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He previously served on the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament; was appointed by Mohamed ElBaradei to serve as Chair of the Commission of Eminent Persons to recommend the future course of the International Atomic Energy Agency; co-chaired the Partnership of the Americas Commission with Thomas Pickering, and co-chaired the Commission on Drugs and Democracy with former Presidents Cardoso of Brazil and Gaviria of Colombia.

He currently is a member of the G30 and the Board of Directors of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He is a Distinguished Practitioner of the Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford and in 2011 he was elected an international member of the American Philosophical Society. He holds honorary degrees from Yale and Harvard Universities; the University of Ghana; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and the University of Miami.

His edited volume, Rethinking the War on Drugs through the US-Mexico Prism (YCSG), was published in 2012 and two other edited volumes, Global Warming: Looking Beyond Kyoto (Brookings/YCSG) and The Future of Globalization: Explorations in Light of Recent Turbulence (Routledge) were published in 2008.