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President of the MacArthur Foundation



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President and CEO of the Center for Strategic and International Studies



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Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies



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Former President of Harvard University



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Liz Dozier
Founder and CEO of Chicago Beyond



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Executive Director of 100% Democracy



Liz Alderman
Chief European Business Correspondent, *The New York Times*



Daniel Kurtz-Phelan
Editor, *Foreign Affairs*

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Ira Shapiro
Former U.S. Trade Ambassador



Tanisha Fazal
Professor at the University of Minnesota



Peter Goodman
Global Economic Correspondent,
The New York Times



Melinda Henneberger
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Columnist



Danielle Allen
Professor at Harvard University



Adam Schiff
U.S. Congressman (D-California),
Chair of the House Intelligence Committee



Julian Zelizer
Professor at Princeton University



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John Walcott
Professor at Georgetown University



Philip Taubman
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Rachel Kleinfeld
Senior Fellow at the Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace



Rebecca Donner
National Book Critics Award-Winner



Gareth Evans
Former Foreign Minister of Australia

“An absolute joy to hear a success story from a bright journalist who is a role model for southern Illinois youth.”

- Praise for our conversation with Melinda Henneberger

“This was a superb program! If I could change the necessary reality, I would require all undergraduate and graduate students to carefully listen to the program.”

- Praise for our conversation with Amy McGrath



David Greising
President and CEO of Better Government Association



Dale Fowler
Illinois State Senator (R-59th District)



Jason Barickman
Illinois State Senator (R-53rd District)



April Kornfield
Director of Debates for Braver Angels



Tom Zoellner
Editor, *Los Angeles Review of Books*



Janel L. Forde
Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services



Karin Olofsdotter
Swedish Ambassador to the United States



Stavros Lambrinidis
European Union Ambassador to the United States



Elizabeth Shackelford
Fellow on U.S. Foreign Policy at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs

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Andrew Bacevich
President of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft



Amy McGrath
American SOS Project



Candice Millard
Bestselling Biographer



Audra Wilson
President and CEO of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law



Ruth Simmons
President of Prairie View A&M University

“Superb, knowledgeable interviewing by Shaw. Clear, succinct, lively answers by Hayward. Many of her comments are worthy of study and practice within all disciplines. Excellent in all aspects.”

- Praise for our conversation with Susan Hayward



Alice Hill
Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations



Anne-Marie Slaughter
CEO of New America



Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senator (D-Illinois)



Monique Jones
President of Forefront



Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz
Illinois State Representative (D-17th District)



Tim Knight
President and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation



Nicole Perloth
Cybersecurity Reporter, *The New York Times*



Susana Mendoza
Illinois State Comptroller



John Gaddis
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Biographer



Angela Jackson
Illinois Poet Laureate



Jim Bullard
President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

“Love these sessions. Varied and very informative. Excellent interview covering a wide variety of professional experiences, highlighting the change in local journalism and its impact upon local communities. Great reporting.”

- Praise for our conversation with Julian Zelizer

“Excellent interview with Dr. Simmons. I will share the recording with faculty and students in the School of Education!”

- Praise for our conversation with Ruth Simmons



Elizabeth Hinton
Professor at Yale University



Barbara Bodine
Director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University



Don Harmon
President of the Illinois Senate (D-39th District)



Alexis Coe
Presidential Historian



Sharon Bush
Executive Director of Grand Victoria Foundation



Fredrik Logevall
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian



Theresa Mah
Illinois State Representative (D-2nd District)



Ertharin Cousin
Former Executive Director of the World Food Programme



Hanh Le
Executive Director of the Weissberg Foundation



John Danforth
Former U.S. Senator (R-Missouri)



Edward Larson
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian



John Allen
President of the Brookings Institution



Timothy Lynch
Professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia



Jorge Castañeda
Former Foreign Minister of Mexico



Eliot Cohen
Dean, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies



Margaret MacMillan
Duff Cooper Award-Winning Historian



Kimberly Lightford
Illinois Senate Majority Leader (D-4th District)



Pete Buttigieg
Former U.S. Presidential Candidate;
Former Mayor of South Bend, Indiana



Richard Haass
President of the Council on Foreign Relations

“The Institute has had some great webinars. However, the webinar with Yale University’s Elizabeth Hinton was one of the best!”

