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Monday, June 22 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	-----	Origins of the Cold War <i>Mark A. Lawrence, LBJ Presidential Library</i>
Tuesday, June 23 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	-----	The Cold War and American Society <i>David M. Oshinsky, New York University</i>
Wednesday, June 24 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	-----	War and Foreign Engagements of the Cold War <i>Mary Ann Heiss, Kent State University</i>
Thursday, June 25 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	-----	Scientific and Economic Transformations During the Cold War <i>H. W. Brands, The University of Texas at Austin</i>
Friday, June 26 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	-----	The End of the Cold War and its Legacy <i>Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas at Austin</i>

Image: President Reagan giving a speech at the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Federal Republic of Germany, June 12, 1987. Courtesy of Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

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**MARY ANN HEISS** is a specialist in the history of U.S. foreign relations with a particular emphasis on Anglo-American relations. She is the author of *Empire and Nationhood: The United States, Great Britain, and Iranian Oil, 1950-1954* and has published numerous essays in edited collections and professional journals, including the *International History Review*, *Diplomatic History*, and the *Journal of Cold War Studies*. She has co-edited volumes on the recent history and future of NATO, U.S. relations with the Third World, intrabloc conflict within NATO and the Warsaw Pact, and the national security state and the legacy of Harry S. Truman. Cornell University Press will publish her *Fulfilling the Sacred Trust: The UN Campaign for International Colonial Accountability in the Era of Decolonization* later this year. Her ongoing research projects include the first extended study of Queen Mary's Carpet, which toured the United States and Canada in 1950 in an effort to raise dollars for the British Treasury, and a comprehensive examination of Cold War presidential foreign policy doctrines. At Kent State University, she teaches specialized undergraduate courses in the history of U.S. foreign relations and the global Cold War as well as the department's required courses for history majors. At the graduate level, her teaching interests have focused on the role of culture and national identity in foreign relations, particularly how nations construct and project their identities, both at home and abroad. Within the larger profession, she is active in the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, having served on and chaired numerous committees as well as serving terms on both its council and the editorial board of its journal, *Diplomatic History*. She has served on the Harry S. Truman Library Institute's Board of Directors and as chair of the Institute's Committee on Research, Scholarship, and Academic Relations and has served as president of the Ohio Academy of History.

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