

**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	I have been selected by Senate President Karen Spilka to attend the Hoover Institution's State and Local Leadership Forum (the "Forum").
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be a participant in the Forum.
Date, time and location of activity.	May 31 – June 2, 2026 Hoover Institution 434 Galvez Mall Stanford, CA 94305-6010
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	My participation in the Forum will enable me to gather and collaborate with state legislators from across the county to discuss issues of importance to our constituents and to hear and learn from Hoover scholars on a wide range of issues including, but not limited to, the role of the United States on the international stage, state and local initiatives, economic and security initiatives, global and local energy, immigration, and challenges to global stability. My participation in the Forum will

	inform my work in the Massachusetts Senate on these topics of importance to the Commonwealth and its residents.
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	The Hoover Institution is covering the costs of lodging and meals. The National Conference of State Legislatures is covering transportation costs including the cost of flights and ground transportation.
Address of person or organization.	Hoover Institution: 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford, CA 94305 National Conference of State Legislatures: 7700 E. First Place, Denver, CO 80230
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> Flights: \$1,122.40
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> Three nights of lodging will be covered; I will submit a reconciliation form once I receive the final amount covered.
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I receive the final amount covered.
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	I will file a reconciliation form once I receive the final amounts from the Hoover Institution and the National Associations of State Legislatures.
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	☐ I have attached the relevant itinerary. ☒ I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: ☒ Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND ☒ Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.

Employee signature:	
Date:	May 29, 2026

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.



HOOVER INSTITUTION

STATE AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

Attendee Briefing Packet | May 31 - June 2, 2026

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PROGRAM AGENDA

SUNDAY, MAY 31

6:00 PM **Dinner** | *Saint Michael's Alley, 140 Homer Ave, Palo Alto*
**Meet in lobby at 5:50 pm to walk together or walk over on your own (5-minute walk)*

MONDAY, JUNE 1

All programming held in Annenberg Conference Room, George P. Shultz Building, unless otherwise noted

**Mealtimes in gray*

7:45 AM **Group shuttle departs The Westin en route to the Hoover Institution**

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **America in the World**
Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director | Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy

10:00 AM **A Window into Modern Iran**
Abbas Milani, Research Fellow

11:00 AM **Hoover's Technology Policy Accelerator**
Herb Lin, Research Fellow | Director, Stanford Emerging Technology Review
Max Lamparth, Research Fellow
Anka Reuel, Lead AI Researcher, Stanford Emerging Technology Review (2024 and 2025)

Noon **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Hoover's State and Local Research Initiative | Occupational Licensing**
Michael Farren, Policy Fellow | Assistant Director of the State & Local Governance Initiative
Morris Kleiner, Visiting Fellow

2:30 PM **Hoover's Economic and Security Commons Initiative**
Philip Zelikow, Botha-Chan Senior Fellow

3:30 PM **Strategic Priorities in Biotechnology** | *Shriram Center for Biotechnology*
Drew Endy, Science Fellow/Senior Fellow



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MONDAY, JUNE 1 (cont.)

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5:00 PM **Global Energy and Local Energy**

Admiral Jim Ellis, Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow
David Fedor, Stephenson Policy Fellow

6:00 PM **Dinner | Sundial Patio**

7:00 PM **Group shuttle departs the Hoover Institution en route to The Westin**

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

All programming held in Annenberg Conference Room, George P. Shultz Building, unless otherwise noted

*Mealtimes in gray

8:00 AM **Group shuttle departs The Westin en route to the Hoover Institution**

8:15 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **China's Subnational Diplomacy**
Glenn Tiffert, Distinguished Research Fellow

10:00 AM **Hoover's Civics Initiative**
Tom Schnaubelt, Executive Director of the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions

11:00 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Immigration**
Paola Sapienza, J-P Conte Family Senior Fellow

12:30 PM **Challenges for Global Stability**
Michael McFaul, Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow

1:30 PM **Lunch**

2:30 PM **Group shuttle departs the Hoover Institution en route to The Westin**



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ONSITE CONTACTS

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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

You will receive an Uber voucher code for transportation between the airport and The Westin hotel for your arrival and departure. You can also access it here:



*In accordance with Stanford Finance requirements, please only use this voucher with Uber X rides.

Following the meeting, we will ask you to email pictures of your Uber receipts to: atweeton@stanford.edu

A charter bus will be used for transportation between The Westin and campus.

Shuttle Departure Times:

Monday, June 1

7:45 AM The Westin to Hoover

7:00 PM Hoover to The Westin

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 AM The Westin to Hoover

2:30 PM Hoover to The Westin

If you Uber to campus, set your drop off destination as 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford. You'll arrive behind the Hoover Tower near our loading dock. As you walk to the right of Hoover Tower, the George P. Shultz Memorial Building will be the third building on your right just before you reach Jane Stanford Way.

ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be staying at The Westin Palo Alto, 675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA. The hotel is approximately a 20-minute walk from Hoover's campus. You will need to use your own credit card for incidental charges only.

ATTIRE

Business casual is the recommended attire for the entire program. Temperatures in June average a high of 78 degrees and a low of 52 degrees. **For Monday's lab tour, you must wear shoes that cover the entire foot and pants that cover down to the ankle.*

ALLERGIES

Hoover staff and catering have been made aware of the allergies and dietary restrictions listed on your registration form. If you have any additional dietary restrictions we should be made aware of or if you have any concerns about the meal offerings, please do not hesitate to reach out.

