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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

Juris Doctorem, Georgetown University Law Center, *cum laude* 1983  
B.S.F.S., International Affairs, Georgetown University 1971

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University of St. Thomas, Center for International Studies** July 2020-present

Director, Center for International Studies and Director, Distinguished Diplomat Program.  
TV/Radio Analyst on International and Security topics, author of opinion articles on Middle East events.

**University of St. Thomas, Center for International Studies** August 2012-present

Full-time Assistant Professor of International Studies in the Center for International Studies.  
Lecture in America Foreign Policy Process, Middle East Regional Studies, Middle East Seminar,  
Introduction to International Studies, International Law, and International Security. Coordinator  
of the Center's Distinguished Diplomat Lecture Series, and companion Careers in Diplomacy  
program.

**University of St. Thomas, Center for International Studies** 2003-2012

Adjunct Professor of America Foreign Policy Process, and International Security. TV/Radio  
Analyst on International and Security topics, author of opinion articles on Middle East events.

**Jackson Walker LLP** Feb 2009-June 2012

Partner representing and advising a wide variety of multinational corporate clients, including  
energy & oil industry companies, information technology companies, investment enterprises, the  
shipping industry and sports clients. Expertise includes Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)  
exemptions from the U.S Coast Guard, a wide variety of investment visa matters under bilateral  
treaties, U.S. export compliance, employer compliance programs, as well as representation of  
individuals and companies seeking EB-5 immigrant investor status or designation under USCIS's  
"Regional Center" investor pilot program.

**Tindall & Foster, P.C.** 1996-2009

Of Counsel attorney specialized in corporate treaty investment and employment-based  
immigration matters, including professional employment, international transferees, treaty visas  
and immigrant investors, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), as well as consular processing overseas.

- Faculty member, ILW.COM national teleseminar on investor immigration, December 2008
- Lecturer, Texas AILA Chapter Fall Conference, Puerto Vallarta, November 2006
- Faculty Member, University of Texas Annual Conferences, 2002 & 1997
- Lecturer, Texas AILA Chapter Spring Conference, 2000
- Day Coordinator, AILA Annual Conference, San Francisco 2005
- Faculty Member, University of Texas Annual Conference, 1988

### ***U.S. State Department***

*1973-1995*

Foreign Service Officer (ret.) 1973-1995, with diplomatic service in a variety of political, consular, economic, and senior management assignments in the Middle East, Canada, Mexico, and a temporary duty tour in Cuba, including:

***Deputy Consul General***, U.S. Consulate General, Monterrey, Mexico *1994-1995*

Program management of U.S. consular/economic/political policy in a 5-state region, especially U.S. trade promotion and Mexican investment in the US under NAFTA. Included a temporary duty tour of three months to Havana, Cuba to monitor Cuban compliance with the Cuba-U.S. Migratory Accord.

- Delegate to regional committee to improve cross-border coordination among Mexican states and Texas to diminish auto theft.

***Deputy Director***, Office of Analysis for the Near East and South Asia *1991-1994*

Directed analysis of wide range of Middle East political/economic issues and crises, including, e.g., Israel-Palestinian peace process, Iraq, Algerian civil war. Edited and supervised daily bureau articles for Secretary's *Morning Summary*. Prepared and delivered daily briefings to Department of State principals. Participated in National Intelligence Estimates (NIE's) on Iraq and on the Palestinians. Managed aspects of analytic/research support for 1991 Madrid Peace Conference.

***Consul***, U.S. Consulate General, Montreal, Canada *1988-1991*

Deputy Consular Section Chief of 10<sup>th</sup> largest consular section (over 100,000 clients/year), including responsibilities for promoting trade and investment under the then-Free Trade Agreement.

***Division Chief***, Coordination Division, Visa Services Directorate *1986-1988*

Policy coordination and preparation of policy/legal briefs on visa issues related to foreign agents, terrorism, and export controls. Managed State's interagency role on lookouts related to terrorism and espionage, and represented Directorate on Federal interagency task forces.

