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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Age of Reagan Conference. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is honored to host you at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum for the biennial gathering of scholars dedicated to the serious study of Ronald Reagan's legacy and its implications at home and abroad.

To study President Reagan is to engage with far more than the life of one man or the tenure of a single presidency. It is to encounter the central questions of the late 20th century: How did the Cold War end? What did the triumph of democratic capitalism mean—and for whom? What role did rhetoric, leadership, and grand strategy play in reshaping the global order? And how did the rise of a new form of conservatism remake domestic politics? President Reagan stands at the intersection of these developments not as a passive observer, but as a statesman who both shaped and was shaped by the institutions, ideas, and movements of his time. His presidency provides a vital vantage point for understanding the changing role of the federal government, the realignment of political coalitions, the cultural debates of the 1980s, and the evolving relationship between liberty and government in modern American life. This year's program reflects that broader ambition.

Interest in Ronald Reagan—both in the public imagination and in scholarship—continues to grow. The recent release of *Reagan*, the feature film, has brought his story to a broader audience and renewed debate over his legacy. At the same time, this year's book prize finalists—Jennifer Burns for *Milton Friedman: The Last Conservative*, Aaron Bateman for *Weapons in Space: The Rise and Fall of the Strategic Defense Initiative*, and James Wilson for *America's Cold Warrior: Paul Nitze and National Security from Roosevelt to Reagan*—reflect the expanding scope and depth of research into the Reagan era. The selection of Burns as this year's winner underscores the enduring power of the ideas that shaped Ronald Reagan's presidency and its times.

We are also proud to highlight the other ways the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute supports scholars. Our fellowships provide the opportunity for authors to complete their first book on topics related to American political thought, foreign policy, and the Reagan presidency. We stimulate new research through special-topic working groups, including ongoing initiatives on conservatism and presidential rhetoric. And we remain committed to hosting scholarship that moves the needle—through book talks, seminars, podcasts, and other convenings that bring deeply researched ideas into public view.

Finally, we are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Douglas Brinkley as our keynote speaker. His work on *The Reagan Diaries* helped lay the foundation for a new era of Reagan scholarship, and his conversation will no doubt offer fresh insights into both President Reagan's world and our own. Thank you for being part of this important conversation.

Roger I. Zakheim



Washington Director,  
Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

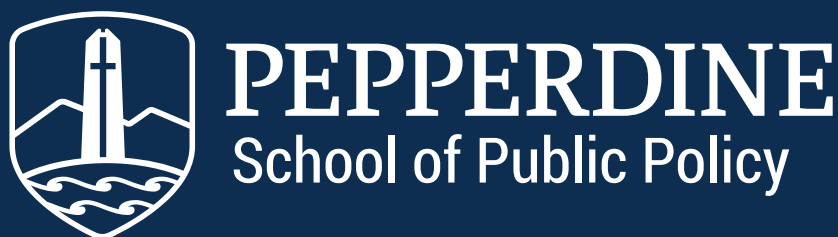
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# AGE OF REAGAN AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

### 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM **ORIENTATION AND CHECK-IN**

*(Air Force One Pavilion 2nd Floor)*

### 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM **MEETING PERIOD ONE**

#### **SESSION ONE: REVISING THE REAGAN LEGACY**

*(Roosevelt Room)*

- 1) Jack Rаметта (University of California, Davis) "Legislative Downfall: Congressional Capacity after the Reagan Revolution"
- 2) Conor Hodges (Yale University) "Organized as Organized Crime: The Rise of Interagency and International 'Coordination' in Reagan's War on Drugs"
- 3) Elizabeth Rees (Southern Methodist University) "Nancy Reagan and the Transformation of the East Wing"
- 4) David Cohen (University of Akron) "The Cleanup Crew: Reagan's White House Chiefs of Staff Post-Iran-Contra"
- 5) Chair: Michael Fortner (Claremont McKenna College)

#### **SESSION TWO: INTERVENTIONS AND ALLIES AT ODDS**

*(Air Force One Boardroom)*

- 1) Daniel Samet (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) "Fewer Weapons for Taiwan: Ronald Reagan and the Geopolitics of Arms Sales"
- 2) Ed Kunz (The Ohio State University) "Strained Alliance: Reagan, U.S. Arms, and Israel's Invasion of Lebanon"
- 3) Matt Frakes (The Ohio State University) "US-UK Cold War Alliance and the Invasion of Grenada"
- 4) Maryum Alam (The Ohio State University) "Time Horizons and Foreign Policy Change: When Reagan Cut and Run in Lebanon"
- 5) Chair: Salim Yaqub (University of California, Santa Barbara)

