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Expertise

- Saudi Arabia
- Arab-Israeli issues
- Persian Gulf security
- India and Pakistan

Current Position

Director, The Intelligence Project | Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center for Middle East Policy, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence
Instructor, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland

Education

M.A., Harvard University, 1977

B.A., Brown University, 1975

Experience- Previous Positions

- Special Advisor, NATO, Brussels, Belgium (2003-2006)
- Member, Royal College of Defense Studies, London, U.K. (2002-2003)
- Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and North African Affairs, National Security Council (2001-2002)
- Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and South Asian Affairs, National Security Council (1997-2001)
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense (1995-1997)
- National Intelligence Officer for Near East and South Asian Affairs, National Intelligence Council (1993-1995)
- Director for Gulf and South Asia Affairs, National Security Council (1991-1993)
- Deputy Chief Persian Gulf Task Force, Central Intelligence Agency (1990-1991)
- Various assignments, Central Intelligence Agency (1977-1990)

Publications

- "Jordan and America: An Enduring Friendship" (Brookings Institution Press, 2021)
- "Beirut 1958: How America's Wars in the Middle East Began" (Brookings Institution Press, 2019)
- "Kings and Presidents: Saudi Arabia and the United States since FDR" (Brookings Institution Press, 2018)
- "JFK's Forgotten Crisis: Tibet, the CIA and the Sino-Indian War" (Brookings Institution Press, 2015)
- "What We Won: America's Secret War in Afghanistan, 1979-1989" (Brookings Institution Press, 2014)

- "Avoiding Armageddon: America, India and Pakistan to the Brink and Back" (Brookings Institution Press, 2013)
- "Becoming Enemies: U.S.-Iran Relations and the Iran-Iraq War, 1979-1988" (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012)
- "The Arab Awakening: America and the Transformation of the Middle East" (Brookings Institution Press, 2011)
- "Deadly Embrace: Pakistan, America and the Future of the Global Jihad" (Brookings Institution Press, 2011; translated into Persian)
- "Which Path to Persia? Options for a New American Strategy Toward Iran" (Brookings Institution Press, 2009)
- "The Search for al Qaeda: Its Leadership, Ideology and Future" (Brookings Institution Press, 2008)