

Curriculum Vitae – Eric Botts

Director, Center for International Studies, Director, Global Cybersecurity Program and Assistant Professor of International Studies at the University of St. Thomas. Currently teaching courses on Cyber Warfare, Introduction to Enterprise Cybersecurity, Cyber Ethics, Digital Governance, AI History, Governance, Use Case Analysis, and Geopolitical Risk. Mr. Botts is a lecturer at the Women's Institute of Houston teaching a course entitled The World According to Eric.

Mr. Botts received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from St. Mary's University and Master of Security Management from the University of Houston Downtown. After serving for 31 years in the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer (Santo Domingo, Seoul, Dublin, and Nassau), Assistant Director of the Houston Passport Agency, and an Information Systems Security Officer, Mr. Botts retired and went to work in the private sector as a consultant for Swailes & Co. Inc. specializing in cybersecurity, risk management, business continuity, due diligence, travel security, and investigations. During his federal career he served as Program Chairman of the Gulf Coast Federal Safety Council, and as a member of the Federal Executive Board. Mr. Botts is a founding board member of the Foreign Policy Alliance and has spoken on foreign policy issues to civic groups, colleges, and the media. In the cyber security community, he sits on the Secure World Advisory Council, and participates in the UN Internet Governance Forum.

Education:

St. Mary's University San Antonio, Texas
BA Political Science (magna cum laude) 1980
Graduate Studies St. Mary's University 1980 - 1982
University of Houston Downtown - Master of Security Management 08/2014

Work Experience:

University of St. Thomas

Director, Center for International Studies

Director, Global Cybersecurity Program

Assistant Professor International Studies

Department of International Studies and Modern Languages

Cyber Warfare (Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

This course examines the growth and scope of cyber warfare as it impacts national power in the realms of government, diplomacy, international law, international commerce/economic power, social media/privacy, science and technology, and civil society. It traces the evolution of conflict from traditional information gathering to the development of cyber weaponry with destructive capabilities and the use of those capabilities to advance national foreign policy interests. Through the use of case studies and selective readings from a variety of sources (government policy directives, cyber security industry studies, and defense related academic papers) the course guides students through the emergent quality of the broadening scope of cyber conflict and the multifaceted response to the challenge. Ultimately students are confronted with the impact of the ongoing threat as they interface with cyberspace in their day-to-day interactions. The goal is for a deeper understanding of the scope and complexity of the cyber domain and the global conflict that is raging out of view.

Introduction to Enterprise Cybersecurity (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

This course takes an enterprise level holistic perspective of cyber security. The purpose is to explore the emerging threat landscape and the means through which organizations both private and public develop and employ various cyber security policies, procedures, and tactics in response. It evaluates the various cyber security tools, structures, and protocols that serve as best practices within industry, by governments, and international organizations. It examines the cross-sector fusion of efforts to build a secure digital environment to ensure the integrity of data, the currency of the 21st century. Ultimately the objective is to give students an understanding of the complexity and interdependence of the ecommerce ecosystem and the role cyber security plays in facilitating the free flow of ideas, goods, and services vital for a viable modern society.

Governing the Digital Ecosystem (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

With the emerging diffusion of national power propelled by advances in technology that eclipses traditional centers of power, such as, natural resources, military forces, capital resources, political institutions, and social cohesion it is imperative that a fresh approach to the role played by cyberspace in creating a new power center is understood. Further, it will explore how governments use cyberspace and the tools provided to shape the political landscape through messaging, control of on-line behavior, access to information, and surveillance. This course dismantles the traditional notions of national power and examines the impact that mastery of the digital ecosystem can have in creating asymmetries of power for both state and non-state or sub-state actors. It examines the diverging U.S. and China led development of competing cyber infrastructure with differing standards and protocols. It asks the question of how these systems differ and what is the impact of this competition on the international community. Using qualitative

and quantitative tools it will challenge student to analyze the trends developing in this process and to understand the long-term societal implications of this change.