#### **SESSION THREE: FEATURES OF CONSERVATISM IN THE REAGAN YEARS**

*(Jefferson Room)*

- 1) Josh Tait (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) "Quotations from Chairman Mel: Patronage, Image, and Ideology in the Early Reagan Administration"
- 2) Joe Stieb (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) "National Liberation or an Administration"
- 3) Lauren Lassabe Shepherd (Indiana University) "An Intellectual History of the Campus Panic Literary Genre from Buckley to Bennett and Bloom"
- 4) Chair: Geoffrey Kabaservice (Niskanen Center)

### 5:15 PM - 8:15 PM **COCKTAIL HOUR & KEYNOTE DINNER PROGRAM**

*(Air Force One Pavilion 2nd Floor)*

**5:15 PM - 6:00 PM** Cocktail Hour

**6:00 PM - 6:45 PM** Dinner Service

**6:45 PM - 6:50 PM** Fred Ryan (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) Welcome Remarks

**6:50 PM - 7:30 PM** Keynote: Douglas Brinkley conversation with Anthony Eames (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)



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**THURSDAY, JULY 31**

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM BREAKFAST**

*(Air Force One Pavilion 2nd Floor)*

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MEETING PERIOD TWO**

**SESSION FOUR: LEGACIES IN THE LAW**

*(Air Force One Boardroom)*

- 1) Steve Calabresi (Northwestern University) "Ed Meese: The Making of a Constitutional Moment"
- 2) Devan Lindey (Purdue University) "Grove City College v. Bell (1984): The Reagan DOJ's overtures to the Antifeminist New Right"
- 3) Jennifer Depew (Stanford University) "The Anti-Statist Logic of Gay Libertarianism"
- 4) Paul Baumgardner (Augustana College) "As a Friend of the Federalists": Republican Presidents' Movement Affiliation Rhetoric before the Federalist Society
- 5) Chair: Steven Hayward (Pepperdine University)

**SESSION FIVE: COMPUTING, COMPETITIVENESS AND NATIONAL SECURITY**

*(Roosevelt Room)*

- 1) Salem Elzway (University of Michigan) "Japan Inc.: 'Hai' Tech Threats and the First Chip War during the Age of Reagan"
- 2) Julia Marino (The Ohio State University) "'Save Your Job, Save Our Country': 1980s Competitiveness Policy & The Origins of Anti-Globalist Politics"
- 3) Andrew McGee (Smithsonian Institution) "Aerospace Entrepreneurs and Expert Labor in the Federal Workforce: Roy Ash and Conglomerate Approaches to Federal Government Reorganization"
- 4) Chair: Aaron Bateman (The George Washington University)

**SESSION SIX: CONSENSUS, WAR POWERS AND THE LEGACY OF THE REAGAN YEARS**

*(Jefferson Room)*

- 1) Matt Waxman (Columbia University) "Constitutional War Powers and Reagan's Grand Strategy"
- 2) Joseph Ledford (Hoover Institution) "Bipartisan Design? How Congress and the Reagan Administration Navigated the Iran-Contra Scandal"
- 3) Nate Trimble (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) "Agreeing to Agree: Consensus on the Expansion of Presidential War Powers"
- 4) John Bellinger (Council on Foreign Relations) "Reagan's Consolidation of War Powers and legacy for AUMF"
- 5) Chair: Michelle Paranzino (U.S. Naval War College)

**10:30 AM - 10:45 AM BREAK**

**10:45 AM - 12:15 PM MEETING PERIOD THREE**

**SESSION SEVEN: HISTORY OF CONSERVATISM ROUNDTABLE**

*(Air Force One Boardroom)*

- 1) Paul Matzko (Institute for Humane Studies)
- 2) Stephanie Slade (Reason Magazine)
- 3) Daniel Williams (Ashland University)
- 4) Jennifer Burns (Stanford University)
- 5) Whitney McIntosh (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
- 6) Chair: Marcus Witcher (West Virginia University)