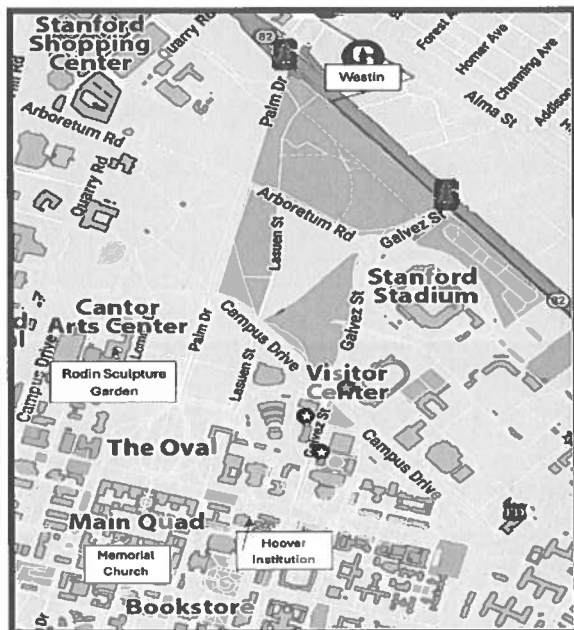


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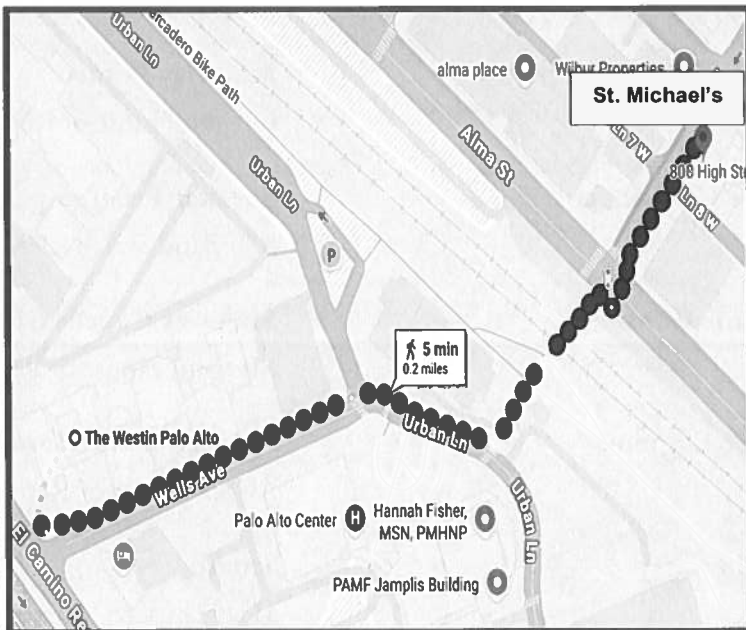
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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

CAMPUS MAP



WESTIN TO ST. MICHAEL'S ALLEY



Other points of interest on campus:

- **Stanford Memorial Church** - Stanford Memorial Church stands at the center of the campus and is the University's architectural crown jewel. The church was dedicated in 1903.
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM | Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM
- **Hoover Tower** - The 285-foot art deco edifice is arguably Stanford's most recognizable landmark—and certainly its most visible. Commissioned by Herbert Hoover, Class of 1895, construction was overseen by the architect of Coit Tower, Arthur Brown Jr. The structure was dedicated in 1941 for the university's 50th anniversary. Today the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace complex consists of the tower and three adjacent buildings that house exhibition space and a portion of the institution's archives.
Hours: Monday - Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM
- **Rodin Sculpture Garden** - Within a single acre landscaped with cypress trees and gravel paths modeled after the Bagatelle Gardens in Paris, it comprises twenty monumental bronzes that include many of Rodin's most famous sculptures including *The Walking Man*, two heads of the Burghers of Calais, *Adam*, *Eve*, and *The Three Shades*. Visually anchoring the garden at its eastern end is *The Gates of Hell*, a massive work cast by the Coubertin Foundry in 1981 using the lost-wax process favored by Rodin.
Hours: Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



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LIST OF ATTENDEES

STATE LEGISLATORS

Benjamin Bowman

Majority Leader

Oregon House of Representatives

Luke Clippinger

Speaker Pro Tempore

Maryland State Delegate

Bennie Cook

Majority Caucus Chair

Missouri House of Representatives

Bryce Edgmon

Speaker of the House

Alaska House of Representatives

Paul Feeney

Senator

Massachusetts Senate

Cathy Giessel

Majority Leader

Alaska Senate

Lori Gramlich

House Assistant Majority Leader

Maine House of Representatives

Roger Hanshaw

Speaker of the House

West Virginia House of Delegates

Kirstin Kahaloa

Majority Caucus Leader

Hawaii House of Representatives

Riordan McClain

Majority Whip

Ohio House of Representatives

Randy McNally

Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate

Tennessee Senate



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STATE LEGISLATORS (CONT.)