Cyber Ethics and the State (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

The course examines the impact on human society of the rapid evolution of digital surveillance tools, artificial intelligence, internet of things, and the increase of computing power. It asks the question of whether technology should drive the course of human progress or will society engage in a value laden conversation about role of human agency in that process. Further, we bring the question of ethics into an environment that seems to operate under its own imperative. As we are told that at some point computers and smart machines empowered through artificial intelligence will achieve self-awareness. We will look at the institutions necessary for establishing the foundations of an open dialog to determine the appropriate role for these technologies in society. The course engages students in a debate as to whether or not we can build a technological future based on an ethical framework and if so, how we are to go about it. Through the use of case studies and selective readings from a variety of sources (open source reports and studies, books and writings of digital practitioners) the course guides students through the challenges facing society and its institutions in charting the direction and pace of change in a manner constant with a set of values that approach this change within an ethical framework that honors the human person.

Artificial Intelligence – History, Governance, Use Case Analysis (Spring 2025)

With the emerging growth and deployment of artificial intelligence into every aspect of our modern technologically driven society it is imperative that we understand this technology. Central to this understanding is an exploration of the growth and development of artificial intelligence from its beginnings to the market driven expansion of the technology into virtually every aspect of our lives. This course is the first step in that process. Students will explore the emergence of AI as a concept, the technologies and processes that have made it possible, the early application of machine learning algorithms, the typologies of AI applications and the potential risks for the general deployment of AI. Students will examine the development and deployment of AI from the perspective informed by our Catholic values that place human agency at the center of the decision-making matrices. This leads to a sector-by-sector use case analysis in keeping with a value and risk-based system of ethical considerations. AI has the potential to greatly impact the diffusion of national power and eclipses traditional centers of power, such as, natural resources, military forces, capital resources, political institutions, and social cohesion. Therefore, it is imperative that we take a fresh approach to the role played by AI in creating a new sources of national power. AI has the potential to create asymmetries in the power dynamics between states and between private and state entities. This course will dismantle the traditional notions of national power and examine the impact that artificial intelligence can have in creating asymmetries of power for both state and non-state or sub-state actors.

Comparative Study of Internet Regulatory Frameworks U.S.-EU (Spring 2022)

This course examines the different approaches to internet governance in terms of privacy, platform regulation, data protection, risks, government oversight, and legal liability. take an enterprise level holistic perspective of cyber security. The purpose is to explore the emerging regulatory divergence between the U.S. model and the European model within the context of a global eCommerce landscape.

Cyber Espionage, Piracy, and Propaganda (Fall 2017)

This course looks at the increasing currency of cyber initiated conflict as the central component of state power. With close attention paid to the rise of social media, diplomacy, cyber espionage, cyber managed propaganda, and the piracy of intellectual property by state and non-state actors, the course traces the growing complexity of the cyber landscape as an arena of competition between nation states for global dominance. Through the use of case studies and selective readings from a variety of sources (government policy reports and directives, cyber security industry studies, social media posts, non-governmental organizations, academic research papers, and intergovernmental organizational research and policy papers) the course guides students through the emergent quality of the ubiquitous nature of the cyber domain and the multifaceted response to the challenge as it impacts international relations.

International Peacekeeping (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

This course looks at the growth and development of the international architecture of institutions designed to deter, prevent, and resolve conflicts between nations in the aftermath of the destruction of the Second World War. The course employs a case study approach examining the paths to peacemaking by looking at pivotal moments in international affairs that brought about significant changes in the relations between countries. Specifically, we will examine the Good Friday Agreement (April 10, 1998) which brought peace to Northern Ireland, the Camp David Accords (September 17, 1978) which resolved the conflict between Israel and Egypt, the Dayton Accords (December 14, 1995) bringing the conflict between the warring parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina to a conclusion, and current UN peacekeeping operations. The current framework for international conflict resolution is explored in relation to the challenges of building sustained support for current and future negotiations and peacekeeping. Part of the course will look at, international law through multilateral and bilateral treaties that incorporate conflict resolution mechanisms. Ultimately, the course is designed to develop an understanding and appreciation for the scope and complexity of the diplomacy involved in making peace and keeping it.

Program Development Initiatives:

Recruited and organized a professional Advisory Council for the Global Cybersecurity Program. The Council consist of 13 members many of whom are active or retired C-Suite executives within the cybersecurity community. As a group we have organized an annual Cybersecurity Data Protection, Privacy, and Ethics Conference generally known as the Cyber Ethics Conference. Beginning in February 2020 the conference has been held each

year. In 2025 we hosted Fr. Philip Larrey as our keynote speaker. Advisory Council members have established internships and mentorship programs for UST students. The Council has also participated in two AI Masterminds Workshops hosted at UST, Fall 2023, Spring 2024.

