



## 2023 Spring Meeting Speaker Biography

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For those who care about titles, I am a [Professor of the Practice of Government at Cornell University](#). I don't really know what that means either. I am trained as a lawyer and have spent the whole of a long career representing the people that others denounce as monsters. Some of my clients have been imprisoned on death row; some have been detained without trial at Guantanamo or tortured at CIA black sites; some have been held at US jails in Iraq. I litigate. I write. I teach. I hope my work makes the world marginally better, though I leave that judgment to others. My career has led me to a deeply personal moral philosophy, which I long ago distilled to eight words: There is no them, there is only us.