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## **SESSION EIGHT: TRADE, AID, AND RESISTANCE IN THE COLD WAR**

*(Roosevelt Room)*

- 1) Randall Fowler (Abilene Christian University) "Rhetoric and Risk: Reagan's Revolutionary Passage of the U.S.-Israel FTA Revisited"
- 2) Christian Ruth (University of Florida) "Reagan's Vision for USAID"
- 3) Kristen Einertson (University of St. Thomas) "Resistance to Removal: Pushback on the Office of Special Investigations Cases during the Reagan Administration"
- 4) Aileen Teague (Texas A&M University) "Executing the Impossible: The Panama Canal Transfer under Reagan, 1981-1989"
- 5) Chair: James Wilson (U.S. Department of State)

## **SESSION NINE: PRESIDENTIAL BIOGRAPHERS ROUNDTABLE**

*(Jefferson Room)*

- 1) Steve Hayward (Pepperdine University)
- 2) Alexis Coe (New America)
- 3) Luke Nichter (Chapman University)
- 4) Beverly Gage (Yale University)
- 5) Tevi Troy (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)
- 6) Henry Nau (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)
- 7) Chair: Andy Busch (University of Tennessee)

**12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

## **LUNCH**

*(Air Force One Pavillion 2nd Floor)*

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

## **MEETING PERIOD FOUR**

## **SESSION TEN: REMAKING NATIONAL SECURITY**

*(Roosevelt Room)*

- 1) Luke Griffith (New Mexico Junior College) "Lost in the Woods: The Reagan Administration and the Walk in the Woods Proposal"
- 2) Anand Toprani (U.S. Naval War College) "'The Evolution of the Maritime Strategy' by John Hattendorf: A Love Story"
- 3) James Wilson (U.S. Department of State) "Crafting National Security Strategies During the Second Reagan Administration"
- 4) Chair: Kiron Skinner (Pepperdine University)

## **SESSION ELEVEN: GLOBAL REAGANOMICS - PART 1**

*(Air Force One Boardroom)*

- 1) Doug Irwin (Dartmouth College) "Reagan's Silent Revolution: Economic Development and the Origins of the Washington Consensus"
- 2) Brian Domitrovic (Laffer Center) "Reagan's Tax Cuts: Implications, Foreign and Domestic"
- 3) Melanie Sheehan (Hartwick College) "The Reagan Administration, Organized Labor, and the Challenge of Global Competition"
- 4) Chair: David Sicilia (University of Maryland)

## **SESSION TWELVE: PRESIDENTIAL RHETORIC ROUNDTABLE**

*(Jefferson Room)*

- 1) Robin Rowland (University of Kansas)
- 2) Denise Bostdorff (The College of Wooster)
- 3) Leah Ceccarelli (University of Washington)
- 4) Theon Hill (Wheaton College)
- 5) Craig Smith (California State University, Long Beach)
- 6) Mary Stuckey (Pennsylvania State University)
- 7) Chair: Allison Prasch (University of Wisconsin-Madison)





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**3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

## **MEETING PERIOD FIVE**

### **SESSION THIRTEEN: LOOKING BACK ON REAGAN FROM TRUMP 2.0**

*(Jefferson Room)*

- 1) Chester Pach (Ohio University) "Presidential Debates and the Age Issue: Then and Now"
- 2) Michelle Belco (University of Houston) "The Legacies of President Reagan's First 100 Days and the Parallels to President Trump's Administration"
- 3) George Hawley (University of Alabama) "Evolving Electorates: Reagan's and Trump's Republican Voters"
- 4) Chair: Nicole Hemmer (Vanderbilt University)

### **SESSION FOURTEEN: STRATEGY AND RHETORIC**

*(Air Force One Boardroom)*

- 1) Ashlyn Hand (Southern Methodist University) "Framing Freedom: Reagan, Religion, and the Rhetoric of Cold War Foreign Policy"
- 2) Adam Stone (Rutgers University) "Dueling Summit Diplomacy: Reagan Administration and Women Peace Activists' Conceptions of a World Beyond the Cold War"
- 3) Alexander Evans (London School of Economics) "Reagan and the Revival of the West"
- 4) Chair: Thomas Schwartz (Vanderbilt University)

