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***Vincent de Paul Professor of Law and US Foreign Relations, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago since 2005. Director, European and Latin American Legal Studies Director, LLM International Law Program Director, Global Engagement***

**Teaching and academic advisory responsibilities in the areas of public international law and U.S. Foreign Relations. Courses: Public International Law; International Protection of Human Rights; United States Foreign Relations Law; The Constitution and American Foreign Policy.**

**Received highest University and College of Law Teaching Awards (2010, 2012).**

***Visiting Fellow, Otto Sühr Institute of Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin (2018)***

***Visiting Professor, Watson Institute of International Studies, Brown University (2004-2005)***

***Visiting Fellow, University of London, United States Studies Institute (1996)***

**GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

***Dean, Center for Naval Warfare Studies, U.S. Naval War College (1999 - 2004)***

**Upon becoming Dean in 1999, restructured the U. S. Navy's foremost strategic research center, raising resources for its funding and attracting to it a number of world-renowned faculty; strengthening its International Law Department; building up its research capabilities in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East; enhancing the**

quality and visibility of its quarterly journal, *The Naval War College Review*, and other publications; and drawing private sector resources to support its work. Under his leadership, the Center also carried out major risk assessments of security and terrorist threats in collaboration with federal and state agencies and private sector organizations. The Center includes 40 military personnel and 25 civilian analysts and researchers, as well as an annual budget, excluding payroll, of \$5 million.

The Center's International Law Department is the Navy's premier academic center for the study and application of international law, including the law of the sea and law of armed conflict, and it boasts an extensive array of interactions with international legal scholars and institutions from around the world. The Center's "Blue Book Series" on International Law, published regularly since 1904, is widely acknowledged as an authoritative reference for discussions of key legal issues in customary and treaty international law. The Charles H. Stockton Chair has been occupied throughout its history by distinguished international law scholars and practitioners.

From 1999 to 2004, traveled frequently throughout Europe and Latin America, and worked on numerous regional security, democracy, and rule of law projects involving the governments of Switzerland, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, and the Council on Foreign Relations, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Ford Foundation, the United States Institute of Peace, the United States Agency for International Development, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and SAIC Corp.

*Professor of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College (1993 – 1999)*

Member of interdisciplinary team teaching the College's renowned Strategy and Policy course. The course introduces students to the political, diplomatic, legal, and strategic dilemmas of foreign policy and military strategy through case studies of actual conflicts. The course also discusses the key principles and questions of strategic thinking as applicable to the design and implementation of high-level foreign policy and military strategy. The course is aimed at mid-level and senior military officers from all services, and senior civilian officials from various government agencies. 15% of the students are international.

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (Three-star civilian equivalent on the staff of the Secretary of Defense, 1990 - 1993)*

As executive vice-president to the Assistant Secretary, exercised legal and administrative oversight over the U.S. Special Operations Command, its 40,000 U.S. special operations forces and their \$3 billion annual budget; a professional Pentagon staff of 77 civilian and military personnel; development of policy and strategy for all U.S. special operations forces, and options for their use in counter-narcotics operations; expansion of their capabilities for complex counter-terrorist operations with NATO allies, and of their role in the counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; the provision of intelligence support for U.S. special operations around the world; and provided policy support and advice to Secretary of

**Defense Richard Cheney, Under-Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, and Assistant Secretary James R. Locher. Key security issues addressed included the First Persian Gulf War of 1991; the restructuring of American military forces and strategy following the end of the Cold War; the management of security sanctions against Libya in the aftermath of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing; and humanitarian interventions in Liberia and Somalia.**

*Awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service in 1993.*

*Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law, U.S. Naval War College (1989 -1990)*

**Youngest holder of the Chair since its founding in 1951. Taught international law to U.S. and international military and civilian officials and did research on international legal and political dimensions of terrorism, unconventional wars, and other forms of “low intensity” conflict. Designed and directed a two-year United States Institute of Peace project on the implications of “low intensity” conflict for international order and governance.**

*Secretary of the Navy Senior Research Fellow and Professor of Strategy, U.S. Naval War College (1986 - 1989)*

*Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University (1982 - 1986)*

**EDUCATION:**            **Princeton University:**

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), *cum laude*, 1977  
Russian Studies**

**University of Virginia:**

**J.D., 1980  
Specialization in International Law**

**PH.D., 1983  
“*Highest distinction*” in international politics and theory**

**Born and raised in Cuba. Came to the United States as a teenage refugee in 1968 without close family or any knowledge of English.**

**LANGUAGES:** Spanish (fluent); French (fair reading knowledge); Russian (fair reading knowledge)

**FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:**

- 2018** Appointed Vincent de Paul Professor of Law and U.S. Foreign Relations.  
  