As director of the Center for International Studies (CIS), I reconstituted the CIS Advisory Council. Consisting of 28 members they have assisted in recruiting speakers for the Distinguished Diplomat Lecture series, the lunch and learn program for students, and have contributed funds for the program.

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Security Program Manager:

As an independent contractor plans and directs a security program function under COO direction for company client service needs. Develops, implements, and manages the strategic and tactical planning for specified program functions; investigations, asset protection/business continuity, risk assessments, and cyber security. Maintains security function aligned with the organization's overall business objectives. Provides leadership and establishes operational business plan for product and services development and implementation. Conducts market research and surveys to offer product evaluation and assess effectiveness of security projects. Ensures actions comply with legal and regulatory requirements, and meet company and customer needs. Develops and implements policies, procedures, standards, training and methods for identifying and protecting intellectual property assets, property, facilities, operations, or material from unauthorized disclosure, misuse, theft, assault, vandalism, product tampering, espionage, sabotage, or loss for company clients. Conducts investigations and coordinates with client investigative section of corporate security to analyze and detect intellectual property misuse and theft. Manage business critical projects and programs with significant financial and or legal impact. Develops business contacts and maintains close relationships with high-level law enforcement, intelligence, and private sector counterparts. Briefs company executive management and client leadership on status of security issues. Develop briefing materials and training on risk assessment/mitigation strategies, asset protection, business continuity strategies, and cyber security policies and programs.

State of Texas Private Security Registration (Private Investigator) 00056718

University of Houston Downtown
Adjunct Lecturer: Master of Security Management for Executives Program

Cyber Crimes and Computer Forensics (Summer 2015, 2016, 2017)

This course examines the growth and scope of computer forensics and security as it impacts business processes, personal privacy, intellectual property, risk analysis and integration into enterprise security planning and implementation. It explores the nexus between corporate governance and business processes in a global economic environment taking into account risks posed by competitors, insider threats, nation states, and non-state actors. In the course, we demonstrate the use of computer forensic investigative tools and processes that can determine where and how information breaches occur.

Organizational Resilience (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2020)

This course explores the effectiveness of various risk mitigation and recovery models as the integral aspect of organizational resilience. It examines the composition of cyber incident response teams (CIRT) in managing computer incidents in achieving organizational objectives. It compares and contrasts various models of risk mitigation and incident recovery with close attention directed toward sector specific and regulatory imperatives that inform those models. Students have the opportunity to adapt risk analysis to mitigation and recovery strategies to determine the right fit for a specific organization as determined by business operations scope and complexity of the risk environment. Further, it explores the nexus between corporate governance and business processes integration into enterprise security planning and implementation as it pertains to organizational resilience.

Women's Institute of Houston

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Instructor:

THE CHANGING WORLD: *Future Trends in International Affairs* - Spring 2018, FLASH POINTS: *Conflict Zones in an Era of Increasing Global Competition* – Fall 2018, GREAT GAME Redux: *Great Power Rivalry in the 21st Century* – Spring 2019, Global Intelligence Briefing – Summer 2019, U.S. & The World: *Emerging Challenges and Opportunities* – Fall 2019, The World According to Eric: *U.S. and the World: Emerging Challenges* – Spring 2020, The World According to Eric – *A Brief View* - Summer 2020, The World According to Eric: *Emerging Challenges and Opportunities* – Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023. Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

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Course Development – Digital Forensic Evidence Course (Feb. 2017)

U.S Department of State (09/1998 – 03/2014)

Mickey Leland Federal Building

1919 Smith St. Ste. 500

Houston, TX 77002

Assistant Director/Information Systems Security Officer for the Houston Passport Agency: Chief operations officer responsible for strategic planning, policy formulation, program oversight, management, safety and security, employee development, operational execution, and business process analysis. Direct management of all day-to-day operations of the agency that includes 144 employees both direct hire and contract staff. (Direct Reports during tenure: three Adjudication Managers, Fraud Prevention Manager, two Customer Service Managers, Processing Chief, Operations Officer, two Systems Administrators, and a contract Processing Supervisor).

