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EXPERIENCE

The Asia Society New York, New York

Non-resident Distinguished Fellow June 2023 to present

Expect to be advising the Asia Society Policy Institute in its work on climate change, particularly in regard to China.

The Brookings Institution Washington, DC

Senior Fellow July 2017 to present (Non-resident from July 2020)

Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Program concentrating on climate change. Wrote articles, lectured regularly, took part in numerous “track two” dialogues with counterparts in China, the EU and India, and researched and wrote the draft of a book to be published by MIT Press.

YALE LAW SCHOOL New Haven, Conn.

Visiting Lecturer August – December 2016

Taught course focused on the development of the international climate regime, from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change through the Paris Agreement in 2015, and the road ahead.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Washington, DC

Special Envoy for Climate Change January 2009 – April 2016

Served as President Obama’s chief climate diplomat, leading the U.S. effort in negotiating the Paris Agreement and in all bilateral and multilateral climate negotiations in the seven years leading up to Paris. Also led related international climate efforts and participated in the development of domestic climate and clean energy policy.

WILMER, CUTLER, PICKERING, HALE AND DORR Washington, DC

Partner July 2001– January 2009

Vice Chair of the firm's Public Policy and Strategy Practice. Practice focused on advising a wide range of corporate clients, including financial services, health care and energy, on matters that lie at the intersection of law, public policy, politics and media. This included defending congressional investigations, providing public policy advice, offering strategic counseling, advising on legislative and regulatory strategy, and crisis management.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY – KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Cambridge, MA

Adjunct Lecturer February – May 2001

Taught course at the Kennedy School on relations between Congress and the Executive Branch, with focus on the budget process, policy and investigative oversight, nominations and foreign affairs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY Washington, DC
Counselor to the Secretary June 1999 – January 2001

Served as senior advisor to the Secretary on policy, politics and message regarding a broad range of domestic and international issues. Handled special assignments, including development and supervision of national anti-money laundering strategy and review of policy on government-sponsored enterprises, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, DC

Assistant to the President for Special Projects March 1998 – June 1999

Managed Clinton Administration's initiative on global climate change, including international and domestic policy, diplomatic efforts, communications, congressional relations and outreach. Worked with senior presidential advisors to develop policy options for the Kyoto climate change negotiations and served as senior White House negotiator at both the Kyoto and Buenos Aires conferences.

Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary June 1995 – March 1998;

Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Staff Secretary January 1993 – June 1995

Played a central role in managing the decision-making process for the President on matters of domestic, economic and national security policy, including coordinating senior staff views and drafting substantive summaries of decision memos, legislation and executive orders. Also handled special assignments, such as managing contested confirmations and the administration's effort on global climate change.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE Washington, DC

Senior Counsel to Senator Patrick Leahy, Technology and Law Subcommittee

June 1990 – January 1993

Responsible for intellectual property and telecommunications issues, Supreme Court nominations (Souter and Thomas), constitutional matters, and speechwriting.

PODESTA ASSOCIATES Washington, DC

Vice President October 1989 – May 1990

Directed a wide range of projects in public affairs, campaign consulting, and government relations.

DUKAKIS/BENTSEN CAMPAIGN New York, NY; Boston, MA

November 1987 – November 1988

Deputy Research Director – General Election; **New York State Issues Director** – Primaries.

ASSOCIATED MILLS/POLLENEX Chicago, IL; New York, NY

General Counsel October 1985 – October 1987

Supervised litigation and general corporate matters.

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON New York, NY

Associate September 1979 – September 1985

General corporate litigation.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – Criminal Appeals Bureau New York, NY

Staff Attorney September 1977 – August 1979

Wrote and argued criminal appeals in state and federal courts.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D. Cum Laude, 1977

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

B.A. Summa Cum Laude, 1973. Phi Beta Kappa

ORGANIZATIONS

**MEMBER, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
NEW YORK AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BARS**

LANGUAGE French

PERSONAL Married; three children.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES

“Biden’s Scorecard on Climate Change,” *Foreign Affairs*, November 26, 2021 (with John Podesta)

“A Foreign Policy for the Climate,” *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2020 (with John Podesta)

“Can the United States and China Reboot Their Climate Cooperation?” The Brookings Institution, September 14, 2020

“The Paris Agreement and Its Future,” The Brookings Institution, October, 2018

“How to Shift Public Attitudes and Win the Global Climate Battle,” *Yale Environment 360*, October 25, 2018

“Why the Paris Agreement Works,” Brookings, June 7, 2017

“Trump Just Betrayed the World. Now the World Will Fight Back,” *Washington Post*, June 1, 2017

“Leaving the Paris Agreement Would Be Indefensible,” *The Atlantic*, May 31, 2017

“President Trump, Stay in the Paris Agreement. You’ll Regret It if You Don’t,” *Washington Post*, May 8, 2017

“Mr. Trump’s Climate Decision,” Brookings, March 6, 2017

“Trump Can Make the Deal of the Century on Climate,” *Washington Post*, January 24, 2017

“Seizing the Opportunity for Progress on Climate,” Yale University, October 14, 2014

“The Shape of a New International Climate Agreement,” Chatham House, October 22, 2013

"The New Climate Negotiations: Ambition, Differentiation and Flexibility," the World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi, January 15, 2013

"International Cooperation on Climate Change – the Path Forward," Dartmouth College, August 2, 2012

"Talk and Action: The Role of International Negotiations in Addressing the Climate Challenge," MIT Earth Week Colloquium, April 21, 2011

Keynote Address at Bloomberg New Energy Finance Summit, April 6, 2011

"A New Paradigm: Climate Change Negotiations in the Post-Copenhagen Era," University of Michigan, October 8, 2010

Keynote Remarks at U.S. Climate Action Symposium, Hart Senate Office Building, March 3, 2009

"A Changing Climate: The Road Ahead for the U.S.," with William Antholis, *Washington Quarterly*, Winter 2007-8.

"Climate Change: Creating an E8," with William Antholis, *The American Interest*, January/February, 2007.