

## ACFR FEATURED SPEAKERS, 2019-2020

**Musab Al-Saud**, Director of the Political and Congressional Affairs Office at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC, "U.S.-Saudi Relations," (Des Moines 05/21/2020)

**James Arvanitakis**, Dean of the Graduate Research School at Western Sydney University in Australia, "Confronting the Challenges of Liberal Democracies: An Australia/India Case Study" (Casper 10/10/2019)

**Amb. Frederick D. (Rick) Barton**, Lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, and former Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, *Peace Works: America's Unifying Role in a Turbulent World* (Birmingham 02/27/2020)

**Yaneer Bar-Yam**, President and founder of the New England Complex Systems Institute (NECSI), "How To Win Against COVID-19 and Get Back To Normal Fast" (Dallas 05/06/2020)

**Dan Benaim**, Fellow at The Century Foundation and nonresident senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, "America, Iran, and Saudi Arabia - Past, Present, Future" (Santa Barbara 02/24/2020)

**Jessica Brandt**, Head of Policy and Research for the Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund, "External Influences on Elections" (Casper 12/05/2019)

**Theodore R. Bromund**, Senior Research Fellow in Anglo-American Relations at the Heritage Foundation's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, "Brexit—Its Past, Present, and Future" (Louisville 10/16/2019)

**Eric Brown**, Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute and co-editor of *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*, "U.S. Leadership Amid Contested Globalism," (ACFR special event, 04/20/2020)

**Joe Bryan**, Nonresident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center, and Principal at Muswell Orange LLC, "Climate Change, the Energy Transformation, and Their Impact on U.S. Leadership and National Security" (Des Moines 10/15/2019 and Wichita 11/14/2019)

**Amb. Todd Buchwald** - Co-Chair of the Task Force of the American Society of International Law on U.S. Engagement with the International Criminal Court, Professorial Lecturer in Law at George Washington University Law School, and former Ambassador-at-Large for the State Department's Office of Global Criminal Justice, "U.S. Engagement with the International Criminal Court: Where Do We Go from Here?" (Tulsa 02/26/2020)

**William W. Burke-White**, Richard Perry Professor and Inaugural Director of the Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania, "Five Forces Shaping the Future of America's Role in the World" (Tampa Bay 01/21/2020)

**Dayle Rebecca Carden**, Chief of the Political and Economic Office at the U.S. Consulate in Dubai, “A View from Dubai: Regional Conflict, Regional Alliances, and the Iran Threat” (Dallas 08/06/2019)

**Michael Cohen**, Boston Globe contributor on national politics and foreign affairs and U.S. Political Correspondent for the London Observer, “It’s Coming From Inside the House: The Greatest National Security Challenges to the U.S. Are at Home, Not Abroad” (Louisville 11/12/2019)

**Ann-Louise Colgan**, Director of Public Education at the U.S. Institute of Peace, “The U.S. Institute for Peace: Building Peace in a World of Conflict” (Boise 11/07/2019)

**Zack Cooper**, Co-Director of the German Marshall Fund’s Alliance for Securing Democracy, “2020: Authoritarian Actors, Information Manipulation, and Our Democracy” (Birmingham 10/16/2019)

**Timothy Cory**, attorney and shareholder at Cory Reade Dows & Shafer, “Conducting Business in Asia and Related Issues of Law and Freedom of Religion” (Nevada 01/08/2020)

**Sharyl Cross**, Distinguished Professor & Director of the Kozmetsky Center at St. Edward's University, and Global Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute, Kennan Conversation on “Russia-China Relations and U.S. National Security” (Tulsa 12/11/2019)

**John Cruickshank**, Consul General of Canada in Chicago, “The Canada-U.S. Trade Relationship: A Mouse Invited to a Dance by an Elephant” (St. Louis 10/23/2019)

**Ali Dadpay**, Associate Professor of Finance at the University of Dallas, and Michael Davis, Professor of Economics at Southern Methodist University, “The Global Risks and Opportunities of An Aging Population” (Dallas 02/25/2020)