### **SESSION FIFTEEN: CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND THE REAGAN AGENDA**

*(Roosevelt Room)*

- 1) Victoria Phillips (University of Oxford) "Hard Threats, Soft Power, and the Paradox of Reagan as a Great Communicator"
- 2) Anna Podciborska (University of Gdańsk) "Selling Reagan: 'Ameryka' Magazine and U.S. Soft Power in the Cold War"
- 3) Nick Cull (University of Southern California) "The Space Bridge: International Telecasts and Cultural Diplomacy"
- 4) Elizabeth Spalding (Pepperdine University) "Exporting Memorial: International Recognition of the Victims of Communism"
- 5) Chair: Anthony Eames (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM**

## **MEETING PERIOD SIX**

### **GRAND STRATEGY FORUM**

*(Presidential Learning Center)*

- 1) Paul Edgar (Clements Center, University of Texas at Austin)
- 2) John Schuessler (Albritton Center for Strategy, Texas A&M University)
- 3) Michael Brenes (Yale University)
- 4) Scott Smitson (Denison University)
- 5) Kiron Skinner (Pepperdine University)
- 6) Chair: Francis Gavin (Johns Hopkins University)

### **HISTORY OF CONSERVATISM WORKING GROUP**

*(Air Force One Boardroom - Closed to public)*

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

### **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

*(The Ronald Reagan Pub)*

**7:45 PM - 9:00 PM**

### **AMERICA IN THE WORLD CONSORTIUM DINNER**

*(Air Force One Overlook) (By Invitation Only)*

Remarks: Roger Zakheim (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)

### **IHS DINNER CONVERSATION: A LIBERALISM FOR THE COUNTRY OF TOMORROW**

*(Ruwe Terrace) (By Invitation Only)*

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

8:15 AM - 9:15 AM

#### BREAKFAST

(Air Force One Pavilion 2nd Floor)

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

#### MEETING PERIOD SEVEN

##### SESSION SIXTEEN: ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO ANTI-STATISM IN THE AGE OF REAGAN

(Air Force One Boardroom)

- 1) Taylor Stephens (Independent Scholar) "Preserving the Independent Sector: Liberal Philanthropy Leaders and the Privatization of Social Change"
- 2) Casey Eilbert (Johns Hopkins University) "Theorizing Bureaucracy in the Age of Reagan"
- 3) Henry Tonks (Kenyon College) "This Ain't Laissez Faire Around Here: Political Crisis, Industrial Policy, and the Rise of a New Generation of Democrats in Reagan's America, 1981-1992"
- 4) Jacob Bruggeman (Johns Hopkins University; Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) "Liberalism on the Electronic Frontier: Hackers, The Clipper Chip, and Civil Liberties in the Age of Reagan"
- 5) Chair: Lily Geismer (Claremont McKenna College)

##### SESSION SEVENTEEN: TRANSITIONS AND TURMOIL AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR

(Jefferson Room)

- 1) Todd Bennett (East Carolina University), "The Last Casualty of the Cold War: Ronald Reagan and the Nicholson Incident"
- 2) Thomas Pelchat (Southern Methodist University) "The Gas Shall Not Flow: Ronald Reagan's 1981-1982 Pipeline Sanctions"
- 3) Luke Thrumble (University of Nottingham) "Thatcher to Major and Transitions in the Special Relationship at the End of the Cold War"
- 4) Todd Greentree (University of Oxford) "The Blood of Others: The Wars at the End of the Cold War in Central America, Angola, and Afghanistan"
- 5) Chair: Jeffrey Engel (Southern Methodist University)

##### SESSION EIGHTEEN: GLOBAL REAGANOMICS - PART 2

(Roosevelt Room)

- 1) David Sicilia (University of Maryland) "Liberalizing Financial Markets: Western Europe and Japan"
- 2) Meghan Herwig (University of Florida) "Gains and Limitations in Economic Integration: Eastern Europe versus China"
- 3) Michael De Groot (Indiana University) "The Rise of the Super Dollar and the Global Debt Crisis"
- 4) Francine McKenzie (Western University) "Trading with Allies: Resisting Protectionism and Opening Markets in the 1980s"
- 5) Chair: Ryan Haddad (U.S. Department of State)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

#### BREAK

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

#### MEETING PERIOD EIGHT

(Presidential Learning Center)

