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Professional Summary: Chris is the Stanley Kaplan Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Foreign Policy with Williams College, a Member of the Hoover Institution's Working Group on the Role of Military History in Contemporary Conflict, a Visiting Fellow with Catholic University's Center for the Study of Statesmanship, and a Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Bipartisan Review – a project with Cornell University's Institute of Politics. Chris has over 35 years of distinguished public service. From 2011-2017, Chris served as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives (NY-19). In Congress, Chris was recognized for **Statesmanship**, finishing #1 among all Representatives of both political parties in the U.S. House in the inaugural report of the Lugar Policy Center Bipartisan Index in 2014 and serving as one of the co-chairs of the Bipartisan Caucus, "No Labels." Serving on the House Armed Services, Small Business, and Agriculture Committees, Chris played an integral role crafting important legislation in strengthening national security, supporting veterans, revitalizing infrastructure, supporting family farmers, advancing rural economic development, recovering from devastating hurricanes, expanding broadband, fighting Lyme Disease, enhancing mental health, and reforming education policy. Prior to serving in Congress, Chris spent 29 years in the military where he rose to the rank of Colonel in the US Army. In his last assignment, Chris commanded the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade, leading them to Haiti on a humanitarian relief operation after the devastating earthquake there in 2010. Over the course of his Army career, Chris served four combat tours in Iraq and was awarded four Bronze Star Medals and the Purple Heart. Chris holds a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University and previously taught American Politics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (1995-1998) and served as a Hoover National Security Affairs Fellow at Stanford University (2006-2007). Gibson's published works on national security and civil-military relations have appeared in *Armed Forces & Society*, *Military Review*, *Hoover Digest*, and with Harvard University's Project on Post-Cold War Civil-Military Relations. In addition, he's authored two books, *Securing the State: Reforming the National Security Decision-making Process at the Civil-Military Nexus* published by Ashgate in 2008, and *Rally Point: Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream* published by Twelve Books in 2017. Chris has also contributed a chapter to the book, *American Civil-Military Relations 50 Years after Samuel Huntington's The Soldier and the State*, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in October 2009. Finally, Chris has also published numerous opinion-editorial pieces on wide-ranging topics in both national and local media outlets and occasionally appears on Cable TV to talk about national security and foreign affairs.

Education/Internships/Fellowships/Courses Taught

- BA in History from Siena College, 1986. Graduated *Magna Cum Laude* and was the #1 History Department graduate.
- Washington Semester Program, American University, Fall 1985. Concentration: American Foreign Policy.
- MPA from Cornell University, 1995.
- MA in Government from Cornell University, 1996.
- PhD in Government from Cornell University, 1998. Dissertation: *Countervailing Forces: Enhancing Civilian Control and National Security through Madisonian Concepts*. Committee Members: Dr. Elizabeth Sanders (Chair), Dr. Theodore J. Lowi, Dr. Judith Reppy, and Dr. Tom Christenson.
- Doctor of Humane Letters, State University of New York, May 2017.
- Georgetown University/Army Congressional Fellowship, 2002-2004.
- Hoover National Security Affairs Fellowship with Stanford University, 2006-2007.
- **Courses taught at the United States Military Academy at West Point**, SS202 *Introduction to American Politics*, SS373 *The American Presidency*, SS472: *US Civil-Military Relations*, and SS480: *Public Policy-making*.
- **Courses taught at Williams College**, LEAD/POLSCI 293: *Leadership and Political Change*, LEAD/POLSCI 367: *The Politics of American National Security*, and LEAD/POLSCI 127: *President Trump and the Future of American Foreign Policy*.

Awards/Honors

- Congressional awards earned include: "Friend of the Farmer" from the NY State Farm Bureau, NFIB "Guardian of Small Business," American Mental Health Counselors Association "Legislator of the Year," John F. Seiberling Award for Conservation, "Friend of the National Parks," "First Focus Champion of Children Award," NY National Guard "Patriot Award," the "Good Scout Award" from the Twin Rivers Boy Scout Council and the "Distinguished Citizen Award" from the Rip Van Winkle and Leatherstocking Boy Scout Councils.
- Inducted into the Ichabod Crane High School Wall of Fame, 2018 and Siena College ROTC Wall of Fame, 2013.
- U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Class of 2000, General George C. Marshall Award Winner, given to the #1 graduate out of over 1,000 students. During that same year, Chris also won the Grierson Award given to the top Strategist in the course. The Army officially recognized him as a Historian (additional skill identifier 5X) and Strategist (additional skill identifier 6Z) upon graduation from CGSC.
- Cornell University nominee for the American Political Science Association's Schattschneider Dissertation Prize for Academic Year 1997-1998.
- Awarded the Order of Saint Maurice for significant contributions to the Infantry, 2004.
- Among his military awards and decorations are: two Legions of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals, the Purple Heart, seven Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab. In addition, the units Chris commanded at the Battalion and Brigade levels earned two Valorous Unit Awards (for combat action in Iraq) and the Army Superior Unit Award (for humanitarian service in Haiti), respectively.

List of Publications (Christopher P. Gibson)

Books and Ph.D. Dissertation:

Rally Point: *Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream* (New York: Twelve Books, 2017).

This book has received very favorable reviews in a number of national and local media outlets, including: *The Weekly Standard*, *Politico*, *Oneonta Daily Star*, *Auburn Citizen*, *Albany Times Union*, *Kingston Times*, *Berkshire Eagle*, and *Hudson Valley 360*.