Provide leadership and management coordination for the information systems, security and safety, adjudication, customer service, and fraud prevention programs. Select, place, and develop employees by hiring/promoting and designing developmental and training programs to meet organizational objectives. Serve as principal internal controls/unit security officer to maintain effective safeguards against fraud, malfeasance, waste and misappropriation and to assure the safety and security of agency personnel and the visiting public.

Major Accomplishments (by function):

Unit Security Officer – Provide leadership and direction for the Diplomatic Security (DS) Site Security Manager (SSM) and a unit of five contract Uniform Protection Officers (UPOs) to ensure compliance with headquarters/contractor post orders. Serve as principal liaison with Federal Protective Service (FPS) police, local first responders; Houston Police Department (HPD) and Houston Fire Department (HFD) as it relates to security and safety of customers and employees. Serve as principal agency contact with headquarters staff for policy compliance for security requirements.

- Elected as Chairman of the Facility Security Committee (FSC) and serving from 2008 – 2012. Established first Law Enforcement Subcommittee to coordinate all tenant law enforcement agencies active shooter responses to avoid blue-on-blue fratricide.
- Coordinated/scheduled annual evacuation exercise.
- Coordinated floor warden – high rise fire training with HFD.
- Coordinated Hazmat training with HFD.
- Coordinated “white powder” incident training with U.S. Postal Inspection Service.
- Coordinated/scheduled annual shelter-in-place exercise for agency employees.
- Served as Department of State representative on the FSC (formally BSC) from 2001 – 2008 (elected as chairman in 2008)
- Developed agency Emergency Action Plan (EAP) beginning in 2001 (annually updated) to include devolution of authority and establishment of mission critical team (MCT).

- Established template for EAP that was used as the basis for EAPs at several passport agencies.
- Negotiated and drafted memorandum of understanding with the Office of Foreign Missions for possible MCT relocation as part of continuity of operations (COOP) devolution plan – 2005 (in effect).
- Developed “table top” exercises – hurricane preparedness, active shooter, hazmat event, and pandemic response.
- Served as Program Chairman of the Gulf Coast Federal Safety Council (GCFSC) from 2005 – 2010. Program activities included OSHA training, CDC pandemic training/exercises, BATF training on improvised explosive devices, EPA training on hazardous materials, NASA training for employee health/safety and wellness programs, Coast Guard disaster response and interagency coordination training under national incident management system (NIMS) guidelines.
- Served on the Federal Executive Board (FEB) Preparedness Committee 2002 – 2012 to develop interagency/inter-governmental response to local disasters and to conduct post-disaster analyses “hot wash.”
- Participated in FEB planning and exercises for hurricane preparedness, Anthrax, pandemic, terrorism and cyber-attacks.
- Served in post-Hurricane Rita response with Houston City Council Homeland Security committee co-chaired with City Councilman Adrian Garcia 2005 – 2006.
- Negotiated and drafted MOU with the Diplomatic Security Houston Field Office to provide afterhours armed escorts for agency duty officer program 2000.

Information System Security Officer - Ensure integrity of the agency’s automated computer processing systems. To provide training on systems security and ensure compliance with regulations and policies governing the use of automated information systems within the agency.

- In 2005, the Department designated agency assistant directors as information systems security officers (ISSO). At the time, there were no operational requirements for the role. An initial draft was proposed by headquarters. Using knowledge of mission requirements and the application of information systems at an operational level, I redrafted the scope and parameters of the position at the local level. My draft was largely accepted and became the standard for the Bureau of Passport Services.
- Conduct annual cyber security training for agency staff.
- Ensure employee compliance with web-based training requirements on cyber security.
- Conduct monthly audits on systems permissions and employee access using proprietary system monitoring tools.
- Took corrective action for information system security breaches.
- Reported security violations to the Department’s Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) and institute corrective recovery measures.
- Took local corrective action in response to CIRT active monitoring in the event of malicious code detections.

- In 2009 I drafted the revised standards to include a role for a regional ISSO which again was accepted as overall standard for the Department of State Office of Information assurance.