Served as Visiting Fellow, Otto Sühr Institute, Freie Universitat Berlin.
- 2012** “De Paul Engage” Award, selected as one of 25 faculty members at the University “who have contributed most to students’ learning and development as socially responsible leaders in the De Paul- Vincentian tradition”.  
  
“Excellence in Teaching” Award, De Paul University
- 2010** “Excellence in Teaching” Award, College of Law
- 2005** Visiting Professor, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University.
- 2004** Awarded the Republic of Guatemala’s Order of Antonio Jose de Irisarri Medal for role as international advisor in strengthening civilian authority over the armed forces and police, the rule of law, institutional integrity, and human rights: “His work with members of the Guatemalan government, military, police, and civil society during 2001-2003 helped to strengthen human rights, transparency, and civilian rule, lending significant support to the implementation of the 1996 Peace Accords that put an end to Guatemala’s thirty-year civil war in which 200,000 persons perished.”
- 1996** Earhart Fellowship, University of London.
- 1993** Secretary of Defense, Medal for Outstanding Public Service.
- 1991** Burkett Miller Prize, awarded by the University of Virginia White

**Burkett Miller Center for Public Affairs for “distinction in scholarship and public service.”**

- 1989**      **Appointed to the Charles H. Stockton Chair of International Law (youngest holder of the Chair since its founding).**
- 1986**      **Winner of the American Journal of International Law’s 1986 Francis Deák Prize for the best article by a younger scholar in that year’s Journal.**
- 1984**      **Institute for Humane Studies summer research fellowship.**
- 1983**      **Institute for the Study of World Politics fellowship.**
- 1982**      **Danforth-Compton Foundation research fellowship. Eisenhower Memorial Foundation fellowship.**
- 1981**      **Newcombe Fellow (Woodrow Wilson Foundation).**
- 1980**      **Richard M. Weaver Fellow**
- Thomas Jefferson Fellow, University of Virginia.**
- Exxon Educational foundation grant for research on ethical values and American foreign policy.**
- Associate Young Scholar, White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs.**
- 1979**      **First Place, Jefferson Society Moomaw Oratorical Prize, University of Virginia**
- 1977**      **First Place, Class of 1876 Memorial Prize Debate in Politics, Princeton University**
- 1976**      **First Place, Lynde Prize Debate, Princeton University**  
**First Place, National Champion, Impromptu Speaking**
- 1974**      **First Place, National Champion, Impromptu Speaking**  
**First Place, National Champion, Extemporaneous Speaking**

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Virginia Bar (since 1984)
- Council on Foreign Relations (since 2000)
- American Bar Association
- Naval War College Foundation
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy
- Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos
- Asociación Atlántica Española
- Real Liga Naval Española
- Instituto de Estudios Jurídicos-Políticos, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Advisory Board, *Migratio Journal*, University of Havana Law School
- Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island
- Amigo - Santa, Pontificia y Real Hermandad del Refugio y Piedad, Madrid

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **BOOKS:**

*Legal and Moral Constraints on Low-Intensity Conflict*, Alberto Coll, James Ord and Stephen Rose, eds. (Newport, RI: Naval War College Press, 1995).

*The Wisdom of Statecraft: Sir Herbert Butterfield and the Philosophy of International Politics* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1985). (Selected by Choice in 1986 as an “Outstanding Academic Book”).

*The Falklands War: Lessons for Strategy, Diplomacy and International Law*, Alberto Coll and Anthony Arend, eds. (London: Allen and Unwin, 1985).

*The Western Heritage and American Values: Law, Theology, and History* (Washington: University Press of America, 1982).

### **CASE STUDIES:**

*The Problems of Doing Good: Somalia as a Case Study in Humanitarian Intervention* (New York: Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1997).

*The Deep Seabed Mining Negotiations as a Case Study in Diplomacy and Law*, Pew Trust Project in Diplomacy, 1989.

### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

*The Vital Relevance of the U.S.-European Alliance*, James M. Houston, AFTER COVID (Vancouver: Regent College 2022).

*That Vast External Realm: The Limits of Love and Law in International Politics*, Robert F. Cochran, Jr. and Zachary Calo, eds., AGAPE, JUSTICE, AND LAW (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

*Lessons from History: Possibilities Open to the United States and Cuba To Settle Property and Damage Claims Through the Use of Presidential Executive Authority*, Margaret E. Crahan and Soraya Castro Marino, eds., U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS: NORMALIZING THE ABNORMAL (Columbia University Institute of Latin American Studies, 2017).

*Commentary: The U.S. Congress Must Authorize Major Wars*, 29 GOVERNANCE 3 (July, 2016).

**“American National Security Strategy: Continuities and Uncertainties in a Changing World”**, in John Norton Moore, Guy B. Roberts, and Robert F. Turner eds., NATIONAL SECURITY LAW, 3d ed. (Carolina Academic Press, 2015), 839859. *This is one of the two leading casebooks in the field of National Security Law.*

**“La Política Exterior de los Estados Unidos: Continuidades y Tensiones que la Animán”**, Alberto Priego, ed., *La Política Exterior de los Estados Unidos* (Madrid: Editorial Universidad Pontificia Comillas, 2015).

**“El Ejercicio de la Abogacía en los EEUU: Ideal y Realidad”**, Cristina Carretero Gonzalez y Federico de Montalvo Jaaskelainen, eds., *Retos de la Abogacía ante la Sociedad Global* (Madrid: Thomson Reuters, 2013).

**“Wielding Human Rights and Constitutional Procedure to Temper the Harms of Globalization: Costa Rica's Battle Over the Central American Free Trade Agreement”**, 33 University

of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law 461-561 (Winter 2011).

“The Relevance of Christian Realism to the Twenty-First Century”, Eric Patterson, ed., *Christianity and Power Politics Today: Christian Realism and Contemporary Political Dilemmas*, 41-72 (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008).

“Harming Human Rights in the Name of Promoting Them: The Case of the Cuban Embargo”, 12 U.C.L.A. Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs 199 (2007).

“What doth it Profit a Man?: Preserving Liberty and the Rule of Law in the ‘War on Terror’”, Bradley C. S. Watson, ed., *The West at War* (Boston: Lexington Books, 2006), 157-177.

“Kosovo and the Moral Burdens of Power”, Andrew J. Bacevich and Eliot A. Cohen, eds. *War over Kosovo: Politics and Strategy in a Global Age* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001), 124-154.

The Letters of Jacob Burckhardt, Selected, edited, and translated by Alexander Dru (1955) (*Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2000*). Introduction by Alberto R. Coll (2000).

“Terrorism”, *Strategic Assessment 1997* (National Defense University, 1997).

”U.S. Strategic Interests in Latin America”, *Journal of Inter-American Studies*, v. 39 (January 1997), 45-57.

“Prudent Statesmen: Kissinger, Truman and Thatcher”, *Ethics and International Affairs* (1995), 193-213.

“Just and Unjust Wars: The Future of U.S. Policy,” *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*, vol. 6, no. 1 (1993).

“Power, Principles, and Prospects for a Cooperative International Order,” *The Washington Quarterly*, vol. 16 (Winter 1993).

“America as the Grand Facilitator,” *Foreign Policy* 87 (Summer 1992), 47-65.

**“Is the Bible Enough?: Prudence and Foreign Policy,”**  
Michael Cromartie, ed. *Might and Right After Cold War: Can Foreign Policy be Moral?* (Washington: Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1992).

**“Normative Prudence as a Tradition of Statecraft,”** *Ethics and International Affairs*, vol. 5 (1991).

**Rapporteur for *The American Search for Peace*,** John Langan and George Weigel, eds. (Washington: Georgetown University Press, 1991).

**“England and Spain: 1567 - 1604,”** *Seapower and Strategy*, Colin Gray and Roger Barnett, eds. (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1989).

**“Strategic Implications of Soviet Overtures to Regional Powers,”** *S.A.F.R.* (Summer 1989).

**“Castro’s Self-Image and his Geopolitical Vision of Africa,”** *American Review* (1989).

**“Christian Realism and Prudence in Foreign Policy: A Challenge to Evangelicals,”** Michael Cromartie, ed. *Evangelicals and Foreign Policy* (Washington: Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1989).