Chris also appeared on *CSPAN's Washington Journal* to discuss the book. Advance praise included with publication of *Rally Point* came from Honorable Ed Meese, Congressman Chris Stewart, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Congressman Dan Lipinski, Army General (retired) Dan Allyn, and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.

Securing the State: *Reforming the National Security Decisionmaking Process at the Civil-Military Nexus* (Hampshire, England: Ashgate, 2008). This book has received very favorable reviews in a number of highly respected professional journals, including: *Military Review* by Dr. Peter Molin, *Defender* (a publication by the Australian Defense Force) by the former Chief of the Staff of the Australian Army General Peter Leahy, *Contemporary Security Policy* by Dr. Gary Schaub of the US Air War College, *Democracy and Security* by Dr. Jose Olmeda of the University of Spain, and the *Australian Defence Journal*, by Dr. Ian Wing. In addition, advance praise included with publication of *Securing the State* came from Army LTG William Caldwell, Hoover Scholar Dr. Victor Davis Hanson, Army LTG H.R. McMaster, and Dr. Don M. Snider. *Securing the State* is used at the Army War College, the Command & General Staff College and several U.S. colleges and universities. It also has drawn interest in Australia, Great Britain, and Spain.

Countervailing Forces: *Enhancing Civilian Control and National Security Through Madisonian Concepts*, Ph.D. Dissertation, Cornell University, 1998. Available through UMI Dissertation Services, UMI Number 9818266.

Book Chapter:

"Enhancing National Security and Civilian Control of the Military: An Argument for a Madisonian Approach" a book chapter in *American Civil-Military Relations 50 Years after Samuel Huntington's, The Soldier and the State*, edited by Don M. Snider and Suzanne Nielson, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, October 2009). This edited volume is used by several colleges and universities across the country for courses on civil-military relations.

Journal Articles, Working Papers and Special Projects:

"Still Exceptional," *Hoover Digest* No. 1 (Winter 2019-20): 60-64.

"The Indispensable Partnership," *Hoover Digest* No. 3 (Summer 2007): 101-112.

"Battlefield Victories and Strategic Success," *Military Review* (October-November 2006): 47-59. Reprinted in the premiere French Military journal, *Les Cahiers du CESAT* (October 2007). This article has been included as part of the curriculum for counter-insurgency courses and conferences at War Colleges and Military Academies.

"The Soldier and Congress," with Matthew Moten. *Military Review*, (March-April 1999): 65-68.

Special Project Coordinator/Editor for the Special Edition of *Military Review* dedicated to Army-Congressional Affairs, 1999.

"Civil-Military Relations and the Potential to Influence: A Look at the National Security Decision-Making Process," with Dr. Don M. Snider, *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Winter 1999): 193-218.

"Explaining Post-Cold War Civil-Military Relations: A New Institutional Approach," with Dr. Don M. Snider, *Harvard Project on Post-Cold War Civil-Military Relations, Working Paper #8*, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, 1997.

Book Review of Michael Desch's, *Civilian Control of the Military: The Changing Security Environment*. The review was published in *Military Review*, (March-April 2001): 104-105.

A partial listing of Opinion-Editorial pieces:

"Refining U.S. Strategy in the Mediterranean," *Strategika*, Issue 62, (January 10, 2020).

"Principled Realism and the Monroe Doctrine," *Strategika*, Issue 60, (September 6, 2019).

"Securing the Border while preserving the Constitution & American Exceptionalism," *Albany Times Union* (February 17, 2019).

"We must address national debt crisis," w/ former US REP Jim Slattery (D-KS), *Topeka Capital-Journal* (December 17, 2018).

"The looming fiscal crisis," with former US REP Jim Slattery (D-KS), *Albany Times Union* (December 2, 2018).

"Towards a new American Grand Strategy based on principled realism," *Strategika*, Issue 55, (November 15, 2018).

"The Way Forward with Putin and Russia," *Strategika*, Issue 53, (September 5, 2018).

"The Spirit of Philadelphia," *Poughkeepsie Journal* (July 4, 2018).

"Millennials Will Step Up," *Albany Times Union* (June 17, 2018).

"We the People' Must Unite: How we can 'drain the swamp,'" *Albany Times Union* (April 22, 2018).

"A Season of Life's Lessons," *Albany Times Union* (March 25, 2018).

"Reflections on President's Day," *Albany Times Union* (February 18, 2018)

"Restoring the Greatness of the Hudson River," *Hudson Valley 360* (February 2, 2018)

"The Coming Reckoning," *Albany Times Union* (January 21, 2018).

"Continued Presence in Afghanistan Costly," *Albany Times Union* (August 26, 2017).

"The Path Forward after Charlottesville," *Poughkeepsie Journal* (August 17, 2017).

"Peacefully resolving the North Korean crisis with strong American Leadership," *Albany Times Union* (August 13, 2017).

"Posture Act will end U.S. Land Forces drawdown," with US REP Tim Walz (D-MN), *AUSA News* (May 2016).

"The way forward v. the Islamist State," *Poughkeepsie Journal* (February 16, 2015).

"As we celebrate International Women's Day, a call to action," *The Hill* (March 7, 2014).

"High-speed broadband access is critical..." with US REP Jared Polis (D-CO) *Education Week News* (February 18, 2014).

"Our land, our legacy, our responsibility," with US REP Jared Hoffman (D-CA) *The Hill* (February 4, 2014).

"Empowering local schools: the case for reform," *Troy Record* (November 26, 2013).

"Working together: from Haiti to Congress," with US REP Raul Ruiz (D-CA), *Times Herald Record* (July 24, 2013).

"Military is poised for reform," *Albany Times Union* (January 22, 2012).