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Overview of Global Hot Spots, and what it means for the U.S. economy: Discussion of what's going on in the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Indo-Pacific. Discussion of each geographic area, then a review of the global linkages. Ultimately I will work back to a summary of potential economic impacts.

Managing Risk around the Globe: Understanding how to think about risk. What are the best ways to describe risk, and mitigate its consequences? Based on historical examples, and presented in a case study approach.

What's Going on in the Middle East? What does it mean? A discussion of events in the Middle East, leading up to today's complex situation. Discussion of the role of Iran, Israel, the United States, and other actors. Updated to reflect most recent events.

Command and leadership in war in the 21st Century: The perspective of a geographic combatant commander. How leadership works at the pinnacle of the chain of command. How decisions are made. How risk is apportioned. This presentation is based on material from my book on this subject.

What Happened in Afghanistan? U.S. national security decision making: the good, the bad, and the ugly. A discussion of the decisions that led to August 2021. This material mixes analysis and a first-person perspective.

Civ-Mil Relations: How the U.S. military interacts with elected and appointed civilian leadership. Is there a crisis in civ-mil relations, as many have argued? I don't think so, and will discuss this in detail, using specific examples from my personal experience.