Robby Mills

Majority Caucus Chair

Kentucky Senate

Matt Moonen

Majority Leader

Maine House of Representatives

Stetson Painter

Majority Whip

Arkansas House of Representatives

Stephan Pappas

Senator

Wyoming Senate

Scott Slater

Deputy Majority Leader

Rhode Island House of Representatives

Chris Stearns

Speaker Pro Tempore

Washington House of Representatives

Gary Stevens

Senate President

Alaska Senate

Steve Yeager

Speaker of the Assembly

Nevada Assembly

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Associate Director, Institute for International Cooperation

National Conference of State Legislatures

Stacy Householder

Vice President, Leaders & International

National Conference of State Legislatures



ATTENDEE BIOGRAPHIES

**Benjamin Bowman*****Majority Leader, Oregon House of Representatives***

Ben Bowman was elected Assistant Majority Leader in his freshman term and was selected for the Emerging Legislative Leaders Program through the State Legislative Leaders Foundation. He is the Co-Chair of the Oregon Future Caucus and he is a member of New DEAL Leader program. He graduated from the CSG-West Western Legislative Academy in 2023. Before serving in the legislature, Ben was the chair of the Tigard-Tualatin School Board. During his tenure, he focused on supporting students' mental health, passed a landmark hate speech policy, and increased access to student athletic programs and extracurricular activities. In his day job, Ben works as a school district administrator and previously worked for the Oregon Department of Education. He graduated from the University of Oregon and earned a master's degree from Stanford University. He also owns a small business and hosts a podcast.

**Luke Clippinger*****Speaker Pro Tempore, Maryland State Delegate***

Luke Clippinger has served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing the state's 46th district in Baltimore, since 2011. He has served as the speaker pro tempore of the Maryland House of Delegates since 2026. Born and raised in Baltimore, Clippinger graduated from Earlham College and the University of Louisville. He started his political career while attending Earlham, volunteering for the local Democratic Party before serving as the campaign manager of U.S. representative Lee Hamilton's 1996 re-election campaign. Clippinger later served as U.S. representative Baron Hill's district director from 1999 to 2005, afterwards serving as the campaign manager of Tom Perez's 2006 Maryland Attorney General campaign.



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**Bennie Cook*****Majority Caucus Chair, Missouri House of Representatives***

Bennie Cook represents District 143 in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. In addition to his legislative duties, Cook has maintained a commission with the Texas County Sheriff's Department dating back to 2005. He has a total of 19 years in law enforcement working for departments in Texas County, Columbia and Belle, Missouri. Rep. Cook has a strong history in social service as the director of the Texas County Food Pantry and as a field representative for Congressman Jason Smith. Rep. Cook serves as a deacon of Oak Hill Christian Church, the president of the Houston Lions Club and a Board member for the Texas County Farm Bureau. Rep. Cook has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration and an associate's degree in Human Services from Columbia College.

**Bryce Edgmon*****Speaker of the House, Alaska House of Representatives***

Bryce Edgmon is a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, representing District 37. Edgmon was elected speaker of the House in February 2025 by a 21-member coalition. He previously served as speaker from 2017 to 2018 and again from 2019 to 2021. Edgmon was the first Alaska Native person to serve as leader of the chamber. Edgmon was born in Dillingham, Alaska. He received a B.B.A. from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. His professional experience included working in the salmon and herring commercial fishing industry. He also served as chairman of the board of Choggiung Ltd., an Alaska Native village corporation for the communities of Dillingham, Ekuk, and Portage Creek. Edgmon also worked as a staff member for state Rep. Carl Moses.



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**Paul Feeney*****Senator, Massachusetts Senate***

Paul Feeney is serving his fifth term in the Massachusetts Senate representing the Bristol & Norfolk district. Paul was sworn in to the Senate in 2017 after winning a special election at the age of 39. Previously, Paul served as a member and Chairperson of the Select Board in his community of Foxborough.

Senator Feeney is the Assistant-Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Financial Services. A blue-collar telecommunications technician by trade for over 20 years prior to his service in the Senate, Senator Feeney served as the legislative director of his local union in Boston, MA. Senator Feeney is also a former Massachusetts licensed pyrotechnician.

**Cathy Giessel*****Majority Leader, Alaska Senate***

Cathy Giessel has served as Majority Leader of the Alaska Senate since 2023. From 2013 to 2021, she represented District N in the Alaska Senate including Northeast Anchorage, Anchorage Hillside and the Turnagain Arm communities of Bird, Girdwood, Indian, and Anchorage, all within the municipality of Anchorage.

Giessel serves as chair of the Resources Committee and is a member of the Senate Majority Caucus. After Senate President Pete Kelly was unseated in 2018, she was elected president of the Alaska Senate, a post she held until 2021. She returned to the Alaska Senate in 2023, representing the newly configured District E. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor before moving to Anchorage in 1974 and earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2000. She worked as an advanced nurse practitioner across a variety of clinics in Anchorage and the North Slope Borough and continues to do healthcare consulting.



