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Current Positions & Service

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Senior Research Scholar and William J. Perry Lecturer 2026 – present

Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA

Distinguished Research Fellow (non-resident) 2025 – present

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC

Member, Committee on International Security & Arms Control 2023 – present

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Chicago, IL

Member, Science and Security Board 2026 – present

Anthropic PBC

Member, Frontier Red Team 2025 – present

Past Professional Experience

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, and Monterey, CA

Distinguished Scholar of Global Security 2025 – 2026

Full Professor, Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies 2019 – 2025

Director, East Asia Nonproliferation Program,
 James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies 2011 – 2026

New America Foundation, Washington, DC

Director, Nuclear Policy and Nonproliferation Initiative 2007 – 2011

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Executive Director, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer
 Center for Science and International Affairs 2006 – 2007

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) 2005–2006

Department of Defense, Washington, DC

Desk Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Summer 2000

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

Visiting Fellow 2003

Research Associate 1998–2000

Research Assistant 1997–1998

Education

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Ph.D. in Public Policy 2000–2004

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

B.A. in Philosophy and B.A. in Political Science 1993–1997

Past Professional Service & Advisory Roles

U.S. Department of State

Member, International Security Advisory Board 2022–2024

International Institute for Strategic Studies

Member, Advisory Board, Missile Dialogue Initiative 2023–2025

Planet Labs PBC

Member, Customer Advisory Board 2022

Books & Monographs

Missile Proliferation and Control in the Asia-Pacific Region (with Kolja Brockmann) (International Institute for Strategic Studies, April 2024).

The 2020 Commission Report on the North Korean Nuclear Attacks Against the United States (Houghton Mifflin, 2018). Policy-focused novel.

Paper Tigers: China's Nuclear Posture (London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2014).

China's Nuclear Idiosyncrasies and Their Challenges, Proliferation Papers No. 47, (Institut français des relations internationales, December 2013).

A Place for One's Mat: China's Space Program, 1956–2003 (with Gregory Kulacki) (American Academy of Arts and Sciences Occasional Paper, July 2009).

The Minimum Means of Reprisal: China's Search for Security in the Nuclear Age (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2007).

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

"Safeguarding Energy-Driven Engagement on the Korean Peninsula," in *Avoiding Meltdowns and Blackouts*, ed. Kayla Orta (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2023).

"Sino-American Security Relations: The Nuclear Dynamics," in *Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment 2022* (London: International Institute for Strategic Studies/Routledge, 2022): 110–133.

"How Much Is Enough: Revisiting Nuclear Reliability, Deterrence and Preventive War" (with Ankit Panda), in *The Fragile Balance of Terror: Deterrence in the New Nuclear Age* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2022).

"Bum Dope, Blowback, and the Bomb," in *Three Tweets to Midnight: The Global Information Ecosystem and the Risk of Nuclear Conflict*, eds. Harold A. Trinkunas, Herbert S. Lin, and Ben Loehrke (Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 2021).

"The Nuclear Necessity Principle: Making U.S. Targeting Policy Conform with Ethics and the Laws of War" (with Scott Sagan), *Daedalus* 145:4 (Fall 2016): 62–74.

"China's Nuclear Modernization: Surprise, Restraint, and Uncertainty," in *Strategic Asia 2013–2014* (National Bureau of Asian Research, October 2014).

"Huis Clos: The Limits of Understanding North Korean Decision-making," *Asia Policy* 13 (January 2012): 171–174.

"Challenges for US-China Strategic Stability," in *Getting to Zero*, eds. Catherine Kelleher and Judith Reppy (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2011).

"The Proliferation Security Initiative" (with Philip Maxon), *Disarmament Forum* 2 (2010): 35–43.

"Minimum Deterrence," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (July/August 2008).

"Chinese Nuclear Forces and Modernization," *The Nonproliferation Review* 16:2 (July 2009): 197–209.

"Understanding China's Anti-satellite Test" (with Gregory Kulacki), *The Nonproliferation Review* 15:2 (July 2008): 335–347.

"Chinese Perspectives on Strategic Arms Control," in *Die Zukunft der Rüstungskontrolle*, ed. Götz Neuneck (Baden-Baden, Germany: Nomos, 2005).

"The Dark Legacy of the Cold War" (with John Steinbruner), *Daedalus* (Autumn 2002).

Selected Op-Eds & Policy Essays

"Europe Is Ready to Shelter Under France's Nuclear Umbrella," *Foreign Policy* (online), March 20, 2025.

"Why America Stands to Lose If It Resumes Nuclear Testing," *Foreign Affairs* (online), July 30, 2024.

"It's Time to Accept That North Korea Has Nuclear Weapons," *New York Times*, October 13, 2022.

"2022: A Space Emergency," *The American Scholar*, March 1, 2022.

"The Nuclear Option," *Foreign Affairs* (online), February 22, 2021.

"Nuclear Deals and Double Standards," *Foreign Affairs* (online), October 1, 2018.

"Kim Jong Un's Quest for an ICBM," *Foreign Affairs* (online), June 8, 2017.

"Our Nuclear Future," *The American Scholar*, June 5, 2017.

From 2012 to 2019, Dr. Lewis was a regular contributor to *Foreign Policy* magazine, writing many dozens of articles on deterrence, arms control, and nonproliferation.

Congressional Testimony

"Maintaining Stable Deterrence with Russia and China," Testimony before the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, October 14, 2011.

Public Engagement & Media

Founding Publisher, Arms Control Wonk Blog

Co-Host, Arms Control Wonk Podcast

Media Features: New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, CNN, NBC, Vice News on HBO, National Public Radio, This American Life