The Age of Reagan Conference is the signature scholarly convening of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. This event will connect scholars to new research opportunities and foster a community of experts working on issues related to Ronald Reagan’s life, legacy, and presidency. This interdisciplinary event seeks to engage scholars from any field and further promote the existing scholarly programs of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute including our visiting fellowships and round-table series.

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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI) is pleased to welcome you to the inaugural Age of Reagan conference. This gathering marks the fulfillment of President Reagan's wish that the Reagan Presidential Library become a “dynamic intellectual forum where scholars interpret the past.”

The Age of Reagan conference represents the commitment of the RRPFI to stimulate and sustain research, writing, and teaching on the Reagan presidency in the broadest possible context. In this pursuit, RRPFI stresses fidelity to sources and methods. New sources of information on the Reagan administration will continue to become available. The archivists of the Reagan Library continue their diligent work on the nearly 50 percent of unprocessed records, while the private papers of key Reagan administration officials are now being made accessible at the Hoover Institution, the Roper Center, and other research facilities across the country. RRPFI strives to promote interdisciplinary methods and conversation, and you will find scholars from the fields of history, political science, sociology, film and communication studies, and more presenting their original findings on a broad range of the Reagan administration's influences on American life and the international community.

We are honored to bestow the inaugural Reagan Book Prize upon Professor William Inboden for his book *Peacemaker: Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, and the World on the Brink*. In Peacemaker, Professor Inboden models a fidelity to sources and methods that provides both a deeper understanding of the Reagan presidency and a clear message of the Reagan administration's importance for the contemporary world.

RRPFI encourages participants in the inaugural Age of Reagan conference to join us in building a community of experts who will help push the frontiers of scholarship on the 40th president and the times in which he lived. The Age of Reagan conference and our other scholarly initiatives, especially our postdoctoral fellowships, will be a consistent source of opportunities to the academic community for years to come.

Roger I. Zakheim

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  CHECK-IN
(Air Force One Pavilion)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  MEETING PERIOD ONE

SESSION ONE: REASSESSING REAGAN’S RHETORICAL LEGACY
(Roosevelt Room)
1) Allison Prasch (University of Wisconsin), “The World as His Stage: Reagan’s Foreign Policy Rhetoric and the Invocation of Peace”
3) Elizabeth Spalding (Hillsdale College; Victims of Communism Fund), “The Evil Empire and SDI: The Moral Rhetoric of Peace through Strength”

SESSION TWO: REAGAN AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF CONSERVATISM
(AFO Board Room)
2) Jeffrey Bloodworth (Gannon University), “Ronald Reagan and the Making of an Enduring Majority Creed”
4) David Brian Cohen (University of Akron), “Reagan and His Chiefs of Staff”
5) Chair: Steven Hayward (University of California, Berkeley)

SESSION THREE: REAGAN AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC: FORECASTING THE FUTURE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
(Jefferson Room)
1) William Chou (Reagan Institute), “If Japan Can Do It, Why Can’t We?: Reagan’s Cold War Diplomacy and Emulating Japan”
2) Federico Pachetti (Corvinus University), “Helping the Dragon: U.S.-China Relations During the First Reagan Administration”
3) Ben Engel (Seoul National University), “Paving the Way for the Marlboro Man: U.S. Public Diplomacy on Trade Liberalization in South Korea in the 1980s”
5) Chair: Dan Sargent (University of California, Berkeley)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST
(Air Force One Pavilion)

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MEETING PERIOD TWO

SESSION FOUR: CONSERVATISM AND THE COURTS
(AFO Board Room)
1) Austin Lee Steelman (Stanford University), “Evangelical Influence on the Reagan Years Revisited”
2) David Byrne (Santa Monica College), “Reagan, a man of ideas”
3) Logan Everett Sawyer (University of Georgia), “Ed Meese, the Conservative Makings of Constitutional Originalism”
4) Chair: Nicole Hemmer (Vanderbilt University)