ATTENDEE BIOGRAPHIES

**Lori Gramlich*****House Assistant Majority Leader, Maine House of Representatives***

Lori Gramlich is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives and is the Assistant House Majority Leader. She previously served six years on the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee, where she was most recently House Chair. She was also co-chair of the 2022 Commission to Study Water as a Resource in the State of Maine and was a member of the Taxation

Committee. Gramlich served on the Portland Public Schools Board of Education from 2005 to 2008, where she was chair of the Legislative Affairs and Policy Committees and also served on the Finance Committee. Gramlich earned a master's degree in social work from the University of New England and has nearly 40 years of experience in nonprofit prevention-based social work, advocacy and social justice initiatives. She has also worked at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and served as communications director for Maine Senate President Beverly Daggett.

**Roger Hanshaw*****Speaker of the House, West Virginia House of Delegates***

Roger Hanshaw has served as the Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates since 2018. A native of Clay County, he received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from West Virginia University in 2002, a PhD in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame in 2006 (where he also received the Outstanding Teaching Award), and his JD from the WVU College of Law in 2012. Currently,

Roger is a member of the Law Firm of Bowles Rice LLP where he specializes in Environmental Litigation issues. Hanshaw represents District 33 (Calhoun, Clay and Gilmer Counties).



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Kirstin Kahaloe

Majority Caucus Leader, Hawaii House of Representatives

Kirstin Kahaloe serves in the Hawaii House of Representatives for the 6th district, winning the seat in the 2022 election as part of the largest freshman class in the House in decades. Kahaloe worked as executive director of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, legislative aide to Senator Dru Kanuha, community engagement lead for the Blue Zones Project, portfolio manager - sustainable industry development for Kamehameha Schools, and most recently as director of programs and partnerships for the 'Iole Global Resiliency Hub. She holds a Bachelor's in international studies and political science from the University of Evansville, a Master's in public service administration from the same university, and a Master's in management and leadership from Webster University.



Riordan McClain

Majority Whip, Ohio House of Representatives

Riordan McClain is currently serving his fourth term as State Representative for the 87th Ohio House District. In addition to serving as a majority whip for the 136th General Assembly, McClain serves on the General Government, Small Business, Technology and Innovation, and Transportation committees. McClain is a lifelong resident of Wyandot County. He attended Bluffton University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, and then went on to earn his MBA from the University of Findlay. Currently working as the Director of Finance and Customer Service at Doc Investments LLC, McClain has more than 10 years of experience in the private sector with roles in finance, marketing, customer service, and operations.



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**Randy McNally*****Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate, Tennessee Senate***

Randy McNally is the 50th Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee and Senate Speaker, elected on January 10, 2017. He has been the Tennessee state senator from the 5th district since 1987. He obtained a Bachelor of Science (BS) from Memphis State University and graduated from University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. McNally worked as a pharmacist prior to his over 40-year legislative career.

**Robby Mills*****Majority Caucus Chair, Kentucky Senate***

Robby Mills is a member of the Kentucky Senate representing the 4th District since 2019 and currently serves as Majority Caucus Chair. Mills serves on several legislative committees focused on families and children, health services, state and local government, and natural resources and energy. He previously served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 2017 to 2018 and served as a city commissioner in Henderson from 1998 to 2016. He earned a B.S. in Business Management from Oral Roberts University and also attended Henderson Community College.

**Matt Moonen*****Majority Leader, Maine House of Representatives***

Matt Moonen is in his sixth term in the Maine House of Representatives, where he currently serves as the Majority Leader. He has previously been a member of the Taxation Committee and the Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Moonen served seven years as the Executive Director of EqualityMaine, the statewide LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, and has worked as a consultant to Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, the Maine Behavioral Health Foundation, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.



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**Stetson Painter*****Majority Whip, Arkansas House of Representatives***

Stetson Painter is serving his second term in the Arkansas House of Representatives representing District 3. For the 95th General Assembly, Rep. Painter serves on the House Education Committee and the House City, County, and Local Affairs Committee. Painter earned his associate's degree from Arkansas State University Mountain Home. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in criminology and subsequently his Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University Jonesboro. He currently owns and manages rental properties for Black Moon Properties, LLC. Rep. Painter has been a member of the Army Reserves since the age of 17.

**Stephan Pappas*****Senator, Wyoming Senate***

Stephan Pappas serves as a State Senator in the Wyoming Legislature, representing Wyoming's Senate District 7 since 2015. Pappas is the past president of Pappas & Pappas Architects, P.C. and is a retired Brigadier General in the United States Air Force. He attended the University of New Mexico where he obtained a bachelor's degree in fine arts and continued his education at the University of Arizona obtaining a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

**Scott Slater*****Deputy Majority Leader, Rhode Island House of Representatives***

Scott Slater has served the people of Providence in District 10 since winning a special election in November 2009 to fill the seat after the passing of his father, Thomas Slater. He is a Deputy Majority Leader and first vice chair of the House Finance Committee and chairs that committee's Education Subcommittee. Aside from his legislative duties, he works as a budget analyst for the City of Providence. He earned a bachelor's degree at Bryant University.



