

Ralph Carter

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Professor Carter focuses on U.S. foreign, trade, and defense policy, with a particular emphasis on the roles played by members of Congress.

Biography

Professor Carter teaches introductory courses in political science and international politics as well as advanced courses in U.S. foreign policy, Russian foreign policy, and Mideast conflicts. Making US Foreign Policy: The Essentials (2nd ed., 2020); Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy: From National Security to Human Security (6th ed., 2021); IR: Seeking Security, Prosperity, and Quality of Life in a Changing World, with James M. Scott and A. Cooper Drury (4th ed. 2022); the 44 essay Foreign Policy Analysis component of the International Studies Encyclopedia, with Steven B. Redd, Valerie M. Hudson, Patrick James, and Jeffrey Pickering (2010); Choosing to Lead: Understanding Congressional Foreign Policy Entrepreneurs, with James M. Scott (2009), and Making American Foreign Policy, with John T. Rourke and Mark A. Boyer (2nd ed. 1996). He is the author or co-author of over 50 journal articles, book chapters, and other professional publications. From 2004-2009, he served as one of the inaugural editors of the journal Foreign Policy Analysis and previously served on the editorial boards of both Foreign Policy Analysis and International Studies Perspectives. His research agenda focuses on the making of U.S. foreign, trade, and defense policy, with a particular emphasis on the roles played by members of Congress. In 2014, Professor Carter received the TCU Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar and was selected as one of 10 Piper Professors of Texas. In its 2012 inaugural edition, Princeton Review named Professor Carter one of The Best 300 Professors in the United States. In 2006, he became the first person from a non-doctoral program to receive the International Studies Association's Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award. He received TCU's Deans' Teaching Award in 2007 and was named one of five "Best Professors" at TCU by the Texas Monthly 2004 Guide to Texas Colleges and Universities. His TCU service includes participation in its strategic planning processes, two terms as department chair, and stints as director of TCU's Washington Internship Program, Pre-Law Advisor, and Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative.

Areas of Expertise

International Relations, U. S. Foreign Policy in Film, Middle East, Russia, North Korea, War & Conflict, Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Promotion of U. S. Democracy

Affiliations

International Studies Association, American Political Science Association

Education

The Ohio State University
Ph.D. Political Science

The Ohio State University
M.A. Political Science

Midwestern State University
B.A. Political Science

Accomplishments

Piper Professor of 2014

Named one of 10 best professors from all Texas community colleges, colleges, and universities, across all fields and academic disciplines, in 2014

TCU Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar

Named top professor for both teaching and research at TCU

The Best 300 Professors

Named one of the best 300 professors in the United States, across all fields and academic disciplines, by Princeton Review

Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award

Award for distinguished scholarship and service to the International Studies Association, awarded by its Midwest Region. First recipient of this award to come from an undergraduate-only political science department

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