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Ronald Reagan Institute Welcomes Postdoctoral Scholars to Its Inaugural Visiting Fellows Program

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Ronald Reagan Institute, the Washington, DC Office of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute (RRPFI), today announced its first class of Reagan Visiting Fellows. Postdoctoral scholars Anthony Eames and Luke Griffith will spend the next year at the Institute's Washington, DC headquarters.

The purpose of the Ronald Reagan Institute's Visiting Fellows Program is to promote scholarship that advances the political, economic, and national security ideas and values of President Ronald Reagan. Visiting Fellows were selected based on the relevance of their research to these principles. While describing the program Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute Trustee Michael Castine said, "President Reagan envisioned the Reagan Library as a place where scholars would interpret the past and policymakers debate the future. The Visiting Fellows program engages the academic community to accomplish both of these essential missions by directly investing in the next generation of scholars."

During their time at the Institute, Dr. Eames and Dr. Griffith will turn their dissertations, which focus on a particular aspect of President Ronald Reagan's legacy, into book manuscripts. Additionally, the visiting fellows will integrate into the policy programs and projects of the institute to advance RRI's work to inform the policy making debate in Washington, DC.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Eames and Dr. Griffith to the Institute as the first class of our Visiting Fellows Program," said Roger Zakheim, director of the Ronald Reagan Institute. "We created this program to promote the scholarship of academics who study the profound impact President Reagan had on the world. We look forward to working with our fellows during what will be a valuable and enriching experience for the Institute. This program is an important step for the growth of the Reagan Institute in implementing its mission to promote President Reagan's legacy in our nation's capital."

Anthony Eames, PhD, Georgetown University:

Dr. Eames is an Adjunct Professor at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He received his PhD in Trans-regional History from Georgetown University where his dissertation was titled: *Public Diplomacy for the Nuclear Age: Anglo-American Grand Strategy and the End of the Cold War*. Mr. Eames received his Masters in Global History at King's College London - Georgetown University and his BA in History and Sociology at Loyola University Chicago.

Dr. Eames' book project will examine the public diplomacy component of President Reagan's Peace Through Strength Initiative and whether President Reagan's strategy remains pertinent in today's geopolitical climate. He hopes that his work will "give us a better sense of the ways in which U.S. policymakers can design confidence building measures to overcome historic and geographical sources of Russian insecurity."

Luke Griffith, PhD, Ohio University:

Dr. Griffith is currently a Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow at the RAND Corporation. He received his PhD in history from Ohio University, where his dissertation was titled: *'Green Cheese' and 'the Moon': Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and the Euromissiles*. He also holds an MA in History from Ohio University and a BA in History from Cedarville University. He has taught history at Ohio University, the University of Rio Grande and Washington State Community College.

Dr. Griffith's manuscript project will examine President Reagan's efforts as a "bona fide nuclear abolitionist" to eliminate intermediate-range missiles through Reagan's signature nuclear disarmament agreement, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. He explains that his research is especially relevant today as policy makers seek to understand the ramifications of the United States' decision to withdraw from the INF Treaty in 2019. His work will provide a much needed re-examination of Reagan's Cold War disarmament efforts and inform contemporary officials who aim to implement new agreements that "impose constraints on Russian and Chinese intermediate-range missiles that pose a serious threat to U.S. and allied security."

The fellowship year begins this September and will last until August 2021.

To learn about the Institute's other scholarly initiatives, visit www.ReaganInstitute.org.

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion, the award-winning Discovery Center and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's mission in Washington, DC. The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and his First Lady.

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