- State Dept. representative to multi-agency Task Force on coordination of national Lookout Systems

**Director**, Qaboos Research Center, Middle East Institute (sabbatical) 1985-1986

Inaugural Director of the Institute's Research Center. Worked with academics and media to establish the first Board of the Center, institute fundraising programs, and create educational programs. Developed and managed annual program of monthly lectures by experts on the Persian Gulf. Co-edited book on the Persian Gulf.

**Watch Officer**, Intelligence & Research Bureau 1983-1985

Served on 24-hour intelligence watch, with duties to monitor global developments on a real-time basis, prepare various intelligence briefing products, and alert principals as needed.

**Advisor & Staff Attorney**, Office of Advisory Opinions 1979-1983

Prepared advisory opinion analyses for consuls and attorneys on immigration, visa-related and citizenship legal issues, including interpretation of US and foreign criminal and civil statutes. Researched and redrafted significant portions of the Department's legal and procedural guidance related to treaty and business visas.

**Liaison Officer**, U.S. Sinai Field Mission 1978-1979

Monitored compliance by Egyptian and Israeli military with Egypt-Israel peace agreement protocols for the Sinai Desert, and reported same to authorities in various capitals daily. Assigned to Cairo and Tel Aviv Embassies rotationally to serve as liaison with Defense Ministries and other government agencies as needed.

**Foreign Affairs Analyst**, Lebanon & the Palestinians 1976-1978

Provided daily political/intelligence analyses on developments in the Lebanese civil war and among Palestinian groups, in twice-daily "Situation Reports" to the Secretary of State and other intelligence organizations. Prepared analyses for other products such as Secretary's *Morning Summary*, and prepared various in-depth intelligence research products.

**Vice Consul**, Jerusalem 1974-1976

Reported on economic/commercial aspects of the West Bank and Jerusalem, and handled American citizen consular issues.

**Vice Consul**, Tel Aviv 1974

Served as member of Embassy support team for several peace missions by Secretary Henry Kissinger, Spring 1974, and for Presidential visit to Israel by Richard Nixon in June 1974.

**Geophysical Services, Inc.** 1966-1973

Member of seismic data processing and interpretation party crew working on oil & gas field data from the Texas Offshore Group (TOG), Louisiana (LOG), and Argentine offshore (AOG). Summer work 1996-1970, full time 1972-1973.

## ***MAJOR FIELDS OF TEACHING & RESEARCH***

### ***Courses Taught:***

*American Foreign Policy Process:* The course is intended to be a mix of Foreign Policy theory, and the craft of diplomacy/persuasion. Focuses on the foreign-policy-making process and factors influencing U.S. international behavior since 1945. Special emphasis on foreign policy issues affecting United States' interests in the coming decade. e.g., evolving issues such as Iran nuclear, cyber warfare, and new international trade issues.

*Introduction to International Studies:* A survey of factors affecting interaction within the international community. Focus is on the meaning, purposes and methodologies of international studies as a framework for better understanding historical, social, cultural, economic and political issues and trends within the global human family.

*Regional Study of the Middle East & North Africa (MENA):* An interdisciplinary survey and analysis of the sweep of forces which have evolved and defined the Middle East since the fall of Byzantium. Such forces as: three great religions and their influences; three (and more) empires (Ottoman, Safavid, Umayyad); Westernization; nationalism; Muslim fundamentalism, each of whose evolution created and informed much of the Middle East's modern political, economic and social culture.

*Middle East Seminar:* This course analyzes contemporary events in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), including the Syrian Civil War, the Iran nuclear issue, and the Arab-Israeli dispute. This course complements Regional Study: North Africa and the Middle East by examining the dynamics, debates, and crises that mark the modern Middle East. Topics rotate from semester to semester.

*International Law:* This upper level/MLA course is a broad overview of International Law & introduces essential legal terminology and distinctions focusing on the lawful exercise of power by nations. The academic goal is to prepare the student for a career in law, diplomacy, international agencies, international business and global citizenship, and to empower the student to work with the concepts of global justice and the international rule of law.

