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BIO

Amy Zegart is the Morris Arnold and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and Professor of Political Science (by courtesy) at Stanford University. She is also a Senior Fellow at Stanford's Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Institute and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. The author of five books, she specializes in U.S. intelligence, emerging technologies and national security, grand strategy, and global political risk management.

Zegart's award-winning research includes the leading academic study of intelligence failures before 9/11: Spying Blind: The CIA, the FBI, and the Origins of 9/11 (Princeton, 2007). Her most recent book is the bestseller Spies, Lies, and Algorithms: The History and Future of American Intelligence (Princeton, 2022), which was nominated by Princeton University Press for the Pulitzer Prize. She also coauthored Political Risk: How Businesses and Organizations Can Anticipate Global Insecurity, with Condoleezza Rice (Twelve, 2018) and coedited Bytes, Bombs, and Spies: The Strategic Dimensions of Offensive Cyber Operations with Herbert Lin (Brookings, 2019). Her op-eds and essays have appeared in Foreign Affairs, Politico, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal.

Zegart has advised senior officials about intelligence and foreign policy for more than two decades. She served on the National Security Council staff and as a presidential campaign foreign policy advisor and has testified before the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

In addition to conducting research and teaching, she led Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, founded the Stanford Cyber Policy Program, and served as chief academic officer of the Hoover Institution. Before coming to Stanford, she was professor of public policy at UCLA and a McKinsey & Company consultant.

She is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, the American Political Science Association’s Leonard D. White Dissertation Prize, and research grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Hewlett Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Zegart received an AB in East Asian studies, magna cum laude, from Harvard and an MA and a PhD in political science from Stanford. She serves on the boards of the Council on Foreign Relations, Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, and the American Funds/Capital Group.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Hoover Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
- Senior Fellow, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Professor (By courtesy), Political Science
- Senior Fellow, by courtesy, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford Human-Centered AI Institute, (2023- present)
- Founder and co-director, Stanford Cyber Policy Program, (2013-2018)
- Co-Director, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), (2013-2018)
- Director, Robert and Marion Oster National Security Affairs Fellows Program, Hoover Institution, (2013- present)
- Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Hoover Institution, (2013-2015)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- American Studies
- Program in International Relations
- Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Stanford University , Political Science (1996)
- M.A., Political Science , Stanford University (1993)
- A.B., Harvard College , East Asian Studies (1989)

LINKS

- CISAC Page: http://cisac.stanford.edu/people/amy_zegart/
- Hoover page: http://www.hoover.org/fellows/8511
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/amyzegart

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

U.S. intelligence, cybersecurity, political risk, grand strategy

PROJECTS

- Stanford Emerging Technology Review - School of Engineering and Hoover Institution

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellows Mentorship Program: PUBLPOL 100 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Spies, Lies, and Algorithms: The History and Future of American Intelligence: INTNLREL 115, POLISCI 115, PUBLPOL 114 (Aut)

2025-26

- Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellows Mentorship Program: PUBLPOL 100 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Spies, Lies, and Algorithms: The History and Future of American Intelligence: AMSTUD 115S, INTNLREL 115, POLISCI 115, PUBLPOL 114 (Aut)

2024-25

- Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellows Mentorship Program: PUBLPOL 100 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Spies, Lies, and Algorithms: The History and Future of American Intelligence: AMSTUD 115S, INTNLREL 115, POLISCI 115, PUBLPOL 114 (Aut)

2023-24

- Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellows Mentorship Program: PUBLPOL 100 (Aut, Win, Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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  Princeton University Press.2022
- **Bytes, Bombs, and Spies: The Strategic Dimensions of Offensive Cyber Operations**
  Lin, H., Zegart, A.
  Brookings Institution Press.2019
- **Political Risk: How Business and Organizations can Anticipate Global Insecurity, with Condoleezza Rice**
  Rice, C., Zegart, A. B.
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- **Cheap Fights, Credible Threats: The Future of Armed Drones and Coercion** *Journal of Strategic Studies*
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- **Managing 21st Century Political Risk** *Harvard Business Review*
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- **Pragmatic Engagement: A National Security Strategy for the Next President**
  Krasner, S. D., Zegart, A.
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- **Insider Threats and Organizational Root Causes: Understanding the 2009 Fort Hood Terrorist Attack** *Parameters*
  Zegart, A.

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- **The Domestic Politics of Irrational Intelligence Oversight** *POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*
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- **"Spytainment": The Real Influence of Fake Spies** *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*
  Zegart, A.
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- **Implementing Change: Organizational Challenges** *Intelligence Analysis: Behavioral and Social Scientific Foundations*
  Zegart , A.
  The National Academies Press.2011
- **The Roots of Weak Congressional Intelligence Oversight** *Future Challenges in National Security and Law Series*
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- **Eyes on Spies: Congress and the United States Intelligence Community**
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- **Implementing Change: Organizational Challenges** *Intelligence Analysis : Behavioral and Social Scientific Foundations*
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- **Agency Design and Development** *Oxford Handbook o f American Bureaucracy*
  Zegart , A.
  Oxford University Press .2010
- **Congressional Intelligence Oversight: The Electoral Disconnection** *Intelligence and National Security*
  Zegart, A., Quinn , J.
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- **Policy Planning in the Twenty - First Century: Why the Best is Not Yet to Come** *Avoiding Trivia: Strategic Planning in American Foreign Polic y*
  Zegart , A.
  Brookings Institution Press .2009
- **Spying Blind: The CIA, the FBI, and the Origins of 9/11**
  Zegart , A.
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- **A First Draft of History of the Bush Administration: The Legend of a Democracy Promoter** *The National Interested*
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