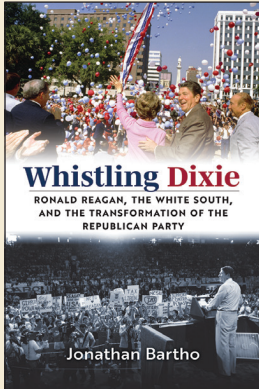
AGE OF REAGAN BOOK PRIZE - David Trulio (Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute)

**Winner: Jennifer Burns (Stanford University)** *Milton Friedman: The Last Conservative*

Finalists:

Aaron Bateman (The George Washington University) *Weapons in Space: The Rise and Fall of the Strategic Defense Initiative*

James Wilson (The George Washington University) *America's Cold Warrior: Paul Nize and National Security from Roosevelt to Reagan*



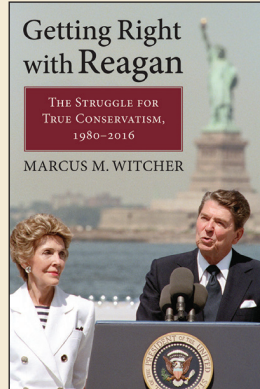
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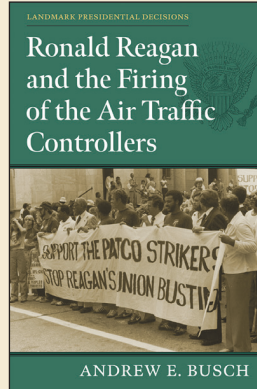
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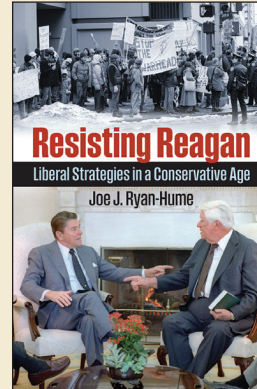
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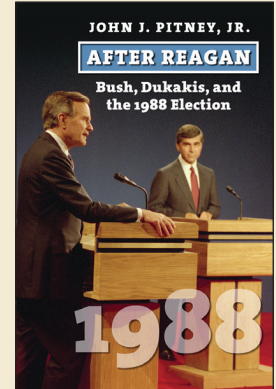
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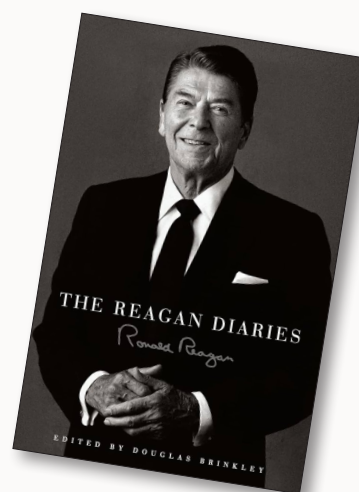
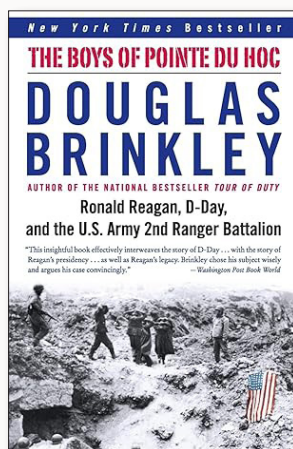
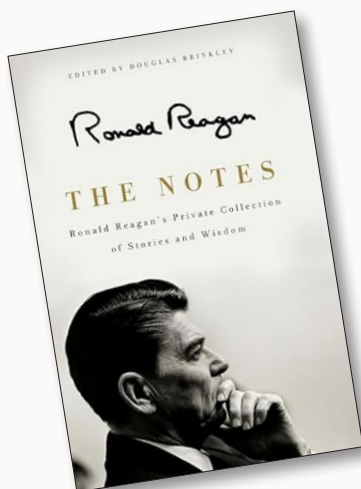
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Douglas Brinkley is the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History at Rice University, presidential historian for the New York Historical Society and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Archives Foundation, the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress, and both the Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Libraries. *The Chicago Tribune* dubbed him “America’s New Past Master”. He is the recipient of seven honorary doctorates in American studies.