SESSION FIVE: WAR AND PEACE IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST
(Roosevelt Room)
2) Laila Ballout (Wichita State University), “The Lebanon Debacle and Human Rights in the ‘Age of Reagan’”
3) Edward Kunz (The Ohio State University), “Carter, Reagan, and the Economic Dimension of the Camp David Accords”
5) Chair: Peter Hahn (The Ohio State University)

SESSION SIX: STRATEGIC QUESTIONS AND DESIGNS IN THE REAGAN ERA
(Jefferson Room)
1) Nicholas Eckenrode (The Ohio State University), “The Limits of Peace: Carter, Reagan, and the Strategic Missteps Towards Nuclear War”
3) Anand Toprani (U.S. Naval War College), “The 600 Ship Navy as a Bluff?”
4) Chair: James Graham Wilson (U.S. Department of State)

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM BREAK
MEETING PERIOD THREE
SESSION SEVEN: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, NEOLIBERALISM, AND ENERGY SECURITY
(AFO Boardroom)
5) Chair: Henry Nau (Ronald Reagan Institute, George Washington University)

SESSION EIGHT: LEGACIES OF THE REAGAN ERA: MEMORY, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS
(Roosevelt Room)
1) Ken Heineman (Angelo State University), “In the Shadow of Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan”
2) Brian Domitrovic (Laffer Center), “The Legacy of the Reagan Tax Cuts on Business Models”
3) Anthony Bartl (Angelo State University), “Reagan’s Rejection of Zombie Politics”
4) Larry Bumgardner (Pepperdine University), “Defeating Evil Empires”
5) Chair: Marcus Witcher (Huntingdon College)

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MEETING PERIOD FOUR
SESSION NINE: COLD WAR PERCEPTIONS: FACT OR FICTION
(Roosevelt Room)
2) Chester Pach (Ohio University), “Jim and Sally, Ivan and Anya Speech: Fiction and Fact in Reagan’s Address on U.S.-Soviet Relations”
3) David Craig (University of Southern California), “Before and After The Day After”
4) Chair: Andrew Johns (Brigham Young University)

SESSION TEN: PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN THE AGE OF REAGAN
(Air Force One Boardroom)
1) Nathan Gibson (Reagan Institute, Elizabethtown College), “Centralization and Accountability”
2) Annie Benn (UC Berkeley), “Examining the Complementarity of Political Appointments and Regulatory Review in Presidential Management Strategies”
4) Kenneth Lowande (University of Michigan), “The Failed Promise of Presidential Power in a Polarized Age”
5) Chair: Andrew Rudalevige (Bowdoin College)
SESSION ELEVEN: NEW FRONTIERS AND CRITICAL DOMAINS OF NATIONAL SECURITY
(Jefferson Room)
4) Chair: Paul Lettow (American Enterprise Institute)

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM      BREAK

SESSION TWELVE: OUTCOMES OF THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR
(Jefferson Room)
1) Nicole Hemmer (Vanderbilt University), “The Resurrection of Oliver North: How Iran-Contra Created a Political Celebrity”
2) Joseph Ledford (Hoover Institution), “Iran-Contra Revisited: The Legacy of an Ironic Constitutional Crisis”
3) Chair: Will Inboden (University of Florida)

SESSION THIRTEEN: ROUNDTABLE: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF REAGANOMICS
(Air Force One Boardroom)
1) David Sicilia (University of Maryland)
2) Jerry Jordan (Reagan Administration, Council of Economic Advisors)
3) Brian Domitrovic (Laffer Center)
4) Chair: Ryan Haddad (Reagan Institute)

SESSION FOURTEEN: REACHING OUT: INFORMATION POLICY AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY
(Roosevelt Room)
2) Bret Vukoder (University of Delaware), “Let Poland Be Poland”
3) Chris Campbell (University of Strathclyde), “Reagan and Soviet Nationalities Policy” Beth Fischer
4) * Nick Cull (University of Southern California), “Information Disarmament at the End of the Cold War”