*International Security:* This course exposes students to a focused look at security studies of peace and war, with application to understanding the source and nature of conflicts over time. State and systemic security is approached from a perspective broader than traditional conventional security by examining economic, health, and environmental challenges to states.

*Senior Thesis:* Capstone course in which majors develop, elaborate, and research a topic of historical and/or contemporary relevance. The result of this intensive research and writing exercise will be a thesis fit for presentation at a professional conference.

*Foreign Executives Education:* A one-day course on American Diplomacy, aimed at introducing visiting foreign executives to the nature and basic concepts driving U.S. foreign policy and trade thinking. Originally developed for the Sinopec Corporation.

### ***Research & Scholarship Concentrations:***

My scholarship builds on a past history of writing on U.S. international policy, including co-editing and drafting significant segments of the book *Crosscurrents in the Gulf: Arab, Regional and Global Interests*, R. Sindelar and J. Peterson, eds., Routledge (London, 1988).

My academic focus is directed toward three policy concentrations:

- Major U.S. foreign policy issues as they arise, and especially on the process of policy analysis—whether we act at all, based on U.S. vital interests--and policy formulation-- in what manner do we act/respond if we choose to do so.
- Modern Middle Eastern issues, with a focus on national groups, and the legacy of the Sykes-Picot agreement.
- International immigration, refugee and asylum matters and policy.

Publications and lectures include:

- With respect to Middle Eastern issues, my peer-reviewed article, “Can the Coptic Church Cohabitate with the Muslim Brotherhood in the New Egypt,” *Southwestern Journal of International Studies*, Vol 5, no. 1 (Fall 2013) studies the crisis facing the Coptic community in Egypt, and options for Egypt and other countries to protect the Coptic Church’s longstanding, historical presence in Egypt.
- On the immigration issue, I recently revised a co-authored chapter in the 2014 third edition of the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association (AILA) book on investment in the U.S. by foreigners under the EB-5 program, “The Evolution of Legal Precedent in Treaty Investor Visa Cases,” R. Sindelar & S. Fischel, Chapter in *Immigration Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs*, L. Stone, editor, AILA (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., Washington, D.C. 2014).
- Lecture on “Diplomacy & the U.S. Foreign Service: America’s First Tool of Foreign Policy,” to the River Oaks Business Women’s Exchange Club, Houston, Texas, January 8, 2016.
- Lecture to the United Nations Association in Houston, “Workhorses of the United Nations: The Constituent Agencies,” related to the United Nations’ specialized agencies, and their crucial role in the policy and successes of that international organization.
- Moderator and presenter at the Stephen F. Austin University’s Middle East Conference 2012, “The U.S. and the Middle East: the Future Relationship, A Public Policy Conference.” Moderated the “New Agenda in the Middle East” panel.

At present, I am researching and working on drafting of three possible scholarly articles:

- The conundrum of the Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, a proposed article, examining the situation of the Palestinian refugees if a peace deal was made.
- An analysis of the Nile water crisis, with a focus on ways new water capture technology may help mitigate security concerns and lessen prospects for armed conflict;

- Initial literature review on issues regarding sovereignty in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, post-Fukiyama and Huntington, with a view toward developing a legal article on the concept's changing nature in a globalized world.

## ***PUBLICATIONS, COMMENTARY & PRESENTATIONS***

### ***Books/Chapters***

*Crosscurrents in the Gulf: Arab, Regional and Global Interests*, R. Sindelar and J. Peterson, eds., Routledge (London, 1988).

“The Evolution of Legal Precedent in Treaty Investor Visa Cases,” R. Sindelar & S. Fischel, Chapter in *Immigration Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs*, L. Stone, editor, AILA (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., Washington, D.C. 2014).

“The Global World and Integrated Strategic Immigration Planning,” R. Sindelar, Chapter in *Inside the Minds: Employing International Workers*, Thomson/Reuters/Aspatore (2010)

### ***Media/Television Commentary***

TV/Radio Analyst on international foreign policy issues with multiple appearances on Channel 26 Fox News, Channels 2, 11 & 13, and KTRH Radio.