**Admiral Philip S. Davidson**, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, “Complexities, Contradictions and Conundrum in U.S. China Relations” (Dallas 12/04/2019)

**Austin Dean**, Assistant Professor of East Asian History at the University of Nevada / Las Vegas, local moderator for NCUSCR’s 2020 CHINA Town Hall, “U.S.-China Relations” (Nevada 11/18/2019), “China and Its Complicated History of Engagement with the World” (Des Moines 01/30/2020), and “What Is the Future of Taiwan Post-Election?” (Nevada 02/21/2020)

**Judd Devermont**, Director of the Africa Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and former national intelligence officer for Africa, “Africa and China: A Balancing Act” (St. Louis 02/05/2020)

**David Dollar**, Senior fellow in the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution, and former U.S. Treasury economic and financial emissary to China, “U.S.-China Trade and

Technology Competition” (Louisville 06/09/2020)

**Jill Dougherty**, Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Centennial Fellow at Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and CNN contributor, Kennan Conversation on “Russia / China Competition in Central Asia” (ACFR special event, 05/27/2020)

**Robert H. Donaldson**, Trustees Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Tulsa, “Putin and Russia” (ACFR special event, 05/07/2020)

**Amb. Patrick Duddy**, Director of Duke University’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean studies and former U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela, “Venezuela: A Regional Tragedy and Challenge to the Western Hemisphere” (Dallas 09/10/2019)

**Amb. Stuart E. Eizenstat**, Senior Counsel at Covington & Burling LLP, and former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and Chief Domestic Policy Advisor to President Carter, “President Carter: The White House Years” (Tampa Bay 12/03/2019)

**Jonathan Ferziger**, journalist and former chief political reporter for Bloomberg News on Israeli and Palestinian affairs, “Shifting Alliances: Israel, Saudi Arabia and Their Arab Neighbors” (Dallas 02/13/2020)

**Fred Fleitz**, President of the Center for Security Policy, “Analysis of U.S. National Security Issues” (Santa Barbara 10/15/2019)

**Erich Frankland**, Chair of the Department of Political Science, History, and International Studies at Casper College, “Putin and Russia” (ACFR special event, 05/07/2020)

**Thomas Garrett**, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies, “Democracies Working Together: 20 years After the Warsaw Declaration” (Dallas 05/28/2020 and Casper 06/09/2020)

**F. Gregory Gauss III**, Professor of International Affairs and Head of the International Affairs Department at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, “Saudi Arabia and the Saudi-American Relationship” (Dallas 11/05/2019)

**Lindsay Gorman**, Fellow for Emerging Technologies at the Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund, “Artificial Intelligence: Its Impact on Governance and the Balance Between Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes” (Wichita 02/18/2020)

**Robert Griffiths**, faculty member at the Eisenhower School, National Defense University, U.S. Consul General Shanghai, and local moderator for NCUSCR’s 2020 CHINA Town Hall, “U.S.-China Relations” (Salt Lake 11/18/2019)

**Nikolas Gvosdev**, Professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College and Senior Fellow in the U.S. Global Engagement Program at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International

Affairs, “The Role and Scope of U.S. Global Engagement” (Des Moines 09/17/2019)

**Richard Haass**, President of the Council on Foreign Relations “Making Sense of a World in Crisis — Through the Eyes of a Foreign Policy Expert” (Santa Barbara 07/13/2020)

**James F. Hollifield**, the Ora Nixon Arnold Fellow in International Political Economy, Professor in the Department of Political Science, and Director of the Tower Center at Southern Methodist University (SMU), and Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center, “Brexit: How Did It Come to This and Where Do We Go from Here?” (Wichita 01/16/2020)

**Senad Hrustanovic**, Chairman of Nevada Center on Foreign Relations, “A Discussion of the State of Economies and Investment Opportunities in Southeastern Europe” (Nevada 10/04/2019)

**Amy Myers Jaffe**, the David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and the environment and director of the program on Energy Security and Climate Change at the Council on Foreign Relations, “What the Coronavirus Pandemic Reveals About Oil's Future” (Dallas 04/28/2020)

