

## Get To Know Our Global Summit XII Speakers

*Learn More About David Ignatius*



David Ignatius, the bestselling novelist and prize-winning columnist for the Washington Post, brings his expertise on Russia, China, the Middle East, and CIA back to the Jefferson after presenting at Global Summit X in 2018.

In his new presentation, Ignatius will analyze the foreign policy challenges facing the Biden administration, including a recent focus of his columns on America's pending pullout from Afghanistan after 20 years of war.

Ignatius' rare career includes a number of bestselling spy novels that feature his understanding of the CIA and a number of foreign nations and their operations. He once explained to an interviewer that his novel-writing career started when "it was obvious that the only way I could share this world of fact was through fiction. ... I realized that what makes a novel seem real, paradoxically, is its departure from actual life: The way it's re-imagined in the mind of the writer gives it a reality and power that it wouldn't have otherwise. Otherwise, you'd just be reading a 120,000-word newspaper story."

Find his most recent book, *The Paladin*, [here](#)!

**Russia, China and What  
You Need to Know about  
America's Greatest Foreign  
Policy Challenges**

May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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Christopher Hill credits his work with the Peace Corps in the mid-1970s for teaching him his first lessons in diplomacy and he went on to become one of the more accomplished diplomats in modern American history.

Fluent in five languages, Hill speaks English, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian, and Albanian. He needed all of those skills as he served as U.S.

Ambassador to Macedonia from 1996 to 1999; Special Envoy to Kosovo in 1998 and 1999; Ambassador to Poland from 2000 to 2004; and Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 2004 to 2005 before being appointed as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Although Hill is not widely known in the United States, he became a celebrity in China as chief envoy in talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program. He is currently the George W. Ball adjunct professor at Columbia University in the City of New York.

Hill received a master's degree from the Naval War College in 1994.

## Understanding America's 21st Century Diplomacy: Lessons from the Front Lines of Europe and Asia

May 25 at 7:30 p.m.

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## Global Summit XII Lineup

Global Summit XII events in May will be live-streamed on Zoom. Go to the Jefferson's website [here](#) for more information about each program and registration. **Though programs are free, registration is required.**

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m., except for Dr. Leana Wen's program, which begins at 1 p.m.

### Week One

Camille Busette and  
Rashawn Ray  
May 10

### Week Two

Gerald Seib  
May 17  
Dr. Michael Saag

### Week Three

David Ignatius  
May 24  
Former Assistant

President Biden adviser  
Ali Zaidi  
May 11  
Avi Loeb  
May 12  
Rev. Jeffrey Brown  
May 13  
Nile Gardiner  
May 14

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Susan Page  
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Karen Tumulty  
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Secretary of State  
Christopher Hill  
May 25  
CNN Political Analyst  
April Ryan  
May 26  
James and Deborah  
Fallows, Steven Ascher,  
and Jeanne Jordan  
May 27

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