

Shapers of Post-Cold War US Foreign Policy

To no one's great surprise, dozens of Walter LaFeber's students pursued careers in foreign policy and international affairs. Some joined the US Foreign Service and rose through the ranks to become ambassadors and high-ranking State Department officials. Others served at the Pentagon, in Congress, or on the White House staff. Two of them—Stephen Hadley and the late Sandy Berger—actually became

Stephen Hadley (Cornell BA, Class of 1969) is a Principal at Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC, an international consulting firm in Washington DC. He began his government service in 1987 as counsel to the Tower Commission investigating the Iran-contra scandal and became Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs during the George H. W. Bush administration. In 2001, Mr. Hadley was appointed as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, serving under National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. In 2005, he succeeded Ms. Rice as National Security Advisor and served as the principal White House foreign policy strategist during George W. Bush's second term. Mr. Hadley holds a JD from Yale University and was an officer in the US Navy from 1972 to 1975.

Paul Jones (Cornell BA, Class of 1982) retired from the US Department of State in 2020. During his distinguished 33-year career, he served as Ambassador to Poland, Ambassador to Malaysia, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (under Richard Holbrooke), and Deputy Chief of Mission in the Philippines and North Macedonia. His final assignment was as Chargé d'Affaires in Islamabad, Pakistan during the