



Kiron K. Skinner

Professor Kiron K. Skinner, a renowned expert in international relations, US foreign policy, and political strategy, is an academic administrator and tireless public servant. At Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), she is founding director of the Center for International Relations and Politics; university adviser on national security policy; associate professor of international relations and political science; and director of the International Relations and Politics undergraduate major. In addition, Skinner is a Distinguished Fellow at CyLab, a research center in the College of Engineering, and holds courtesy faculty positions at CMU's Heinz College and the Institute for Software Research, an academic department in the School of Computer Science. She has also taught political science courses at Hamilton College, Harvard University, and the University of California, Los Angeles. At Stanford University's Hoover Institution, Skinner is the W. Glenn Campbell Research Fellow and a member of the Shultz-Stephenson Task Force on Energy Policy.

Professor Skinner is an award-winning and best-selling author. Her coauthored books *Reagan, In His Own Hand* (2001) and *Reagan, a Life in Letters* (2003) were New York Times best sellers. *Reagan, In His Own Hand* won the Hoover Institution's Uncommon Book Award and was serialized in the *New York Times Magazine* on December 31, 2000. *Reagan, A Life in Letters* was selected as one of the best books of 2003 by the *Los Angeles Times*, was *Time* magazine's cover story on September 29, 2003, and was the subject of a September 29, 2003, editorial written by the *New York Times* editorial board. *The Strategy of Campaigning: Lessons from Ronald Reagan and Boris Yeltsin* (2007), a book Skinner coauthored with Serhiy Kudelia, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, and Condoleezza Rice, was excerpted on the opinion page of the *New York Times* on September 15, 2007. A frequent contributor of opinion essays, Skinner has written for CNN.com, Foreign Policy.com, National Review Online, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She also regularly provides scholarly commentary on national and international television and radio programs.

Among Skinner's numerous awards are the Truman Scholarship for the State of California (1979); Glamour magazine's Top Ten College Competition for Women (1981); Harvard University's Sidney Matz Prize for excellence in advising undergraduates (1989); Delegate to the Bellagio "New Faces" Conference sponsored by the Arms Control Association and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (1989); University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow (1996-98); Olin Foundation Faculty Fellowship (1999-2001 and 2001-2002); BMW Transatlantic Forum Fellow (US and Germany, 2004 and 2005); and Kennedy Middle School Hall of Fame (Redwood City, California, 2005).

Professor Skinner's government service includes membership on the US Defense Department's Defense Policy Board as an adviser on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars (2001–07); the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) Executive Panel (2004–present); the National Academies Committee on Behavioral and Social Science Research to Improve Intelligence Analysis for National



Security (2009–11); and the National Security Education Board (2004–11). In 2010, Skinner was appointed to the advisory board of the George W. Bush Oral History Project. She served as a foreign policy surrogate for the Bush-Cheney reelection campaign in 2004, a senior foreign policy adviser in 2011-12 to Speaker Newt Gingrich during his presidential campaign, and a senior foreign policy adviser in the fall of 2012 to the Governor Mitt Romney for President campaign. In 2012, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett appointed Professor Skinner to the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs.

Skinner serves on the boards of the Atlantic Council of the United States in Washington, DC; Propel Schools in the Pittsburgh area; and Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. She is a life member of the Pacific Council on International Policy in Los Angeles and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

Professor Skinner holds MA and PhD degrees in political science and international relations from Harvard University and undergraduate degrees from Spelman College and Sacramento City College. She received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Molloy College, Long Island. In her leisure time, she enjoys hiking in California's foothills and mountains.

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