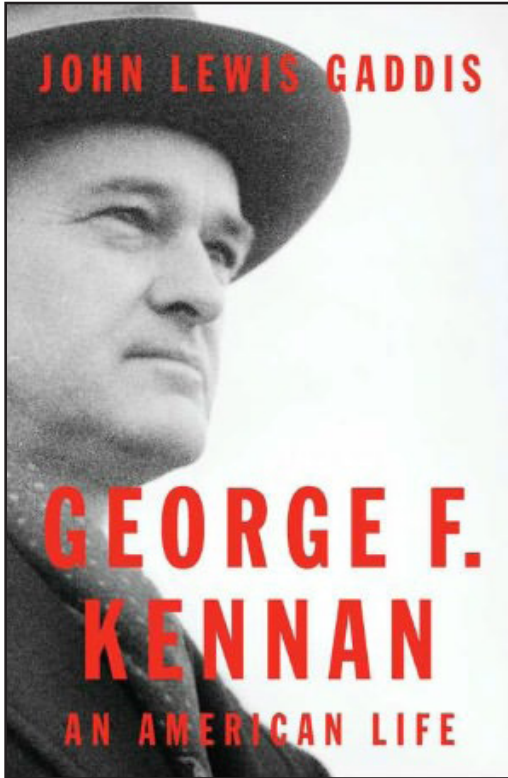


# **George F. Kennan: An American Life**



**Saturday, April 7, 2012**

Griffin Hall, Room 3  
Williams College

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Stanley Kaplan Program in American Foreign Policy*

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8:45 - 10:00 AM

## ***The Making of a Cold War Intellectual***

Frank Costigliola, *University of Connecticut*

Walter Hixson, *University of Akron*

Christina Klein, *Boston College*

Mark Lawrence, *UT-Austin/Williams College*

Frank Ninkovich, *St. John's University*

10:15 - 11:45 AM

## ***Kennan and the Art of Foreign Policy***

David Ekbladh, *Tufts University*

Hope Harrison, *George Washington University*

Fredrik Logevall, *Cornell University*

David Mayers, *Boston University*

Anders Stephanson, *Columbia University*

12:00 - 1:00 PM

## ***Lunch***

1:00 - 2:15 PM

## ***Kennan, Realism, and American Grand Strategy***

David Kaiser, *Naval War College*

Douglas Macdonald, *Colgate University*

James McAllister, *Williams College*

Mark Sheetz, *Belfer Center at Harvard University*

2:15 - 2:30 PM

## ***Closing Remarks***

John Lewis Gaddis, *Yale University*

# Conference Participants

## **Frank Costigliola**, *University of Connecticut*

Frank Costigliola is a Professor of history at the University of Connecticut. He is the author, most recently, of *Roosevelt's Lost Alliances* (Princeton, 2012) and he is currently editing the diaries of George F. Kennan.

## **David Ekbladh**, *Tufts University*

David Ekbladh is Assistant Professor of history at Tufts University. He is currently at work on a book entitled *Look at the World: The Birth of an American Globalism in the 1930s*, that explores the wide-ranging changes in how the United States perceived and engaged the world. His first book, *The Great American Mission: Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order* (Princeton University Press, 2010), won the Stuart L. Bernath Prize of the Society of American Historians as well as the Phi Alpha Theta Best First Book Award. Articles of his have appeared in *Diplomatic History*, *The International History Review*, *International Security*, *World Affairs*, and the *Wilson Quarterly*. Among other awards he has held fellowships from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, International Security Studies at Yale University, and the Belfer Center at Harvard University.

