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WORK EXPERIENCE

10/94–present **Philip H. Knight Chair in Defense and Strategy; Director of Research in Foreign Policy; Director, Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy and Technology; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution.**

Specialties include U.S. defense strategy and budget, American foreign policy, and the use of force. Publications include *To Dare Mighty Things: U.S. Defense Strategy Since the Revolution* (Yale, 2026); *Military History for the Modern Strategist: America's Major Wars Since 1861* (Brookings, 2023); *Defense 101: Understanding the Military of Today and Tomorrow* (Cornell, 2021); *The Senkaku Paradox: Risking Great Power War over Small Stakes* (Brookings, 2019); *Beyond NATO: A New Security Architecture for Eastern Europe* (Brookings, 2017); *Brookings Big Ideas for America* (editor, Brookings Press, 2017); *The Future of Land Warfare* (Brookings, 2015); *Strategic Reassurance and Resolve: U.S.-China Relations in the Twenty-First Century* (with James Steinberg, Princeton Press 2014); *Crisis on the Korean Peninsula* (with Mike Mochizuki, McGraw-Hill, 2003); *Defending America: The Case for Limited National Missile Defense* (with James Lindsay, Brookings, 2001); *Winning Ugly: NATO's War to Save Kosovo* (with Ivo Daalder, Brookings, 2000).

Have testified many times before Congress, made over 4,000 TV/radio appearances since 9/11, and written hundreds of opinion pieces including in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*

Spring 2026 **Consultant, Forum AI**

2021–2025 **Member, Defense Policy Board, U.S. Department of Defense**

1996–present **Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University**

2018–present **Adjunct Professor, Center for Security Studies, Georgetown University**

2015–2019 **Adjunct Professor, Syracuse University**

2001–2017 **Visiting Lecturer, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University**

2011–2012 **Member, External Advisory Board, Central Intelligence Agency**

2008–2009 **Member, International Security Advisory Board, Dept. of State**

1989–1994 **Analyst, National Security Division, Congressional Budget Office.** Focused on nuclear weapons issues, Mideast security. Won Director's Award, 1992. Studies included *The START Treaty and Beyond* (with David Mosher, 1991).

6/89–9/89 **Research Assistant, Institute for Defense Analyses.** Assessed missile defenses

9/85–6/89 **Teaching Assistant, Princeton University.** Engineering and politics courses

7/82–6/84 **Physics Professor, Democratic Republic of Congo (as Peace Corps Volunteer)**

Summer, '81 **Researcher, Gravity Group, Princeton University Physics Department**

1978–1980 **Farm Hand, Zimmerman and Andrews Dairy Farms, Canandaigua, NY**

EDUCATION

1991 **Ph.D., Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.** Thesis work supported by National Science Foundation examined U.S. defense planning

1987 **Master of Science in Engineering, Princeton.** Thesis on missile defense

1982 **Bachelor of Arts, Physics, Princeton.** Thesis on solar physics