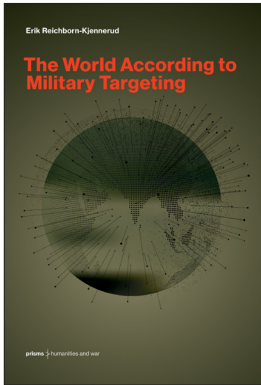
Brinkley has written/edited three *New York Times* bestselling books on Ronald Reagan: *The Boys of Point du Hoc: Ronald Reagan, D-Day and the U.S. Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion* (2005); *The Reagan Diaries* (2007); and *The Notes* (2011). More recently, his two-volume, annotated *Nixon Tapes* (2014-15) won the Arthur S. Link-Warren F. Kuehl Prize. His works include World War II, the Vietnam War, the National Parks system, John

F. Kennedy, Rosa Parks, Gerald R. Ford, Bob Dylan, Hurricane Katrina, Henry Ford and Walter Cronkite which all received critical acclaim. Six of his nonfiction books have been chosen as *New York Times*’s “Notable Book of the Year”. Brinkley has also won two Grammy Awards in the jazz category for the albums *Presidential Suite* and *Fandango at the Wall*.

He lives in Austin, Texas with his family.



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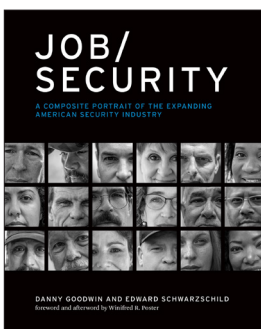
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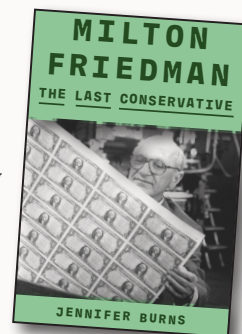




## Jennifer Burns

*Associate Professor of History at Stanford University*

Jennifer Burns is an Associate Professor of History at Stanford University and a research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace. From 2007-2012 she was an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Virginia. A graduate of Harvard College magna cum laude, she received her Masters and PhD in History from the University of California at Berkeley.



Prior to graduate school, Burns worked as a researcher and macroeconomic analyst at Harvard Business School, where she authored cases on antitrust policy, environmental risk management, encryption regulation, and international labor practices.

Professor Burns is the author of the acclaimed biography *Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right* (Oxford University Press 2009). Based on her U.C. Berkeley doctoral dissertation and drawing on exclusive access to Rand's personal papers, *Goddess of the Market* was the first archivally researched book to tackle the life and times of the controversial libertarian novelist and philosopher. Published amid rising public interest in Rand, *Goddess of the Market* was widely reviewed in the national press, and Burns was interviewed on both *The Daily Show with John Stewart* and *The Colbert Report*. *Goddess of the Market* was named a Best Book of 2009 by *Bloomberg News*, and a Russian translation was published in Moscow in 2020. As she recounted in the book's Note on Sources and a follow up essay in *The Raritan Quarterly*, Burns was the first scholar to document and publicize discrepancies between Rand's unedited letters and journals and their published versions, stirring controversy among Ayn Rand fans and scholars.

Throughout her career, Burns has been committed to sharing her scholarship with the broadest possible audience. In 2005, she became a podcasting pioneer after releasing lectures from her Berkeley course, Introduction to U.S. History from 1865, on iTunes. Among the first American university lectures to be freely shared online - and still one of the rare humanities courses available - the lectures attracted an appreciative worldwide audience, and are now hosted at [www.jenniferburns.org](http://www.jenniferburns.org). More recently, Burns has been a guest on numerous top ranked podcasts from *Marginal Revolution* to the *Lex Fridman Podcast*.

In 2023, Burns published her second book, *Milton Friedman: The Last Conservative*, which was named a finalist for the 2024 Hayek Prize and the 2025 Age of Reagan Book Prize. Based on a decade of archival research, *Milton Friedman* is both a biography of the influential Nobel Prize winning economist and a broader history of twentieth century economic thought. Among other themes, Burns explores the pivotal and previously overlooked contribution of women economists to Friedman's success, a finding she summarized in a *New York Times* op-ed and further analyzed in articles for *History of Political Economy* and *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