**Bradley Jardine**, Schwarzman Fellow at the Wilson Center’s Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, Kennan Conversation on “Russia / China Competition in Central Asia” (ACFR special event, 05/27/2020)

**Patrick Jenevein**, Chairman, President, and Founder of Tang Group Energy Ltd., local moderator for National Committee on U.S.-China Relations / 2019 CHINA Town Hall, “U.S.-China Relations” (Dallas 11/18/2019)

**Amb. Dennis Jett**, Professor of International Relations at the Pennsylvania State University, and former U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique and Peru, “The State of U.S. Diplomacy” (Louisville 09/19/2019, Wichita 10/24/2019, and Salt Lake 02/11/2020)

**Karl Jonietz**, former U.S. Foreign Service Office and former director at Los Alamos Labs in New Mexico, “Smart Intelligence?: Assessing U.S. Capabilities” (Casper 09/19/2019)

**Amb. Robert Jordan**, Diplomat in Residence and Adjunct Professor of Political Science in the John G. Tower Center for Public Policy and International Affairs at Southern Methodist University, and former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, “Saudi Arabia and the Saudi-American Relationship” (Dallas 11/05/2019) and “What the Coronavirus Pandemic Reveals About Oil's Future” (Dallas 04/28/2020)

**Saud Kabli**, Director of Communications at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC, “U.S.-Saudi Relations,” (Des Moines 05/21/2020)

**Palwasha Kakar**, Senior Program Officer at the U.S. Institute of Peace, and former Afghanistan Director for Women's Empowerment and Development, Asia Foundation, “The Implications of the Peace Talks for the Women of Afghanistan” (Wichita 09/25/2019)

**Larry Kaplow**, Middle East Editor for NPR, “Reporting from the Middle East” (Birmingham 01/23/2020)

**Michael Kimmage**, Professor of history at the Catholic University of America, and former member of the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State, Kennan Conversation on "U.S.-Russian Relations: the Anatomy of a Crisis" (Santa Barbara 09/19/2019)

**Klon Kitchen**, Senior Fellow for Technology, National Security & Science at The Heritage Foundation, “Disrupting National Security: The Growing Role of ‘Big Tech’ in Geopolitics” (Tulsa 11/20/2019)

**Brad Knott**, Managing Partner at HAVA Partners and adjunct professor at the University of Iowa, “Nuclear Non-Proliferation: Steps For The 21st Century” (Des Moines 12/11/2019)

**Andrei Kozyrev**, former Foreign Minister of Russia, Kennan Conversation on *Firebird: The Elusive Fate of Russian Democracy* (Dallas 01/16/2020)

**Daniel Kurtz-Phelan**, Executive Editor of *Foreign Affairs* and former member of the Secretary of State’s Policy Planning Staff, *The China Mission: George Marshall's Unfinished War, 1945-1947* (Louisville 07/09/2019)

**Joshua Landis**, Director, Center of Middle East Studies, University of Oklahoma, “The U.S. and the Middle East: Making Sense of Oil, Regime Change, and Forever Wars” (Tulsa 01/13/2020)

**Bill Lane**, Executive Director of Trade for America, “From Aid to Trade: The Importance of U.S. Global Engagement” (Birmingham 12/03/2019)

**Senator James Lankford**, U.S. Senator for Oklahoma, “International Trade Agreements from the Perspective of the Senate Finance Committee” (Dallas 10/01/2019)

**Amb. Richard LeBaron**, Nonresident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council, and former U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait, "Making Hard Choices about U.S. Policy in the Middle East" (Boise 01/09/2020)

**John Lee**, Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute and Senior Fellow (non-resident) at the United States Studies Centre and adjunct professor at the University of Sydney, “U.S. Leadership Amid Contested Globalism,” (ACFR special event, 04/20/2020)

**Edward Lemon**, Global Fellow at the Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute, Kennan Conversation on “Russia / China Competition in Central Asia” (ACFR special event, 05/27/2020)