Chief Operations Officer - Provide leadership and management coordination for the information systems, security and safety, adjudication, customer service, and fraud prevention programs to ensure effective operational coordination and integration. Select, place, and develop employees by promoting and designing developmental and training programs to meet organizational objectives.

- Managed the growth and expansion of the agency from 43 employees in 2000 to 144 employees in 2013. This includes growth in all major program areas – adjudication, anti-fraud, processing, and customer service.
- Engineered process improvements resulting in per capita performance that rated third out of 26 agencies and first out of agencies that accept applications through a public counter in 2013.
- Suggested a contractor oversight and compliance survey that was accepted and implemented system-wide in 2010.
- Coordinated and oversaw agency training program for targeted subject matter training in adjudication, customer service, leadership development and safety/security.
- Until 2008 when we added an Operations Officer I served as principal liaison with outside suppliers/vendors/contractors for facilities management, equipment purchases/leases, office renovations, maintenance and repair.
- Oversaw the agency internal controls program to maintain integrity of administratively controlled items such as, passports.
- Support the agency's customer service program through representing the Department of State at public speaking and educational events – trade shows, Rotary Club, American Correctional Association, Fulbright scholars, college career day events (Texas A&M, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, University of St. Thomas, and University of Houston Downtown), consular notification briefings for HPD and Harris County Sheriff's Department.
- Certified by the Federal Mediation Conciliation Administration as a mediator. I served as a mediator under the Federal Executive Board's shared neutrals program and successfully mediated disputes resulting in mutually agreed upon settlements (2010 – 2013).

Customer Service Manager Houston Passport Agency (05/1993 – 09/1998) - Serve as full member of the management team assisting the Regional Director to plan, coordinate, and implement customer service policies and initiatives. Manage a regional customer service program covering four states (TX, OK, NM, and KS) to coordinate the training and policy implementation of the passport acceptance program. Serve as principal congressional liaison and public relations officer/press spokesperson.

- Served as principal liaison with Congressional constituent service offices for the states of TX, NM, OK, and KS.

- Oversaw the passport acceptance program consisting of U.S. Post Offices, Clerks of Court and municipal passport acceptance offices in the four-state region.
- Provided passport acceptance training for over 400 passport acceptance agents.
- Drafted and published a monthly newsletter for acceptance agents and congressional offices (1993 – 1998).
- Drafted agency response to congressional inquiries and customer inquiries/complaints.
- Arranged and facilitated emergency travel requests.
- Serve as press spokesperson / public affairs official providing travel safety/security briefings for private sector organizations, colleges and universities, and state and local government officials.

Consul, Visa Unit, American Embassy Nassau, The Bahamas (09/1992 – 05/93)

Supervisory Consular Officer with a staff of 2 American Consular Officers and 5 local staff.

- Managed the visa issuing operation of the embassy and supervised American and foreign national staff.
- During hurricane Andrew, two hundred American tourists were stranded in Nassau because an American flag carrier suspended operations and Bahamian officials closed the airport. I persuaded the Bahamian government to reopen the airport and using the State Department's operations center contacted the VP of Flight Operations for the American flag carrier. I convinced the airline to send aircraft to Nassau to expedite the removal of the stranded American tourists. Two aircraft were dispatched and the Americans evacuated.

Consul, Chief Immigrant Visa & Nonimmigrant Visa Units, American Embassy Dublin, Republic of Ireland (1989 – 1992)

Supervisory Consular Officer with a staff of 3 American Consular Officers and 8 local staff.

- Managed the visa issuing operations in the Republic of Ireland creating updated and improved business processes to address the implementation of the Diversity Visa program which increased our immigrant visa caseload by 40%.
- Served as Embassy representative and reporting officer for an Ecumenical Conference hosted by then President of Ireland Mary Robinson.
- Served as escort officer for the Department of State's Special Human Rights Envoy during his fact-finding trip to Ireland.
- Processed several "national security" visa waivers for high profile visa applicants many of whom were involved in the Irish "Republican" movement.

Vice Consul, Deputy Chief Nonimmigrant Visas, Deputy Chief Immigrant Visas, Anti-Fraud Officer, American Citizens' Services Officer, American Embassy Seoul,

Republic of Korea (1986 – 1989). Supervisory Consular Officer with a staff of 4 American officers and 12 local staff.