“George H. W. Bush Memorial Service and Burial,” Commentator, Special Coverage by KRIV-TV Channel 26 with anchors Jose Grinan & Melissa Wilson, December 6, 2018,

“Legacy of President George H. W. Bush,” Panelist on KRIV-TV Fox News’ “What’s Your Point” Sunday talk show, December 2, 2018

“U.S. Trade Policy Impact on Texas’ Economy,” Panelist, PBS KUHT-TV Channel 8, *Red, White & Blue Program*, with hosts Gary Polland & Jay Aiyer, Sept 28, 2018.

“U.S. Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s Capital,” on-air interview with KUHF Radio, December 6, 2017

“ISIS in a Nutshell,” discussion with Patricia Gras on Passion Time television show for Lovesmartlivingmedia.com, February 14, 2016.

“How to Defeat ISIS,” discussion with Patricia Gras on Passion Time television show for Lovesmartlivingmedia.com, June 26, 2016.

“The Arab-Israeli Dispute,” Panelist, Houston TV (HTV) Channel 16, *Latina Voices: Smart Talk Program*, with moderator Patricia Gras of PBS, January 28, 2011.

### ***Articles, Studies & Reviews***

*ISIS 3.0: After Sri Lanka*, Op-ed Article, Lobelog, April 30, 2019

*ISIS 3.0: The More Virulent Threat*, Op-ed Article, Lobelog, April 4, 2019

- Venezuela: A Path Under International Law?* Op-ed Article, Lobelog, March 19, 2019
- Desert Chieftains, Modern World,*” Op-ed Article, Lobelog, Oct 31, 2018
- North Korea: An Alternative Narrative?* Op-ed Article, Lobelog, Sept. 19, 2018
- Why Jerusalem policy makes art of the deal hard for Trump,* Special to the Austin American-Statesman, December 15, 2017.
- Can the Coptic Church Cohabitate with the Muslim Brotherhood in the New Egypt?*, Southwestern Journal of International Studies, Vol. 5, No.1, pgs 41-66 (Fall 2012).
- El TLCAN y la seguridad familiar (NAFTA & Family Safety)*, Invited Editorial, El Norte, Monterrey, Mexico, November 22, 2009.
- Protesters’ Tenacity to Decide the Future in Iran,* Op-Ed article, Houston Chronicle, June 23, 2009.
- Syria/Lebanon Example Offers Alternative for Iraq,* Special to the Register, Des Moines Register, October 11, 2007.
- Rookie Mistakes Brought Us to Mideast Precipice,* Op-Ed article, Houston Chronicle, July 27, 2006.
- Chimera, NSEERS, Lookouts, and Security Checks: The New Age,* Bender’s Immigration Bulletin, Vol. 8, No. 2, January 15, 2003.
- Congress, Please Untie the President’s Hands,* Op-Ed article, Houston Chronicle, Sept 13, 2001.
- Review of *Israel’s Global Reach: Arms Sales as Diplomacy*, A. Kliemann, Pergamon-Brassey (1985), *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (Summer 1986), pgs 512-13.
- Right to Counsel*, 1981 Criminal Procedure Project, Georgetown University Law Journal, Vol. 70, No. 2. pgs 651-669.
- Visas: E Visas – Section 101(a)(15)(E)(ii), Nonimmigrant Treaty Investors,* Visa Bulletin, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Volume V, No. 20 (unattributed).
- Lebanon: Country Report,* Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 1976 (unattributed).

### ***Papers Presented***

- Security Clearances, “CHIMERA” or Reality,* 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Immigration & Naturalization Law, University of Texas School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 23-25, 2002.

*E Treaty Visas as an Alternative to H-1B*, American Immigration Lawyers' Association Spring Conference, Texas Chapter, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 7-8, 2000.

*Consular Processing Under the Illegal Immigration Reform & Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996*, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Immigration & Nationality, University of Texas School of Law, Houston, Texas, October 16-17, 1997.

