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Education

Ph.D., United States Diplomatic History, University of Virginia (2008)
M.A., European History, Stanford University (2000)
B.A., Political Science, Stanford University (1999)

Mershon Project

Rob Rakove will spend the year revising his dissertation for future publication as a book. His project, "Befriending the Nonaligned: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Neutralist Powers," will examine the efforts of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations to create lasting, constructive relations with leading states of the non-aligned world. Rakove defines non-aligned countries as those who declared neutrality during the Cold War, including India, Indonesia, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Tanzania, and Yugoslavia.

This project will explore how U.S. policies of interaction with non-aligned powers helped define relations between the United States and its allies, many of whom had tense relations with the new post-colonial states in Africa and Asia. Rakove will examine how U.S. foreign aid was used in forming international relationships during the 1960s. He will also investigate how policy makers in this era addressed issues of incompatible goals between the United States and new international acquaintances, while also dealing with regional rivalries within non-aligned states.

From examining areas such as the India-Pakistan rivalry and the Bush administration's use of aid programs to gain support for the war in Iraq, Rakove's project engages contemporary



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policy makers who continue to reconcile relationships between the United States and emerging nations.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Virginia (2004-07)

Selected Honors and Awards

Governing America in a Global Era Fellowship, Miller Center, University of Virginia (2007-08)

Graduate Teaching Award, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia (2006)

Kennedy Research Grant, John F. Kennedy Library (2006)

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