**Tim Lenderking**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Gulf Affairs in the Near East Bureau at the U.S. Department of State, “Dilemmas Facing U.S. interests in the Arabian Gulf” (Casper 08/30/2019)

**Olena Lennon**, Adjunct Professor of Political Science and National Security at the University of New Haven and Wilson Center scholar, Kennan Conversation on “Should We Be Concerned About Russia?” (Casper 11/07/2019) and Kennan Conversation on “U.S. Strategic Interests in Ukraine” (Des Moines 02/27/2020)

**Tanvi Madan**, Director of the India Project and Senior Fellow for the Project on International Order and Strategy at Brookings, “India-U.S. Relations” (Tulsa 10/07/2019) and "Modi's India: At Home and Abroad" (Casper 02/27/2020)

**Andrew McCabe**, former Deputy Director of the FBI, “How the FBI protects America against Terrorism” (Salt Lake 01/03/2020)

**William C. McCahill, Jr.**, Senior Resident Fellow at the National Bureau of Asian Research, and former chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, “Today’s China: Its Political Culture and Economy” (Boise 10/16/2019)

**Amb. Michael McFaul**, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, keynote address to the 36th Annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, “Democracy in an Age of Anxiety: Russian Intrusion, Chinese Confrontation, Populist Disruption” (Boise 10/14/2019)

**Andrés Martínez-Fernández**, Senior Research Associate at the American Enterprise Institute, “The Year of Protests and Upheavals: Understanding South America’s Wave of Political Shifts and Crises” (St. Louis 01/16/2020)

**Rajan Menon**, Anne and Bernard Spitzer Chair in Political Science at the City College of New York, "The Calamitous War in Yemen" (Tulsa 09/19/2019)

**Blaise Misztal**, Fellow at Hudson Institute and former Executive Director of the national security program at the Bipartisan Policy Center’s national security program, “U.S. Leadership Amid Contested Globalism,” (ACFR special event, 04/20/2020)

**Hon. Ernest J. Moniz**, Co-Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), and former U.S. Secretary of Energy, “Nuclear Non-Proliferation: Steps For The 21st Century” (Des Moines 12/11/2019)

**John Morton**, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council and former Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change at the National Security Council, “Climate Change, the Energy Transformation, and Their Impact on U.S. Leadership and National Security” (Des Moines 10/15/2019 and Wichita 11/14/2019)

**Andrew Nagorski**, journalist, author, and former senior editor for Newsweek International, “What Today's Leaders Can Learn From Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin” (Tampa Bay 09/17/2019)

**James Olson**, former CIA Chief of Counterintelligence, *To Catch A Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence* (Dallas 12/11/2019)

**Aparna Pande**, Director, Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia at the Hudson Institute "Making India Great: The Promise of a Reluctant Global Power" (Louisville 07/14/2020)

**Farah Pandith**, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and former State Department Special Representative to Muslim Communities, "A Grassroots Approach to Countering Violent Extremism" (Tampa Bay 11/19/2019)

**Marc Polymeropoulos**, former Acting Director of The Central Intelligence Agency, "The Indispensable Institution: The CIA in the 21st Century" (Tampa Bay 02/12/2020)

**Lt. Gen. John Regni (ret.)**, Board of Directors for the DigitalGlobe Foundation, Board of Directors for the Military Officers Association of America, adjunct professor for the U.S. Air Force, and National Security Advisory Council member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, "America's Role in the World: A Military Perspective" (Boise 12/16/2019)

**Ollie Rehn**, Bank of Finland Governor and former European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, "Global Economic Outlook—a European Perspective" (Dallas 08/19/2019)

**Katya Rimkunas**, Deputy Director for Latin America and Caribbean programs at the International Republican Institute, "Latin America: From Crises to Opportunities" (Des Moines 11/19/2019)

**Senator James Risch**, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "The Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Trump Administration" (Boise 09/13/2019)

**Laura Rosenberger**, Co-Director of the German Marshall Fund's Alliance for Securing Democracy, "2020: Authoritarian Actors, Information Manipulation, and Our Democracy" (Birmingham 10/16/2019)