## **John Lewis Gaddis**, *Yale University*

John Lewis Gaddis is Robert A. Lovett Professor of History and Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy at Yale University, where he teaches courses on Cold War history, grand strategy, biography, and historical methods. Educated at the University of Texas at Austin, he has also taught at Ohio University, the United States Naval War College, the University of Helsinki, Princeton University, and Oxford University. His more recent books include *The Landscape of History: How Historians Map the Past* (2002); *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience* (2004); *The Cold War: A New History* (2005); a new edition of *Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of Postwar American National Security Policy* (2005); and *George F. Kennan: An American Life* (2011); the winner, in 2012, of the New York Historical Society American History Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Prize for Biography, and the Robert H. Ferrell Prize of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Professor Gaddis has received two awards for undergraduate teaching at Yale, and was a 2005 recipient of the National Humanities Medal.

**Hope Harrison**, *George Washington University*

Hope M. Harrison is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University. She is the author of *Driving the Soviets Up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961* (Princeton, 2003), which was expanded and revised for German publication in 2011 for the 50th anniversary of the building of the Wall (*Ulbrichts Mauer*). She is currently writing a book on the resurrection of the Berlin Wall as a site of memory since 1989. Professor Harrison has been a research fellow at the American Academy in Berlin, the Nobel Institute in Oslo, the Davis Center at Harvard, the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., and has held a Fulbright Fellowship at the German Federal Foundation for Reappraising the SED Dictatorship. She has appeared on CNN, C-SPAN, the History Channel, Deutschlandradio and Spiegel-TV. She served as Director of European and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council from 2000-2001 and is the Chair of the Advisory Council of the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

**Walter L. Hixson**, *University of Akron*

Walter L. Hixson is Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Akron. He is the author of *The Myth of American Diplomacy: National Identity and U.S. Foreign Policy* (Yale University Press, 2008), among many other works, including *George F. Kennan: Cold War Iconoclast* (Columbia University Press, 1989).

**David Kaiser**, *Naval War College*

David Kaiser has been a Professor at the Naval War College for 22 years and previously taught at Harvard University and Carnegie Mellon. Next year he will occupy the Stanley Kaplan Chair at Williams College for the second time. He is the author of six books, including *American Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Origins of the Vietnam War*, and is currently working on a book on U.S. planning for and entry into the Second World War.

**Christina Klein**, *Boston College*

Christina Klein is an Associate Professor of English at Boston College. She earned her Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale and is author of *Cold War Orientalism: Asia in the Middlebrow Imagination, 1945-1961*. Her current project explores the development of Korean cinema in the wake of the Korean War, with an eye toward the legacies of Japanese colonialism and the influence of the U.S. military. Work drawn from this project has been published in *American Quarterly*, *Cinema Journal*, and the *Journal of Chinese Cinemas*.

**Mark Lawrence**, *University of Texas at Austin/Williams College*

Mark Lawrence is Associate Professor of History and Senior Fellow at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law. He has published two books, *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam* and *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History*, and co-edited *The First Indochina War: Colonial Conflict and Cold War Crisis*. He is now at work on a study of U.S. policymaking toward the developing world in the 1960s and early 1970s.

**Fredrik Logevall**, *Cornell University*

Fredrik Logevall joined the Department of History at Cornell in 2004. He previously taught at UC Santa Barbara, where he co-founded the Center for Cold War Studies. A specialist on U.S. foreign relations, Professor Logevall teaches a range of courses covering the history of U.S. diplomacy and foreign policy, as well as the international history of the Cold War and the Vietnam Wars. In 2006-07 he was Leverhulme Professor of History at the University of Nottingham and Mellon Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge, and he currently serves as the director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies. His new book, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam*, will be published in August 2012.

**David Mayers**, *Boston University*

David Mayers teaches at Boston University, where he holds a joint appointment in the History and Political Science departments. His most recent book is *Dissenting Voices in America's Rise to Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). He is also the author of a forthcoming book, *FDR's Ambassadors and the Diplomacy of Crisis* (Cambridge University Press, 2012). Mayers has a longstanding interest in Kennan's ideas and wrote *George Kennan and the Dilemmas of U.S. Foreign Policy* (Oxford University Press, 1988). His current research/writing is centered on U.S. involvement in the 1945-46 Nuremberg trial.