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**Chris Stearns*****Speaker Pro Tempore, Washington House of Representatives***

Chris Stearns serves as Speaker Pro Tempore in the Washington State House of Representatives representing the 47th district. Stearns is Chair of the Members of Color Caucus, Vice-Chair of the State Government and Tribal Relations Committee, and Co-Chair of the Nuclear Energy Caucus. Previously, Chris served as a member of the Auburn City Council. Earlier in his career, Chris served as

Deputy Counsel for the U.S. House Subcommittee on Native American Affairs under Chairman Bill Richardson. He later served as Democratic Counsel for the Committee on Natural Resources under Chairman George Miller. He then was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the first-ever Director of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Gary Stevens*****Senate President, Alaska Senate***

Gary Stevens is a member of the Alaska State Senate, representing District C. Stevens was first appointed to the chamber in February 2003. He ran for re-election and won in the general election on November 8, 2022. He served as Senate Majority Leader from 2005 to 2008, and as President of the Senate from 2009 to 2012.

Previously, Stevens served in the Alaska House of Representatives from 2001 to 2003. He has also served as mayor of the Kodiak Island Borough, mayor of the City of Kodiak, president of the local school board and presiding officer of the Borough Assembly. He served in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Stevens earned a B.A. from Linfield College and his M.F.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.

**Steve Yeager*****Speaker of the Assembly, Nevada Assembly***

Steve Yeager is a member of the Nevada State Assembly, representing District 9 since 2016. He was elected Assembly speaker in February 2023 in a unanimous vote. He served as chair of the Judiciary Committee from 2017 to 2022, vice chair of the Corrections, Parole, and Probation Committee from 2017 to 2018, and vice chair of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee from 2019 to 2020. Yeager

worked as a public defender at the Clark County Public Defender's Office and as a lawyer for Battle Born Injury Lawyers. He received a B.A. in history and Spanish from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate from Cornell Law School.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Admiral Jim Ellis*****Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow***

Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. is Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, where he oversees both the Global Policy and Strategy Initiative and the George P. Shultz Energy Policy Working Group. He retired from a 39-year career with the US Navy in 2004. He has also served in the private and nonprofit sectors in areas of energy and nuclear security.

A 1969 graduate of the US Naval Academy, Ellis was designated a naval aviator in 1971. His service as a navy fighter pilot included tours with two carrier-based fighter squadrons and assignment as commanding officer of an F/A-18 strike fighter squadron. In 1991, he assumed command of the USS Abraham Lincoln, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. After selection to rear admiral, in 1996, he served as a carrier battle group commander, leading contingency response operations in the Taiwan Strait.

His shore assignments included numerous senior military staff tours. Senior command positions included commander in chief, US Naval Forces, Europe, and commander in chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe, during a time of historic NATO expansion. He led US and NATO forces in combat and humanitarian operations during the 1999 Kosovo crisis. Ellis's final assignment in the navy was as commander of the US Strategic Command during a time of challenge and change. In this role, he was responsible for the global command and control of US strategic and space forces, reporting directly to the secretary of defense.

After his naval career, he joined the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) as president and chief executive officer. INPO, sponsored by the commercial nuclear industry, is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the highest levels of safety and reliability in the operation of commercial nuclear electric generating plants. He retired from INPO in 2012. Ellis is also the former board chair of Level 3 Communications and served on the board of Lockheed Martin Corporation and Dominion Energy. In 2006, he became a member of the Military Advisory Panel to the Iraq Study Group. In 2009, he completed three years of service on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board. A former board chair of the nonprofit Space Foundation, in 2018 he was appointed chairman of the Users' Advisory Group to the Vice President's National Space Council, where he served until 2022.

Ellis holds a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was inducted into the school's Engineering Hall of Fame in 2005. He completed US Navy Nuclear Power Training and was qualified in the operation and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants. He is a graduate of the Navy Test Pilot School and the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun).



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Drew Endy

Science Fellow/Senior Fellow

Drew Endy is a science fellow and senior fellow (courtesy) at the Hoover Institution. He leads Hoover's Bio-Strategy and Leadership effort, which focuses on keeping increasingly biotic futures secure, flourishing, and democratic. Professor Endy also researches and teaches bioengineering at Stanford University, where he is the Martin Family University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, senior fellow (courtesy) of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, and faculty codirector of degree programs for the Hasso

Plattner Institute of Design.

Professor Endy helped launch new undergraduate majors in bioengineering at both MIT and Stanford and the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition, which involves thousands of students annually. Endy has served on the US National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity; the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Science, Technology, and Law; the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Synthetic Biology Task Force; and, briefly, the Pentagon's Defense Innovation Board. He currently serves on the World Health Organization's Advisory Committee on Variola Virus Research; the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Global Forum on Technology's synthetic biology task force; and the Defense Science Board's Emerging Biotechnology and National Security Task Force. Endy earned his PhD from Dartmouth in biotechnology and biochemical engineering and has been recognized in Esquire magazine as one of the seventy-five most influential people of the twenty-first century.



Michael Farren

Policy Fellow | Assistant Director of the State & Local Governance Initiative

Michael Farren is a Policy Fellow and the assistant director of the State & Local Governance Initiative. Farren's research focuses on improving economic development, accelerating job growth, and minimizing the harmful impact of regulations. He specializes in communicating academic research to policymakers and the public and has testified before Congress and state legislatures more than 20 times.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**David Fedor*****Stephenson Policy Fellow***

David Fedor is the Stephenson Policy Fellow at the Hoover Institution, where he supports fellowship research within the George P. Shultz Energy Policy Working Group; Hoover's national security-oriented Global Policy and Strategy Initiative; and the joint Hoover-Asia Society Working Group on Semiconductors and the Security of the United States and Taiwan. For nearly a decade, Fedor served on the Hoover staff of former US secretary of state George Shultz. Formerly at Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's Asia Pacific Energy

Research Center in Tokyo, Fedor has worked in economic and security policy analysis across the Indo-Pacific. He holds BS and MS degrees in Earth systems from Stanford University.