*Representing Your Client Abroad and the Role of the Visa Office*, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Immigration & Naturalization, University of Texas School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, October 20-22, 1988.

### ***Other Presentations***

"The Foreign Policy Legacy of President George H. W. Bush, Personal Reminiscences," Dinner lecture to Houston Committee on Foreign Relations, December 6, 2018.

"The Responsibility to Protect & Its Complexities" Keynote Address, Houston Area Model United Nations Annual Conference, Univ. of Houston, February 9, 2017

"Foreign Policy in the Era of Trump," Annual Keynote Address, Great Decisions Group, Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, February 7, 2017

"Vision for Tomorrow's Sustainable Energy," Panelist, Energy & Technology Dialogue, Offshore Technology Conference, Westin Galleria Hotel, May 5, 2016

"Israel & Palestine: Is Peace Possible," Discussion Moderator, Houston World Affairs Council, February 16, 2016

"Diplomacy & the U.S. Foreign Service: America's First Tool of Foreign Policy," Lecture to the River Oaks Business Women's Exchange Club, Houston, Texas, January 8, 2016

"Unlocking Immigration is Key to Energizing Cross-Border Investment & Business Development," Panelist, U.S.-Mexico Bar Association Annual Conference, St. Regis Hotel, Houston, Texas November 4-6, 2015.

"Sectarianism in the Middle East," Lecture to Great Decisions Group, West University, Texas August 27, 2015.

"Causes and Effects of Bipartisan Gridlock," Panelist, Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society Conference, University of St. Thomas, April 24, 2014

"Workhorses of the United Nations: The Constituent Agencies," Lecture to United Nations Association, Houston Chapter, March 11, 2014

"Crisis Briefings: the Arab Spring, Senkaku Islands, and the Eurozone Crisis," Panelist, University of St. Thomas Center for Int'l Studies, (with Profs. Stockton & Garcia-Contreras), September 2012.

"Arab Spring or Arab Summer," Lecture to the Rotary Club of Houston, Houston, Sept. 12, 2012.



“The Case of the Arab Spring,” Panel Discussion with Wael Farouk and Melissa Marschall, Crossroads Cultural Center, Houston, April 30, 2012.

“Uprisings in the Middle East,” Panelist, University of Houston Panel Discussion, March 1, 2011.

“The Arab Spring in Egypt and Tunisia,” Panelist, University of St. Thomas International Students Society Lecture series, February 8, 2011.

“The Axis of Evil 5 Years Later: Inside Iran, Iraq, and North Korea,” Houston World Affairs Council, January 20, 2007.

“Crucial U.S. Foreign Policy Issues,” Kiwanis Club of Lufkin, January 22, 2003.

“The U.S.S. Starke Incident & Persian Gulf Issues,” Shell Oil Company Breakfast Roundtable, Fall 1984.

Federal Bar Association – various presentations on E-1/E-2 treaty visas, 1980-1983.

### ***MEMBERSHIPS***

U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC)  
 Houston Committee on Foreign Relations  
 Houston World Affairs Council  
 Houston District Export Council, U.S. Dept. of Commerce  
 American Foreign Service Association, Washington, DC  
 Middle East Institute, Washington, DC  
 American Immigration Lawyers’ Association  
 District of Columbia Bar  
 State Bar of Texas  
 USCBP Houston Liaison Committee (2007 – 2013)  
 French-American Chamber of Commerce (2009-2012)  
 Invest in the US Association (2009-2012)  
 Houston Taipei Society (2005-2007)  
 Houston Bar Association (1996-2012)

### ***COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT***

Houston District Export Council, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee (2010-present)  
 State Bar of Texas, Committee on Laws Related to Immigration & Nationality (2010-2016)  
 Houston Grand Opera, Trustee & Member, Marketing Committee (2009-2012)  
 His Hands of Hope, Inc. – pro bono counsel to non-profit organization (2010-2012)  
 Taiwan Society – Board Member (2005-2007)

***AWARDS***

Best Lawyers in America, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012  
Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, 2009  
Texas' Best Lawyers, 2008