- Praise for our conversation with Elizabeth Hinton

“Excellent. If only political campaigns were composed of interviews like this instead of sound-bites! Very interesting discussion. I really appreciate the friendly and respectful approach of the interviewer.”

- Praise for our conversation with Tammy Duckworth



Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senator (D-Ohio)



Michelle Howard
Retired U.S. Navy Four-Star Admiral



Mary Robinson
Former President of Ireland



Donald McHenry
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations



Carmen Rojas
President of the Marguerite Casey Foundation



Jim Durkin
Illinois House Republican Leader
(R-82nd District)



Juliana Stratton
Illinois Lieutenant Governor



Charles Ray
Former U.S. Ambassador



Angelique Power
President of the Field Foundation



Leon Panetta
Former U.S. Secretary of Defense,
Former CIA Director



William Burns
President of the Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace



Emanuel "Chris" Welch
Illinois State Representative
(D-7th District)



Darin LaHood
U.S. Congressman (R-Illinois)



Rahm Emanuel
Former Mayor of Chicago



Carl Hulse
Chief Washington Correspondent,
The New York Times



Teresa Amott
President of Knox College



Jan Eliasson
Former Deputy Secretary-General of the
United Nations



David Kennedy
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian

OUR VIRTUAL EVENT REACH

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11.1K Zoom event registrations
from **44** states & territories
and **36** countries

58K YouTube views
from **688K** impressions

Since we launched our podcast, “Simoncast,” in September 2021 ...

5,964 podcast downloads

MEET YOUR HOST



John Shaw

Director of Paul Simon Public Policy

Prior to coming to the Institute in 2018, John Shaw was a journalist for more than twenty-five years in Washington, D.C. As a congressional reporter and a feature writer for a diplomatic magazine, Shaw interviewed dozens of lawmakers, diplomats, think tank leaders, historians, and policy analysts. He believes that the key to a successful interview is to thoroughly study the writings and previous interviews of the subject, carefully prepare the substance and sequence of questions, listen respectfully, and speak sparingly.

Comments from our participants

- *Sherrod Brown, U.S. senator from Ohio*

“Thank you, John. You are a really good interviewer. It went by so fast.”

- *Liz Dozier, founder and CEO of Chicago Beyond*

“Your care and research made the conversation incredible.”

- *Julian Zelizer, professor at Princeton University*

“It was a terrific conversation.”

- Gareth Evans, former foreign minister of Australia

“Thanks John. You sure did your homework and it was a pleasure to talk to you. We certainly covered a lot of ground.”

- Elizabeth Hinton, professor at Yale University

“I can’t thank you enough for the discussion. It’s probably one of, if not, the very best conversation I’ve ever had about my work. I really appreciate your questions and deep engagement in my research.”

- Eliot Cohen, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

“The questions were wonderful and I think you knew more about my writing than I do. A real pleasure.”

- Tom Zoellner, author, editor of the Los Angeles Review of Books

“It was a real pleasure to do this and you were one of the best-prepared interviewers I’ve ever spoken to.”

- Philip Taubman, author, lecturer at Stanford University

“I’ve done a lot of podcasts, webinars, and other appearances in recent months. Your questions were the best and your congenial style provided the impetus for a lively and informative conversation.”

- Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations

“John, thank you for being such a gracious and generous host. Hope people enjoyed our convo as much as I did.”

- Nicole Perlroth, author, cybersecurity reporter of The New York Times

“Thank you so much John. I loved every minute of it and really appreciated the quotes you pulled together. Some of my favorite, written in those still nights.”

- John Gaddis, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, professor at Yale University

“Thank you, John, especially for your own careful preparation, which certainly doesn’t always happen in these zoomed conversations.”

- Lizzy Shackelford, Chicago Council on Global Affairs

I really enjoyed it. You’re a great interviewer/moderator and kudos to your staff for running tweets throughout the event. Great captures.”



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