

Thomas Schwartz

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Biography

Thomas Alan Schwartz is a historian of the foreign relations of the United States, with related interests in American politics, the history of international relations, Modern European history, and biography. His most recent book is *Henry Kissinger and American Power: A Political Biography* (Hill and Wang, 2020). The book has received considerable notice and acclaim. Harvard's University's Charles Maier has written: "Thomas Schwartz's superbly researched political biography reveals the brilliance, self-serving ego, and vulnerability of America's most remarkable diplomat in the twentieth century, even as it provides a history of U.S. engagement in global politics as it moved beyond bipolarity." Earlier in his career, Schwartz was the author of *America's Germany: John J. McCloy and the Federal Republic of Germany* (Harvard, 1991), which was translated into German, *Die Atlantik Brücke* (Ullstein, 1992). This book received the Stuart Bernath Book Prize of the Society of American Foreign Relations, and the Harry S. Truman Book Award, given by the Truman Presidential Library. He is also the author of *Lyndon Johnson and Europe: In the Shadow of Vietnam* (Harvard, 2003), which examined the Johnson Administration's policy toward Europe and assessed the impact of the war in Vietnam on its other foreign policy objectives. He is the co-editor with Matthias Schulz of *The Strained Alliance: U.S.-European Relations from Nixon to Carter*, (Cambridge University Press, 2009). Professor Schwartz has held fellowships from the Social Science Research Council, the German Historical Society, the Norwegian Nobel Institute, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Center for the Study of European Integration. He has served as President of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. He served on the United States Department of State's Historical Advisory Committee as the representative of the Organization of American Historians from 2005-2008.

Areas of Expertise

Henry Kissinger, American Foreign Relations, Modern European History, International Relations, History of U.S. Foreign Policy, Twentieth Century American History, History of the U.S. Presidency, Lyndon Baines Johnson, LBJ

Selected Event Appearances

The Arab Spring: Revolution in the Middle East
Samuel L. Shannon distinguished Lecture Series

Henry Kissinger, Vietnam, and Iraq: The Problem of Realism in American Foreign Policy
The 2010 Herbert S. Schell Annual Lecture in American History

Education

Harvard University
Ph.D. History

Harvard University
A.M. History

Oxford University
M.A. History

Columbia University
A.B. History

Accomplishments

The Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
Vanderbilt University

Annual Alumni Education Award
2008, Vanderbilt Alumni Association

2008 Book Award
Chi Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order

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