**Nina Rozhanovskaya**, Coordinator and Academic Liaison in Russia for the Woodrow Wilson Center's Kennan Institute, Kennan Conversation on "The Domestic Factors in Russia's Relationship with China" (Tulsa 12/11/2019)

**Leila Sadat**, James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law and Director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute at Washington University in St. Louis, and Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor, "International Law: Is its Role Relevant Today?" (St. Louis 12/19/2019)

**Kristopher Sanchez**, Interim Executive Director at the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development, "Nevada's Global Economic Relationships" (Nevada 07/24/2019)

**Julia Santucci**, Senior Lecturer in Intelligence Studies and Founding Director of the Hesselbein Forum Leadership Program in International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and former Senior Advisor in the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, "Advancing Gender Equality as a Foreign Policy Priority: The Good, the Bad, and a New Agenda for 2021" (Casper 01/31/2020)

**Lindsey Sheppard**, Associate Fellow with the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), "Artificial Intelligence and National Security: The Importance of the AI Ecosystem" (St. Louis 09/24/2019)

**Amanda Schnetzer**, Chief Operating Officer at Pointe Bello and former Director of Global Initiatives at the George W. Bush Institute, "Hong Kong and the Future of US-China Business and Diplomacy" (Dallas 03/06/2020)

**Lindsey Sheppard**, Associate Fellow with the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), "Artificial Intelligence and National Security: The Importance of the AI Ecosystem" (Louisville 02/11/2020)

**Mark Simakovsky**, Vice President of Beacon Global Strategies LLC, Senior Non-Resident Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Dinu Patricia Eurasia Center, and Europe/NATO Chief of Staff in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, "With Friends Like These: U.S. Engagement in Ukraine" (Louisville 12/16/2019 and Boise 02/13/2020)

**Barbara Slavin**, Director of the Future of Iran Initiative and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, "Iran: Back to the Axis of Evil" (Salt Lake 10/23/2019)

**Thomas Spoehr**, Director of the Center for National Defense at the Heritage Foundation, "Countering the Rising Challenge of China: An Appraisal of U.S. Capabilities and Approaches" (Santa Barbara 12/09/2019)

**Andrew Staunton**, British Consul General in Atlanta, "Brexit: Impact on the U.S.-UK Relationship" (Birmingham 09/26/2019)

**Norman J. Szydlowski**, President of ACFR, former Vice President at Chevron, and former consultant to the Iraqi Ministry of Oil on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense and Department of State, "Climate Change and U.S. Policy Options" (Louisville 01/21/2020)

**Amb. Kurt Tong**, Partner at the Asia Group, former U.S. Consul General and Chief of Mission in Hong Kong and Macau, and former Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), "Hong Kong and the Future of US-China Business and Diplomacy" (Dallas 03/06/2020)

**Hon. Tom Vilsack**, President and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC) and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, webinar on "China – U.S. Competition: It's Not What You Think" (Des Moines 05/12/2020)



**Rachael Dean Wilson**, Director of External Affairs for the Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund, "External Influences on Elections" (Casper 12/05/2019)

**Meredith Woodruff**, former CIA officer and Founder and Partner Emeritus of COPIA Coaching and Consulting, "Understanding the U.S. Intelligence Community" (Tulsa 06/16/2020)

**Morgan Wright**, Senior Fellow at The Center for Digital Government, national security opinion contributor to The Hill, and former Senior Advisor in the U.S. State Department's Antiterrorism Assistance Program, "Cybersecurity Strategy, Cyber Terrorism, and Advanced Technology" (St. Louis 11/26/2019)

**George Yates**, President and CEO of HEYCO Energy Group, Inc., "What the Coronavirus Pandemic Reveals About Oil's Future" (Dallas 04/28/2020)

**John Zogby**, Co-founder and President of the Arab American Institute and Director of Zogby Research Services, "Update on Yemen and the Arabian Peninsula" (Tampa Bay 10/23/2019)

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