**James McAllister**, *Williams College*

James McAllister is Professor of Political Science and the Director of the Stanley Kaplan Program in American Foreign Policy at Williams College. He is the author of *No Exit: America and the German Problem, 1943-1954* (Cornell, 2002) and his articles on various aspects of the Vietnam War have been published in *Modern Asian Studies*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, and *International Security*. He is currently a member of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation.

**Douglas Macdonald, Colgate University**

Douglas Macdonald is Associate Professor of Political Science at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., where he has taught for twenty-five years and has served as Director of the International Relations Program. He is author of *Adventures in Chaos: American Intervention for Reform in the Third World* (Harvard University Press, 1992) and *The New Totalitarians: Social Identities and Radical Islamist Political Grand Strategy* (U.S. Army War College, 2007), along with numerous articles and chapters. He is currently writing a book on ideology and international conflict, 1789-1989.

**Frank Ninkovich, St. John's University**

Frank Ninkovich received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1978 and has been teaching at St. John's since 1980. He is the author of *The Diplomacy of Ideas: U.S. Foreign Policy and Cultural Relations, 1938-1950* (Cambridge University Press, 1981); *Germany and the United States: The Transformation of the German Question Since 1945* (Twayne Publishers, 1988); *Modernity and Power: A History of the Domino Theory in the Twentieth Century* (University of Chicago Press, 1994); *U.S. Information Policy and Cultural Diplomacy* (Foreign Policy Association, 1995); *The Wilsonian Century: U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1900* (University of Chicago Press, 1999); *The United States and Imperialism* (Blackwell Publishers, 2001); and, most recently, *Global Dawn: The Cultural Foundation of American Internationalism, 1865-1900* (Harvard University Press, 2009). At the moment, he is working on a history of American exceptionalism in foreign affairs that investigates scientists' attempts to influence U.S. nuclear policy during the Cold War.

**Paul Rubinson, Bridgewater State College**

Paul Rubinson received his PhD in history from the University of Texas at Austin in 2008. His article "Crucified on a Cross of Atoms" appeared in *Diplomatic History* in 2011. He is currently at work on a book manuscript about nuclear scientists and the arms race during the Cold War.

**Mark S. Sheetz**, *Belfer Center at Harvard University*

Mark Sheetz has been teaching American foreign policy for over ten years, most recently at Boston College. He has also taught courses in U.S.-European relations and world politics at Wesleyan University and Dartmouth College. He was a Fellow in National Security Affairs at the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies in Harvard's Center for International Affairs and a John M. Olin Fellow in International Security Studies at Yale University. At Yale, Professor Sheetz had the opportunity to lecture in the course on grand strategy, directed by John Lewis Gaddis and Paul Kennedy. Professor Sheetz is currently a fellow in international security at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs of Harvard University, where he is working on a book manuscript about Franco-German rapprochement and the origins of postwar European cooperation. His scholarly articles on American foreign policy, European politics, and international relations theory have appeared in journals such as *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *Foreign Policy*, and the *Journal of Cold War Studies*.

**Anders Stephanson**, *Columbia University*

Anders Stephanson is the Rudd Family Foundation Professor of U.S. History at Columbia University. He has written on a variety of topics in the field of U.S. foreign relations, including Kennan, religion, the Cold War as a periodizing device and most recently the Monroe Doctrine, all efforts based on an interest in the history of concepts and their function for the framing of policy. He is now working on, among other things, a consideration of the anti-imperialism of JFK in the 1950s.

**Stephen Wertheim**, *Columbia University*

Stephen Wertheim is a doctoral candidate in history at Columbia University. He works in particular on international society and U.S. foreign relations in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Stephen received an M.Phil from Columbia University (2011) and a B.A. summa cum laude from Harvard University (2007), and a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship supports his doctoral studies. His recent article in *Diplomatic History*, "The League that Wasn't: American Designs for a Legalist-Sanctionist League of Nations and the Intellectual Origins of International Organization, 1914-1920," received the 2012 Fishel-Calhoun Prize from the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