**Morris Kleiner*****Visiting Fellow***

Morris M. Kleiner is a professor at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research and policy focus is the role of institutions in labor markets and employment issues in enhancing productivity. His specific research agenda has been focused on the role of occupational licensing for workers and consumers in the United States and other nations.

Kleiner's research has been funded by numerous nonprofit foundations, the US federal government, and international organizations to develop new data on occupational licensing statutes and regulations over time and across nations. The results of the research have been published in top-tier professional and academic journals. The policy-oriented research has been covered in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and elsewhere. He has been a guest on many podcasts and radio and television interview programs. He has testified before US Senate and House committees on occupational regulation policy based on his research. In addition, his work has influenced federal executive branch policy on occupational regulation as well as state policies on occupational licensing. He has provided briefs to the US Supreme Court on occupational licensing cases and has advised the World Health Organization, European Union, and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Kleiner was selected as one of the Michael A. and Anita Paleologos Yagjian Visiting Fellows at the Hoover Institution for 2025. He is currently serving as a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and is working with the Knee Regulatory Research Center at West Virginia University to develop and enhance new statutory and regulation data on occupational licensing. In 2018 he was selected as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Labor and Employment Relations Association for outstanding contributions to the field of industrial relations and human resources, and in 2024 he received the Economics Career Achievement Alumni Award from the University of Illinois Department of Economics.



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**Max Lamparth*****Research Fellow***

Max Lamparth is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution's Technology Policy Accelerator, where he focuses on artificial intelligence, and affiliated with the Stanford Intelligence Systems Laboratory and the Stanford Center for AI Safety at Stanford University.

With his research, Dr. Lamparth works towards making AI systems inherently more secure and safe, providing critical insights to inform and guide effective AI policies while shaping public discourse. He specializes in interpretability and robustness of AI systems, ethical decision-making of language models, and uncertainty quantification. His work aims to promote the safe and responsible use of AI in society, with a particular emphasis on language models, and has been recognized through publications in leading technical and sociotechnical conferences such as Neural Information Processing Systems; Conference on Language Modeling; Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency; and Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society, as well as policy-oriented outlets like Foreign Affairs. Additionally, his research has garnered attention from international media, with coverage in the MIT Technology Review, The Washington Times, The Japan Times, LaPress, Axios, Deutschlandfunk, and New Scientist.

Prior to his current appointment, Lamparth was a postdoctoral fellow at the Stanford Center for AI Safety, the Center for International Security and Cooperation, and the Stanford Existential Risks Initiative at Stanford University advised by Professors Clark Barrett, Steve Luby, and Paul Edwards. Lamparth received his PhD in August 2023 from the School of Natural Sciences at the Technical University of Munich and holds a BSc and MSc in physics from the Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg.

**Herb Lin*****Research Fellow | Director, Stanford Emerging Technology Review***

Dr. Herb Lin is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution and senior research scholar for cyber policy and security at the Center for International Security and Cooperation, both at Stanford University. His research interests relate broadly to policy-related dimensions of cybersecurity and cyberspace, and he is particularly interested in the use of offensive operations in cyberspace as instruments of national policy and in the security dimensions of information warfare and influence operations on national security. In addition to his positions at Stanford University, he is Chief Scientist, Emeritus for the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies, where he served from 1990 through 2014 as study director of major projects on public policy and information technology, and Adjunct Senior Research Scholar and Senior Fellow in Cybersecurity (not in residence) at the Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies in the School for International and Public Affairs at Columbia University; and a member of the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. In 2016, he served on President Obama's Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity. Prior to his NRC service, he was a professional staff member and staff scientist for the House Armed Services Committee (1986-1990), where his portfolio included defense policy and arms control issues. He received his doctorate in physics from MIT.



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**Michael McFaul*****Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow***

Michael A. McFaul is the Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution as well as a professor of political science and a senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. He also currently works as an international affairs analyst for MSNOW. His areas of expertise include international relations, Russian politics, comparative democratization, and American foreign policy.

From January 2012 to February 2014, he served as the US ambassador to the Russian Federation. Before becoming ambassador, he served for three years as a special assistant to the president and senior director for Russian and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council.

