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As a consulting editor, I assist authors and editors of books on public policy and scholarly topics, particularly defense, security, and technology. My services include substantive and organizational editing, to clarify logic and presentation, as well as project management and guidance for editors of edited volumes, to knit a collection of pieces into an integrated whole.

Professional experience

Since 1987 I have:

- edited dozens of books and articles in the fields of international relations, defense and security affairs, technology policy, and business;
- managed the publication of many books through the entire process: editing, typesetting, proofreading, design, and printing;
- offered workshops and consultation to scholars at Columbia University, MIT, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University on how to write for publication, and taught editing and essay-writing classes in adult education.

In nearly a decade at the Center for Science and International Affairs (CSIA) at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, I was:

- senior editor, Center for Science and International Affairs (now the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, BCSIA), 1991–96;
- executive editor (1994–96) and co-founder and co-editor (1991–94) of the *CSIA Studies in International Security* (now *BCSIA Studies in International Security*, published by MIT Press);
- deputy editor (1991–96) and assistant managing editor (1987–91) of the quarterly journal *International Security*.

Now an inactive member of the Washington State Bar Association, between 1979 and 1987 I practiced law with a large Seattle firm, with the Washington State Legislature, and as general counsel. I hold a J.D. degree (1979) from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, and a B.A. in history (1975) from the University of Washington in my hometown of Seattle.

My general approach is reflected in "Writing for International Security: A Contributor's Guide," *International Security*, Fall 1991. It is available under "publications" on the website of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government at <www.ksg.harvard.edu/bcsia> and on my website <www.tlawson.com/pro> under the link to <useful documents>.

A representative selection of my recent projects is attached; I would be happy to provide contact information for these authors on request.

A sample of books I have edited

- Terrorism, War, or Disease? Unraveling the Use of Biological Weapons*, Anne M. Clunan, Peter R. Lavoy, and Susan B. Martin, eds., Stanford University Press, 2008
- Creating Military Power: The Sources of Military Effectiveness*, Risa A. Brooks and Elizabeth A. Stanley, eds., Stanford University Press, 2007
- Dealing with Dictators: Dilemmas of U.S. Diplomacy and Intelligence Analysis, 1945–1990*, Ernest R. May and Philip D. Zelikow, eds., MIT Press, 2006
- Service to Country: Personnel Policy and the Transformation of Western Militaries*, Curtis Gilroy and Cindy Williams, eds., MIT Press, 2006
- Policy Analysis in National Security Affairs: New Methods for a New Era*, by Richard L. Kugler, NDU Press, 2006
- Seeing the Elephant: The U.S. Role in Global Security*, by Hans Binnendijk and Richard L. Kugler, NDU Press, 2006
- Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War*, Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder, MIT Press, 2005
- Filling the Ranks: Transforming the U.S. Military Personnel System*, Cindy Williams, ed., MIT Press, 2004
- A Grand Strategy for America*, by Robert J. Art, Cornell University Press/Century Foundation, 2003
- Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field*, Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds., MIT Press, 2003
- Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future*, Ashton B. Carter and John P. White, eds., Preventive Defense Project, 2000; MIT Press, 2001
- QDR 2001: Strategy-Driven Choices for America's Security*, Michèle A. Flournoy, ed., National Defense University Press, 2001
- Holding the Line: U.S. Defense Alternatives for the Early Twenty-first Century*, Cindy Williams, ed., MIT Press, 2001
- Realizing Human Rights: Moving from Inspiration to Impact*, Samantha Power and Graham Allison, eds., St. Martin's Press, 2000
- Voting for Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict*, by Jack Snyder, Norton, 2000
- America's Asian Alliances*, Robert D. Blackwill and Paul Dibb, eds., MIT Press, 2000
- Preventive Defense: An American Security Strategy for the 21st Century*, by Ashton B. Carter and William J. Perry, Brookings Institution Press, 1999
- The Biology of Business: Decoding the Natural Laws of Enterprise*, John Clippinger, ed., Jossey-Bass, 1999
- The Ultimate Terrorists*, by Jessica Stern, Harvard University Press, 1999
- Yeltsin's Russia: Myths and Reality*, by Lilia Shevtsova, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/Brookings Institution Press, 1999
- America's Achilles' Heel: Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Terrorism and Covert Attack*, by Richard A. Falkenrath, Robert Newman, and Bradley A. Thayer, MIT Press, 1998
- Investing in Innovation: Creating a Research and Innovation Policy that Works*, Lewis M. Branscomb and James H. Keller, eds., MIT Press, 1998
- Allies Divided: Transatlantic Policies for the Greater Middle East*, Robert D. Blackwill and Michael Stürmer, eds., MIT Press, 1997
- Avoiding Nuclear Anarchy: Containing the Threat of Loose Russian Nuclear Weapons and Fissile Material*, by Graham Allison, Owen R. Cote, Jr., Richard A. Falkenrath, and Steven E. Miller, MIT Press, 1996
- Russian Security after the Cold War: Seven Views from Moscow*, Teresa Johnson (Lawson) and Steven E. Miller, eds., CSIA Studies in International Security/Brassey's, 1994
- Empowering Technology: Implementing a U.S. Strategy*, Lewis M. Branscomb, ed., MIT Press, 1993
- Beyond Spinoff: Military and Commercial Technologies in a Changing World*, by John A. Alic, Lewis M. Branscomb, Harvey Brooks, Ashton B. Carter, and Gerald L. Epstein, Harvard Business School Press, 1992