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM      MEETING PERIOD SIX

CONGRESSIONAL FORUM
(Presidential Leadership Center)
1) Roger Zakheim (Introduction)
2) Congressman Hal Daub
3) Congressman David Dreier
4) Senator Phil Gramm
5) Moderator: John Hillen

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM      COCKTAIL RECEPTION
(The Ronald Reagan Pub)
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM  BREAKFAST
(Air Force One Pavilion)

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM  MEETING PERIOD SEVEN

SESSION FIFTEEN: REAGANOMICS, OPPORTUNITY,
AND COMMUNITIES AT RISK
(Air Force One Boardroom)

2) Simone Selva (University of Naples l’Orientale), “Monetary Tightening and Deregulation”
4) Ella Coon (Columbia University), “All in the Family: Lao Family, Control Data, the Reagan Administration’s Efforts to Build a Hmong Diaspora in the American Heartland”
5) Chair: David Sicilia (University of Maryland)

SESSION SIXTEEN: ROGUE STATES AND NARCO-TERRORISM:
REIMAGINING NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE REAGAN ERA
(Jefferson Room)

2) Silke Zoller (Kennesaw State University) “Rogue States, the Iran-Hostage Crisis, and Counterterrorism in the Reagan Administration”
4) Chair: Robert McMahon (The Ohio State University)

SESSION SEVENTEEN: SDI IN THE WORLD ROUNDTABLE
(Roosevelt Room)

1) Susan Colbourn (Duke University)
2) Simon Miles (Duke University)
3) Or Rabinowitz, (Hebrew University)
4) Sanne Vershuren (Boston University)
5) Elizabeth Charles (U.S. Department of State)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM  BREAK

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  MEETING PERIOD EIGHT

REAGAN BOOK PRIZE
(Presidential Leadership Center)

Offering of Award: Dave Trulio
Recipient Address: Will Inboden, Peacemaker
Anthony Eames
Director of Scholarly Initiatives - RRPFI

Anthony Eames is the Director of Scholarly Initiatives at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, where he oversees the development of academic alliances and is responsible for fellowships and programs to support scholarship on the Reagan presidency, legacy, and era. He holds a Ph.D. in history from Georgetown University and an M.A. jointly conferred from King's College London and Georgetown University. He is the author of *A Voice In Their Own Destiny: Reagan, Thatcher, and Public Diplomacy in the Nuclear 1980s* (UMass) and co-author, with John Baylis, of *Sharing Nuclear Secrets: Trust, Mistrust, and Ambiguity in Anglo-American Nuclear Relations, 1939-Present* (Oxford). He has spoken and published widely on nuclear and national security issues in journals and other outlets, including for The Journal of Military History, Technology & Culture, and War on the Rocks. In addition to his work at the Institute, Anthony teaches for George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

David Trulio
President and Chief Executive Officer - RRPFI

David Trulio is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI). Previously, Mr. Trulio was Managing Editor, Head of Strategy and Editorial Operations, at FOX News Digital, which is a news, analysis, and opinion platform operating FoxNews.com and FoxBusiness.com. Earlier, at the Department of Defense, Mr. Trulio served as Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, playing a key leadership and management role atop a vast and diverse team; his responsibilities included serving as Executive Director of the Defense Policy Board, and he also performed the duties of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Mr. Trulio's public service record also includes his appointment by President George W. Bush to be a Special Assistant to the President and the Executive Secretary of the Homeland Security Council (HSC) at the White House.