He has authored and edited several books including, *Autocrats vs. Democrats: China, Russia, America, and the New Global Disorder* (2025), *From Cold War to Hot Peace* (2018), with Kathryn Stoner, eds., *Transitions to Democracy: A Comparative Perspective* (2013); *Advancing Democracy Abroad: Why We Should and How We Can* (2009); with Valerie Bunce and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds., *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Postcommunist World* (2009); with Anders Aslund, eds., *Revolution in Orange: The Origins of Ukraine's Democratic Breakthrough* (2006); with Nikolai Petrov and Andrei Ryabov, *Between Dictatorship and Democracy: Russian Postcommunist Political Reform* (2004); with James Goldgeier, *Power and Purpose: American Policy toward Russia after the Cold War*, (2003); with Timothy Colton, *Popular Choice and Managed Democracy: The Russian Elections of 1999 and 2000* (Brookings Institution Press, 2003); *Russia's Unfinished Revolution: Political Change from Gorbachev to Putin* (2001); *Russia's 1996 Presidential Election: The End of Bi-Polar Politics* (1997); with Tova Perlmutter, eds., *Privatization, Conversion and Enterprise Reform in Russia* (1995); *Post-Communist Politics: Democratic Prospects in Russia and Eastern Europe* (1993); and, with Sergei Markov, *The Troubled Birth of Russian Democracy: Political Parties, Programs and Profiles* (1993). His articles have appeared in *Constitutional Political Economy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, and *World Politics*. His op-eds have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, *Politico*, *Time*, and the *Weekly Standard*.

Dr. McFaul was born and raised in Montana. He received his BA in international relations and Slavic languages and his MA in Soviet and East European studies from Stanford University in 1986. He was awarded a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford where he completed his D.Phil in international relations in 1991.



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**Abbas Milani*****Research Fellow***

Abbas Milani is a research fellow and codirector of the Iran Democracy Project at the Hoover Institution. In addition, Milani is the Hamid and Christina Moghadam Director of Iranian Studies at Stanford University. His expertise is US/Iran relations and Iranian cultural, political, and security issues.

Before coming to Hoover, Milani was a professor of history and political science and chair of the department at Notre Dame de Namur University and a research fellow at the Institute of International Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, in addition to being an assistant professor in the faculty of law and political science at Tehran University and a member of the board of directors of Tehran University's Center for International Studies from 1979 to 1987. Milani was also a research fellow at the Iranian Center for Social Research from 1977 to 1978 and an assistant professor at the National University of Iran from 1975 to 1977. His most recent publication is *The Shah* (2012). He is the author of *The Myth of the Great Satan: A New Look at America's Relations with Iran* (Hoover Institution Press, 2010); *Eminent Persians: Men and Women Who Made Modern Iran, 1941–1979*, 2 vols. (Syracuse University Press, November 2008); *King of Shadows: Essays on Iran's Encounter with Modernity*, Persian text published in the United States (Ketab Corp., spring 2005); *Lost Wisdom: Rethinking Persian Modernity in Iran* (Mage, 2004); *The Persian Sphinx: Amir Abbas Hoveyda and the Riddle of the Iranian Revolution* (Mage, 2000); *Modernity and Its Foes in Iran* (Gardon Press, 1998); *Modernity and Its Foes in Iran* (Gardon Press, 1998); *Tales of Two Cities: A Persian Memoir* (Mage 1996); *On Democracy and Socialism*, a collection of articles coauthored with Faramarz Tabrizi (Pars Press, 1987); and *Malraux and the Tragic Vision* (Agah Press, 1982). Milani has also translated numerous books and articles into Persian and English.

**Anka Reuel*****Lead AI Researcher, Stanford Emerging Technology Review (2024 and 2025)***

Anka Reuel is a Computer Science Ph.D. student (with a Ph.D. minor in Political Science), advised by Prof. Mykel Kochenderfer and Prof. Sanmi Koyejo. She served as a vice chair for the European Commission in the recently concluded General-Purpose AI Code of Practice Process and was a 2024-25 Technology & Geopolitics Fellow at the Belfer Center at Harvard Kennedy School. Anka was the Responsible AI Lead for the 2024 and 2025 Stanford AI Index and the Lead AI Researcher for the Stanford Emerging Technology

Review 2024 and 2025. Her work focuses on technical AI governance and in particular on improving the robustness and informativeness of evaluations for AI systems. Anka is further involved in national and international AI governance efforts. She is also a Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow. Anka was a Stanford HAI Graduate Fellow, a Fellow at the German National Academic Foundation, at the Hans-Weisser-Stiftung, and at the German Academic Exchange Program, and has won multiple awards for her work, including UPenn's Outstanding Academic Award 2022 and the Top Talents Under 25 Award.



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**Condoleezza Rice**

Tad and Dianne Taube Director | Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy

Condoleezza Rice is the Tad and Dianne Taube Director of the Hoover Institution and a Senior Fellow on Public Policy. She is the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In addition, she is a founding partner of Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC, an international strategic consulting firm.

From January 2005 to January 2009, Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States, the second woman and first black woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush's Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) from January 2001 to January 2005, the first woman to hold the position.

Rice served as Stanford University's provost from 1993 to 1999, during which time she was the institution's chief budget and academic officer. As Professor of Political Science, she has been on the Stanford faculty since 1981 and has won two of the university's highest teaching honors.

From February 1989 through March 1991, Rice served on President George H.W. Bush's National Security Council staff. She served as Director, then Senior Director, of Soviet and East European Affairs, as well as Special Assistant to the President for National Security. In 1986, while an International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, Rice also served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

She has authored and co-authored numerous books, most recently *To Build a Better World: Choices to End the Cold War and Create a Global Commonwealth* (2019), co-authored with Philip Zelikow. Among her other volumes are three bestsellers, *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom* (2017); *No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington* (2011); and *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family* (2010). She also wrote *Political Risk: How Businesses and Organizations Can Anticipate Global Insecurity* (2018) with Amy B. Zegart; *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed: A Study in Statecraft* (1995) with Philip Zelikow; edited *The Gorbachev Era* (1986) with Alexander Dallin; and penned *The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army, 1948-1983: Uncertain Allegiance* (1984).