- Served as the Acting American Services Officer reporting on the investigation and subsequent trial involving an American citizen in the murder case of another American citizen. During this time, I was the principal liaison with the Korean National Police and Prosecutor's Office. I also, worked closely with the victim's family and served as escort officer when they arrived in country.
- I supervised 5 Korean national investigators in the anti-fraud unit.
- As the Embassy's anti-fraud officer facing obstacles in acquiring cooperation and information from two Latin American governments in our alien smuggling and anti-human trafficking operation, I approached the Canadian Consul General with whom I was on good terms and suggested they spearhead the initiative giving the operation broader multilateral participation. As a result, we gained the full cooperation of the Latin American governments which led to meaningful success in the program.
- Served as noncombatant evacuation coordinator for non-official American community. In this role I coordinated U.S. government in-country resources with U.S. Army and Air Force.
- Served as Embassy liaison with the advance team during the visit of Secretary of State George Schultz. My efforts resulted in a letter of commendation from Secretary Schultz.

Vice Consul, Visa Officer and Assistant Administrative Officer, American Embassy Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1984 – 1986). As the Assistant Administrative officer I had responsibility for 52 local staff in four work units and the maintenance of eight U.S. government owned properties.

- Operational manager for CODEL O'Neill the last congressional delegation headed by outgoing Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill.
- Led Embassy coordination effort as principal advance team liaison for Secretary George Shultz delegation to Santo Domingo for inauguration of Dominican President.
- Facilitated and expedited the emergency evacuation of the AID Assistant Director's wife requiring clearance of an air ambulance and coordination with Dominican government officials.
- Served as chief local logistics coordinator of Embassy security construction project to "harden" the consular section.

Qualifications and Honors:

Foreign Service Institute (FSI) – Spanish (3/3 – tested 5/85), current fluency 1+/1+ est.
Administrative Core Course FSI - 06/84
General Service Core Course FSI - 07/84

ConGen Rosslyn FSI – 08/84
IMAC 90 Consular Workshop FSI – 06/91
Meritorious Honor Award – 1992
OPM Management Development Seminar 9/98
Foreign Affairs Leadership Seminar 9/2000
Meritorious Honor Award – 2001
Superior Honor Award – 2003
Meritorious Honor Award – 2005
Franklin Award – 2006
Franklin Award - 2008
Meritorious Honor Award - 2008
FEMA Certification COOP Manager Train the Trainer Course 9/2006
FEMA Certification COOP Manager Train the Trainer Course 10/2008
FSI Executive Overview to Employee Relations 11/2008
FSI EEO/Diversity Awareness 01/2009
U.S. Coast Guard National Incident Management System NIMS ICS-100/200/700/800B Course 01/2009
Diplomatic Security IA 101 Information Assurance for ISSO 5/2009
FSI Intermediate Leadership Course 7/ 2009
FSI Managing Conflict Productively 9/2009
OPM Executive Development Seminar – Leading Change 8/2010
Gulf Coast Federal Safety Council – 2004 /2010, Program Chairman 2006/2010
Federal Executive Board (FEB) – Preparedness Committee 2002 – 2012
Chairman, Mickey Leland Facility Security Committee 2008 – 2012
Federal Mediation Conciliation Administration Certified Mediator - FEB
Shared Neutrals Program – 2011 - 2013
Diplomatic Security IA – 103 Information Systems Security Officer Certification 12/2013
FBI Citizen's Academy 11/2016

Public Speaking Engagements:

University of Texas Arlington: Haggard Lecture Series – A Life of Service 4/2013
University of St. Thomas – Distinguished Diplomat Lecture: Center for International Affairs Luncheon: Sun Tzu – The Art of Cyber War 10/1/2015
Lone Star College Global Affairs Series: Sun Tzu – The Art of Cyber War 3/9/2016
Great Decisions Discussion Group West University: Sun Tzu – The Art of Cyber War 4/15/2016
KPFT – Progressive Forum – Houston Foreign Policy Alliance – Resolution 5/26/2016
Asia Society – Sun Tzu and the Art of Cyber War, June 2016
Passion Time with Patti Gras – What Kind of Foreign Policy Do We Need 1/7/2017
Lone Star College University Park & Kingwood – Foreign Policy Alliance: A Call to Reform U.S. Foreign Policy, Feb. 2017, March 2017.
Herman Park Rotary Club – Foreign Policy Alliance Resolution: A Call to reform U.S. Foreign Policy, May 5, 2017