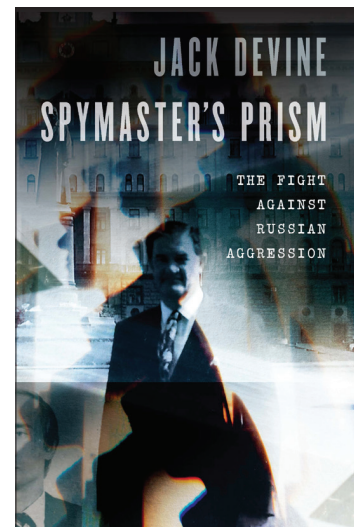
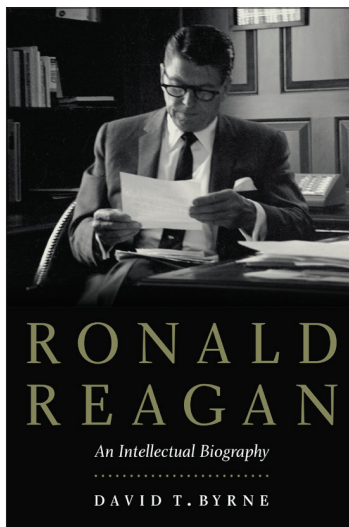
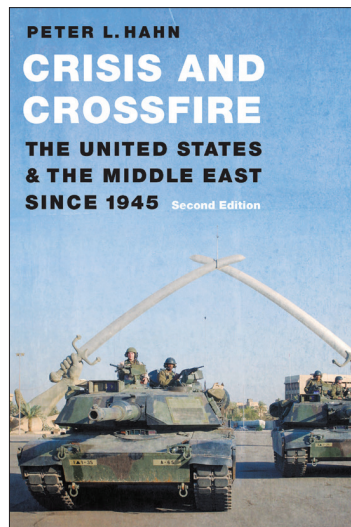
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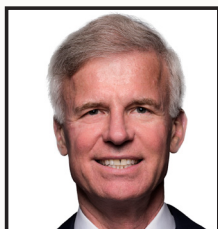
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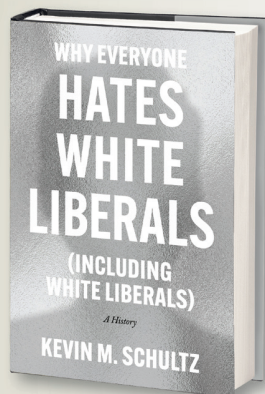
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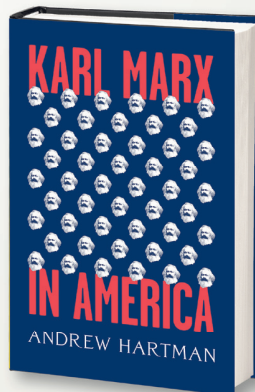
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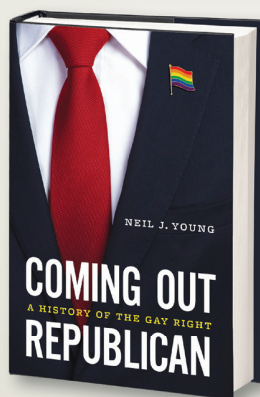