In 1991, Rice co-founded the Center for a New Generation (CNG), an innovative, after-school academic enrichment program for students in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California. Since 2009, Rice has served as a founding partner at Rice, Hadley, Gates, & Manuel LLC, an international strategic consulting firm based in Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. The firm works with senior executives of major companies to implement strategic plans and expand in emerging markets.

In 2022, Rice became a part-owner of the Denver Broncos as a part of the Walton-Penner Family Ownership Group. In 2013, Rice was appointed to the College Football Playoff Selection Committee, formerly the Bowl Championship Series. She served on the committee until 2017. Rice currently serves on the boards of C3.ai, an AI software company; and Makena Capital Management, a private endowment firm. In addition, she is Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and a trustee of the Aspen Institute.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science, *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her master's in the same subject from the University of Notre Dame; and her Ph.D., likewise in political science, from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver.



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**Paola Sapienza*****J-P Conte Family Senior Fellow***

Paola Sapienza is the J-P Conte Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, where she co-directs the JP Conte Initiative on Immigration and she is a founding member of the Hoover Program on the Foundations for Economic Prosperity. She is Finance Professor Emerita at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, where she was a faculty member for over 25 years. Her research interests span from corporate governance to financial development, from political economy to the economic effects of culture and the economics of immigration. She maintains research affiliations with the National Bureau of Economic Research, Center for Economic Policy Research, and European Corporate Governance Institute.

Her work has been published in leading journals including the American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Finance, Review of Economic Studies, Science, and PNAS. She has appeared multiple times on the Thomson Reuters/Clarivate list of most influential scientific minds, and her research has been featured in major media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and the Economist. Sapienza holds a BA from Bocconi University in Milan and MA and PhD in Economics from Harvard University.

**Tom Schnaubelt*****Executive Director of the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions***

Thomas Schnaubelt is the Executive Director of the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions at the Hoover Institution. Prior to his role at the Hoover Institution, Schnaubelt served as a Lecturer and Senior Advisor on Civic Education at the Deliberative Democracy Lab, within the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Schnaubelt came to Stanford in 2009 and has served as the Associate Vice Provost for Education, the Executive Director of the Haas Center for Public Service, and a Resident Fellow in Branner Hall, where he and his wife oversaw the development and implementation of a living-learning community focused on public service and civic engagement. In 2015, Schnaubelt coordinated the launch of Cardinal Service, a university wide effort to elevate and expand public service as a distinctive feature of the Stanford experience, and he has launched and led several national initiatives focused on democratic engagement and social change education. Schnaubelt received a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Mississippi, a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan, and Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



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**Glenn Tiffert*****Distinguished Research Fellow***

Glenn Tiffert is a distinguished research fellow at the Hoover Institution and a historian of modern China. He co-chairs Hoover's program on the US, China, and the World, and also leads Stanford's participation in the National Science Foundation's SECURE program, a \$67 million effort authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 to enhance the security and integrity of the US research enterprise.

Tiffert collaborates closely with government and civil society partners around the world to document and build resilience against authoritarian interference with democratic institutions. He works extensively on the security and integrity of ecosystems of knowledge, particularly academic, corporate, and government research; science and technology policy; the domestic and international affairs of the People's Republic of China (PRC); and malign foreign influence. He has authored or contributed to numerous Hoover publications, among them *Silicon Triangle: The United States, Taiwan, China, and Global Semiconductor Security* (Hoover Press, 2023).

A specialist on the political and legal history of the PRC, Tiffert's academic scholarship includes publications in English and Chinese on the origins of the modern Chinese court system and judiciary, the drafting of the PRC Constitution, and the Chinese Communist Party's efforts to globalize its censorship regime and rewrite its turbulent past. He earned his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Philip Zelikow*****Botha-Chan Senior Fellow***

Philip Zelikow is the Botha-Chan Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. For 25 years he held a chaired professorship in history at the University of Virginia, where he also directed the nation's leading research center on the American presidency. For seven years before that, he was an associate professor at Harvard University.

In his scholarship, Zelikow focuses on critical episodes in world history and the challenges of policy design and statecraft. His most recent book is *The Road Less Traveled: The Secret Turning Point of the Great War, 1916-17* (2021).

An attorney and former career diplomat, Zelikow's federal service includes work across the government in the five administrations from Reagan through Obama. On the NSC Staff (1989-91) he took part in the diplomacy to unify Germany and end the Cold War. As Counselor of the Department of State (2005-07) he had deputy-level policy responsibilities on issues around the world. He is one of few Americans to have served on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board for presidents from both political parties. Zelikow has also directed three successful and bipartisan national commissions: the Carter-Ford commission on federal election reform (2001), the 9/11 Commission (2004), and the Covid Crisis Group. That group's acclaimed report, *Lessons from the Covid War*, was published in April 2023.