Belmont Village – Foreign Policy Alliance Resolution: A Call to Reform U.S. Foreign Policy, June 19, 2017
 Asia Society – Young Leaders Program Cyber Warfare U.S. – China, June 20, 2017
 Bellaire/Braeswood Democrats – Foreign Policy Alliance Resolution: A Call to Reform Foreign Policy, July 10, 2017
 Great Decisions Group West University – Foreign Policy Resolution Sept. 7, 2017
 Asia Society Young Leaders Program – June 2016, June 2017
 Herman Park Rotary Club – A Call to Reform U.S. Foreign Policy, June 2017
 Belmont Village/Hunter’s Creek – A Call to Reform U.S. Foreign Policy June 2017
 Great Decisions Discussion Group: West University: Sun Tzu – The Art of Cyber War - April 2016, Cyber Warfare - March 2018, Cyber Security - March 2019,
 Bay Area Unitarian Church – Cyber Warfare, March 2018
 West University Rotary Club – Cyber Security, January 2019
 Great Decisions Discussion Group: Bay Area: Sun Tzu – The Art of Cyber War, Nov. 20, 2017, Cyber Security, March 2019.
 Silver Fox Advisors – Houston Racquet Club – The Invisible War, February 2019
 4 Leaf Towers Discussion Group – The Invisible War, April 2019
 Founders Capital Management Group – eCommerce and Cyber Security – June 2019
 First Unitarian Universalist Church Minister’s Forum – Police Reform – June 2020
 SAIS Alumni Texas Virtual Program: Global Perspectives on Public Health and AI Today – Sept. 2020.
 St. Mary’s Seminary, Houston: Cyber Security & Computer Hygiene Jan.2021
 Organizer and Moderator University of St. Thomas Cyber Ethics Conference, Jan. 2021, Feb. 2022, Feb. 2023, Feb 2024, Feb. 2025
 World Affairs Council Houston – Global Affairs Seminar - Cyber Warfare, May 2022
 Asia Society Global Academy – Technology and Conflict, July 2022
 World Affairs Council Houston – Global Affairs Academy – Cyber Warfare, July 2022
 SecureWorld Conference – Panelist: What Academe is Doing to Ready the Next Generation, May 2023
 Baylor College of Medicine – Cyber Ethics and Data Protection, June 2023
 World Affairs Council Houston – Global Affairs Academy – AI and Disinformation, October 2023
 Great Decisions Bay Area Unitarian Church – AI and the Conflict in Gaza, November 2023
 SecureWorld Conference – Moderator, Beyond the Shadows: Anticipating Tomorrows Cyber Threats, Apr. 2024
 Baylor College of Medicine – Cyber Ethics and Data Protection, June 2024
 Fox News Channel 26 Morning Show – Conflict in Ukraine, Nov. 2024
 Fox News Channel 26 morning Shop – Crisis in South Korea, Dec. 2024
 Florida International University webinar – AI and the Governance Dilemma, Mar. 2025

Professional Associations:

ASIS – American Society for Industrial Security (December 2013 – present)
 The IT Summit Houston - Executive Board (May 2015)
 Houston Foreign Policy Alliance – Board Member (May 2015 – Sept. 2019)

InfraGuard Houston Alliance (May 2014 – present)
SecureWorld Advisory Council (2016 – present)
World Affairs Council Houston (2011 – present)
Internet Governance Forum US (2021 – present)
Houston Committee on Foreign Relations (2022- present)
International Systems Security Association (2023 - present)
U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (2023 - present)
Diplomats and Consular Officers Retired (2023 – present)

Publications - Author - Titles

Conversations with An Alien, 2004 - AuthorHouse 1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 200
Bloomington, Indiana 47403, (published as Eric Cristofer)

The Circle – Portrait of an American Family, 2015 - AuthorHouse 1663 Liberty Drive,
Suite 200 Bloomington, Indiana 47403, (published as Eric Cristofer)