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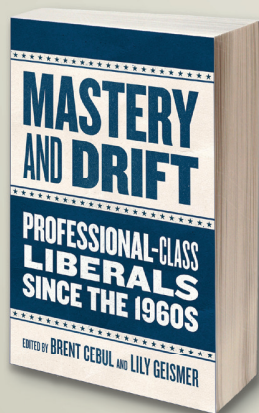
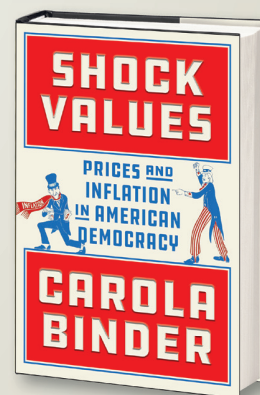
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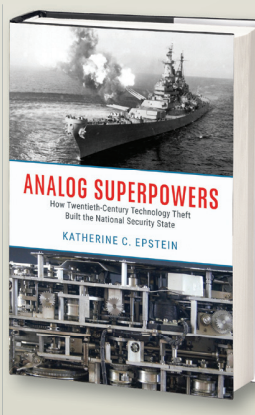
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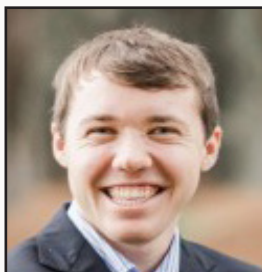
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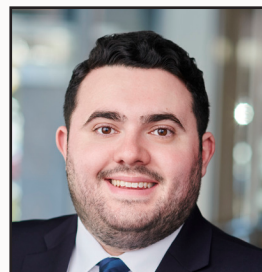
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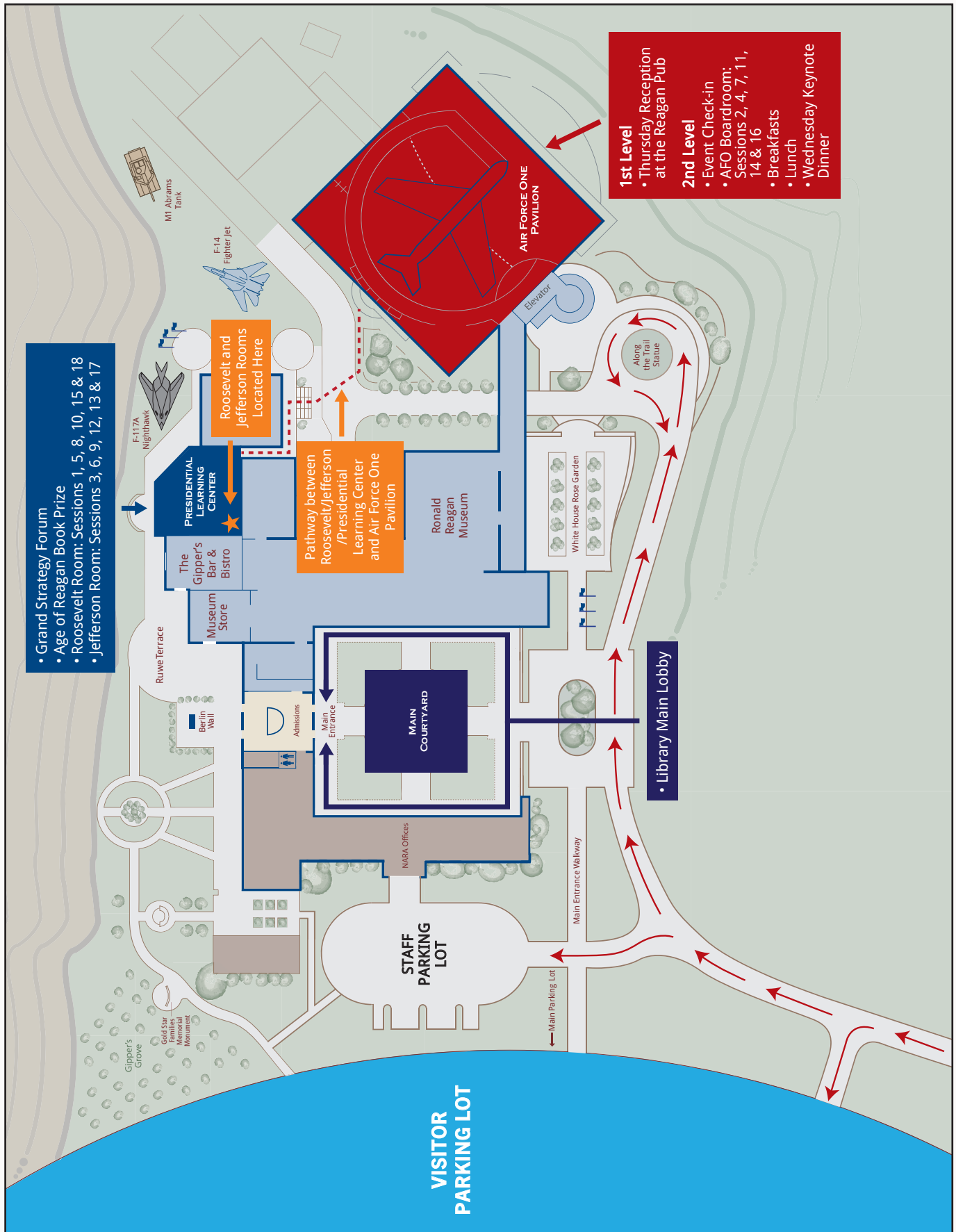
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