

# **Frank Costigliola, D.Phil.**

**Distinguished Professor, Department of History at University of Connecticut**

Storrs, CT, US

Distinguished Professor specializing in modern history, United States foreign relations, and the United States in the 20th century.

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## **Biography**

Frank Costigliola grew up in Spring Valley, New York, the son of Italian immigrants who for economic reasons had to drop out of school after the fifth grade. At the age of 25, he completed his Ph.D. from Cornell and became an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island. His first year at URI, he began carving a homestead out of 20 acres of woodland, clearing land for a garden and pasture for a milk cow and steers. He helped build first a yurt, then a house, barn, and other outbuildings. He has been at UConn since 1998. Costigliola's first book, *Awkward Dominion: American Political, Economic, and Cultural Relations with Europe, 1919-33*, helped introduce culture as a topic in foreign relations history. His second book, *France and the United States: The Cold Alliance since World War II*, also dealt with the intersection of cultural with political and economic relations while suggesting how nations and their policies could be gendered as a way of valorizing or delegitimizing them. His third book, *Roosevelt's Lost Alliances: How Personal Politics Helped Start the Cold War*, explored the intersection of personal and political relations, and the role of emotions, in the diplomacy of the Allied leaders who won World War II and then lost the peace. Costigliola has lectured throughout the United States and Europe and has received fellowships from the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Norwegian Nobel Institute, and the University of Connecticut Humanities Institute. In 2009 he served as president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Modern History, American History, Twentieth Century History, U.S. Foreign Relations, History, Historical Political Figures

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## **Affiliations**

Historical Review Panel of the Central Intelligence Agency [advises Director of CIA on CIA's declassification programs], Invited consultant to Department of State Policy Planning Staff

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## **Education**

**Cornell University**

Ph.D.

**Hamilton College**

B.A

**Universtat Munchen**  
**B.A**

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## **Accomplishments**

**Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor**  
**2016**

**UConn Humanities Institute Fellowship**  
**2014-2015**

**Institute for Advanced Study Director's Visitor**  
**2011**

**Institute for Advanced Study/National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship**  
**2009-2010**

**UConn Humanities Institute Fellowship**  
**2009-2010**

**President, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations**  
**2009**

**UConn Chancellor's Excellence in Research Award**  
**2002**

**UConn Humanities Institute Fellowship**  
**2002-2003**

**UConn Alumni Assn Excellence in Research Award**  
**2002**

**Nobel Institute Fellowship (Oslo)**  
**1999**

**Guggenheim Fellowship**  
**1995-1996**

**Harvard Warren Center**  
**1995-1996**

**NATO Fellowship**  
**1994-1995**

**Harry S Truman Library**  
1994

**Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation Grant Research**  
1992

**National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship**  
1986-1987

**National Endowment for the Arts Grant**  
1982

**National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship**  
1977

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