Prior to his most recent public service, Mr. Trulio was Vice President of International Government Affairs, Operations, and Regional Executive for Latin America at Lockheed Martin International in its Washington, DC-area headquarters. Mr. Trulio is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School; a JD degree from Columbia, where he was a staff member and then treasurer of the Columbia Law Review; and a BA degree in public and international affairs, with honors, from Princeton. Mr. Trulio is also fluent in Spanish. In recognition of his accomplishments and leadership, Mr. Trulio was awarded the Export-Import Bank of the United States Medal and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

Roger Zakheim
Washington Director - RRPFI

Roger Zakheim serves as the Washington Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. He previously practiced law at Covington & Burling LLP where he led the firm's Public Policy and Government Affairs practice group. Before joining Covington he was General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. In this role, Mr. Zakheim managed the passage of the annual National Defense Authorization Act, the defense policy bill which authorizes the Defense Department's budget. Mr. Zakheim's government experience also includes serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense where he supported the department's policies and programs related to Iraq and Afghanistan coalition affairs.

Mr. Zakheim serves on the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace and is a Commissioner on the Congressional Commission on the National Defense Strategy of the United States.

His other boards and advisory boards include: Marvell Government Solutions Board of Directors; the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments’ Advisory Council; Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy Advisory Council; and the Alexander Hamilton Society's Board of Advisors.
Beth Fischer  
*Keynote Speaker*

Beth A. Fischer earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Toronto and specializes in international security and US politics. She was the director of the Woodsworth One program from 2013-2022 where she taught courses on crime, justice, war, and innovation. Prior to that she was a faculty member at the Munk School of Global Affairs and U of T’s Political Science Department teaching courses such as Introduction to International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Conflict and Conflict Management.

In 2002 Beth was awarded a Nobel Fellowship for her research on the ending of the Cold War and its impact on contemporary global affairs. She is the author of *The Myth of Triumphalism: Rethinking President Reagan’s Cold War Legacy* (University Press of Kentucky, 2019) and *The Reagan Reversal: Foreign Policy and the End of the Cold War* (University of Missouri Press, 1997). She has also published articles on conflict management, intelligence analysis, and the science of teaching and learning. Beth was the co-editor of *International Journal* (with Margaret MacMillan), and was a delegate to the Ottawa Convention to Ban Landmines.

Steve Hayward  
*Keynote Speaker*

Steven F. Hayward is a resident scholar at UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, and a fellow of the Public Law and Policy Program at Berkeley Law. He is also currently the Gaylord Distinguished Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy, and was the inaugural visiting scholar in conservative thought and policy at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2013-14. From 2002 to 2012 he was the F.K Weyerhaeuser Fellow in Law and Economics at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington DC, and has been senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco since 1991.

William Inboden
Age of Reagan Conference Book Prize Winner

William Inboden is Professor and Director of the Alexander Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education at the University of Florida. He previously served as Executive Director and William Powers, Jr. Chair at the Clements Center for National Security, Associate Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Distinguished Scholar at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, all at the University of Texas-Austin. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Texas National Security Review. Inboden's other current roles include Associate with the National Intelligence Council, member of the CIA's Historical Advisory Panel, member of the State Department's Historical Advisory Council, Senior Fellow with the Trinity Forum, Steering Committee for the Reagan Institute Strategy Group, and member of the Advisory Board for the Vandenberg Coalition. Previously he served as Senior Director for Strategic Planning on the National Security Council at the White House, where he worked on a range of foreign policy issues including the National Security Strategy, strategic forecasting, democracy and governance, contingency planning, counter-radicalization, and multilateral institutions and initiatives. Inboden also worked at the Department of State as a Member of the Policy Planning Staff and a Special Advisor in the Office of International Religious Freedom, and has worked as a staff member in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. He has also served as head of the London-based Legatum Institute, and as a Civitas Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.


Professor Inboden has received multiple teaching awards including recognition as a “Texas 10” by the Texas Exes Alumni Association, selection as “Lecturer of the Year” at the LBJ School, and his classes Presidential Decision-making in National Security and Ethics and International Affairs were voted as “Best Class in the LBJ School” and “Class Most Likely to Challenge Your Assumptions.” Inboden received his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in history from Yale University, and his A.B. in history with honors from Stanford University. He lives in Gainesville, FL with his wife and two sons.
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