**“International Law and U.S. Foreign Policy: Present Challenges and Opportunities,”** *Washington Quarterly*, vol. II, no. 4 (Autumn 1988).

**“Christianity and Statecraft in International Relations,”** Reed Davis, ed. *Moral Reasoning and Statecraft* (Washington: University Press of America, 1988).

**“Why Grenada Was Important,”** *Naval War College Review*, vol. 40 (Summer 1987). Awarded the Hugh Nott Award, first prize, for best article in 1987.

**“Some Christian Reminders for the Statesman,”** *Ethics and International Affairs*, vol. 1 (1987).

**“The Limits of Global Consciousness and Legal Absolutism: Protecting International Law from Some of its Best Friends,”** *Harvard International Law Journal*, vol. 27, no. 2 (Spring 1986).

**“Edward Gibbon’s History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,”** *Political Science Reviewer*, (1986), 97-126.

**“Soviet Arms and Central American Turmoil,”** *World Affairs* vol. 148 (Summer 1985). Reprinted in *The Continuing Crisis: U.S. Policy in Central America and the Caribbean*, Mark Falcoff and Robert Royal, eds. (Washington: Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1986).

**“Functionalism and the Balance of Interests in the Law of the Sea: Cuba’s Role,”** *American Journal of International Law*, vol. 79 (October 1985). *Awarded the Francis Deak Prize for the best article by a younger scholar in that year’s Journal.*

**WORK IN PROGRESS:** (Book) *The Indispensable Virtue: Prudence and American Foreign Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Draft chapters completed on “Prudence and the American Founders”, “The Use of Force in International Relations and Law”, “The Problem of Exceptionalism in American Foreign Policy”.

**TEACHING AWARDS:**

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>2005 -2024</b> | <b>Received outstanding student evaluations in all courses.</b>  |
| <b>2012</b>       | <b>“Excellence in Teaching” Award, De Paul University.</b>   |
| <b>2010</b>       | <b>“Excellence in Teaching” Award, College of Law.</b>   |
| <b>1994-2000</b>  | <b>Lectures and seminars in the Strategy and Policy course consistently received the highest ratings within the Naval War College faculty.</b> |
| <b>1987</b>       | <b>Chosen “Best Professor” of Strategy and Policy by the graduating classes of 1987 at the Naval War College.</b>                              |
| <b>1986</b>       | <b>Chosen “Best Professor” by the graduating class of 1986 of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.</b>                         |

1983

President's Lecturer, Georgetown University.

**RECENT PUBLIC SPEAKING, MEDIA:**

- Commentator for RTVE, Radio y Televisión Nacional de España (2017- ).
- Commentator for TV Polonia (2023- ).
- WTTW, “Chicago Tonight”, panelist and commentator (2016-2023).
- CBS Evening News (Dec. 18, 2014), interviewed live from Havana by Scott Pelley, on the occasion of President Obama’s opening of relations with Cuba:  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/cubans-cautiously-optimistic-about-change/?tag=facebook>
- Commentator on Chicago’s Telemundo TV, Channel 45 (2008-2021).
- Commentator on Chicago Public Radio WBEZ (2006-2020).
- Commentator for Univision, National News Hour (2000-2020).
- Commentator for Univision Radio and Television, and Voice of America (2000 – 2021).
- Debated former Pres. Bush advisor and Berkeley Prof. John Yoo on presidential powers in wartime (2011, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019).  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/18/us/john-yoo-and-alberto-coll-debate-presidential-power.html>
- Commentator for History Channel’s “History Center” (2001-2004).
- Debated Univ. of Chicago Prof. William Howell on presidential power (2012). • Host and anchor of “Global View”, a weekly television program for History Channel International, on current international political, economic, and social issues from the perspective of other nations (2004-2005).
- Selected by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs to author a series of articles as part of the Council’s “Platform for Chicago’s Thought Leaders” for the 2012 NATO Summit. “Why Europe Still Matters”, 29 March.  
[http://2012summits.org/commentaries/detail/coll\\_1](http://2012summits.org/commentaries/detail/coll_1) “The Real Latin American Revolution”, 17 May, [http://2012summits.org/commentaries/detail/coll\\_2](http://2012summits.org/commentaries/detail/coll_2)

**PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, KEYNOTE ADDRESSES (1986-2024):**

American Bar Association  
American College Coalition, Washington DC  
American Council on Foreign Relations, Tampa  
American Defense Preparedness Association  
Amherst College  
Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy of Chile  
Argentine Ministry of Defense

Argentine Naval War College  
Aspen Institute  
Atlanta Foreign Policy Association  
Azusa Pacific University  
Beihang University, Beijing, China  
Beijing Foreign Studies University, China  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brookfield Academy, Wisconsin  
Brown University  
Calvin College  
Campbell University  
Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, New York  
Carroll College  
Center for Defense Studies (CESEDEN), Madrid  
Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Center for the Study of the United States, Havana, Cuba  
Centro de Investigaciones de Política Internacional, Havana, Cuba  
Chicago Bar Association  
Chicago Council on Global Affairs  
Chicago-Kent College of Law  
The Chicago Roundtable, Miller & Shakman  
Chilean Armed Forces Senior Officers Staff College  
Chilean Naval War College  
The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina  
Citizens Defense Council, Washington DC  
College of Preachers, National Cathedral, Washington DC  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Council on Foreign Relations, New York  
Councils on Foreign Relations of the Western Hemisphere, Chile  
Current Strategy Forum, Newport, Rhode Island  
Economic Club of Worcester  
Ecuador Armed Forces College  
Eisenhower Foundation  
Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington DC  
European Center for Defense Studies, Geneva, Switzerland  
Federal Senior Executive Training Institute  
Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy  
Foreign Service Institute  
Foreign Relations Academy of Uruguay

Freie Universität Berlin  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College  
Georgetown University  
Guatemalan Armed Forces College  
Guatemalan Police Academy  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Harvard University  
Holocaust Memorial Society  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Institute of International Relations, Mexico City  
Instituto General Gutiérrez Mellado (UNED), Madrid  
Instituto Superior de Relaciones Internacionales, Havana  
Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), Costa Rica  
International Institute for a Democratic Culture, México  
International Studies Association  
The Jockey Club, Buenos Aires  
Johns Hopkins University  
John's Island Club  
King College  
Lake Forest College  
Marine Corps University  
McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum  
Ministry of Defense, Republic of Honduras  
The Monday Class, Chicago  
National Defense University, Washington, DC  
National Intelligence University, Washington, DC  
National Strategy Forum, Chicago  
National War College, Washington DC  
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterrey  
101st Air Assault Division, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky  
Pepperdine University Law School  
Peruvian Army War College  
Peruvian Naval War College  
Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Republica Dominicana  
Pritzker Military Library and Museum, Chicago  
Providence Council on Foreign Relations  
Rand-Afrikaans University, South Africa  
Real Club de La Gran Peña, Madrid  
Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid

Robert McCormick Foundation, Chicago  
St. Anselm's College  
St. Vincent's College  
Seattle-Pacific University  
Southern Missouri State University  
Spanish Ministry of Defense  
Stockholm University  
Swedish Defense University  
Taiwan Institute of Strategic Studies  
Temple University  
Tufts University  
Union League Club, Philadelphia  
United Kingdom Defense Academy  
Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana  
Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires  
Universidad Católica Boliviana  
Universidad Complutense, Madrid  
Universidad Europea de Madrid  
Universidad Pontificia Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia  
Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid  
Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid  
Universidad San Pablo CEU, Madrid  
United States Air War University  
United States Army Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth  
United States Army War College  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC  
United States Military Academy, West Point  
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis  
United States Southern Command  
United States Special Operations Command  
Universidad de Costa Rica  
Universidad Hispanoamericana, Costa Rica  
Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Costa Rica  
University of Connecticut  
University of Havana  
University of London  
University of Miami  
University of Missouri at Columbia  
University of North Texas, Dallas  
University of Virginia College of Arts and Sciences

University of Virginia Law School  
Uruguay War College, Montevideo  
Villanova University Law School  
Watson Institute of International Studies, Brown University  
Wheaton College  
White Burkett Miller Center for Public Affairs  
Wichita Club, Kansas  
Wilton Hall Roundtable, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom  
Woodrow Wilson Foundation  
Washington and Lee University  
Yale Law School