnam,” White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, November 1992