

2012 Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year Dr. Loch K. Johnson, University of Georgia



Loch Kingsford Johnson is the Regents Professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia, an award given by the University System to faculty whose scholarship is recognized nationally and internationally as being innovative and pace-setting. He is also a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, the University of Georgia's highest award for teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Professor Johnson is the author of more than 200 articles and essays; and the author or editor of 28 books on U.S. national security, including: *National Security Intelligence* (Polity, 2012); *The Threat on the Horizon* (Oxford, 2011); *The Oxford Handbook of National Security Intelligence* (Oxford, 2010); *Seven Sins of American Foreign Policy* (Longman, 2007); *Bombs, Bugs, Drugs, and Thugs* (New York University, 2000); *Secret Agencies* (Yale, 1996); and *America's Secret Power* (Oxford, 1986). He has published editorials in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Chicago*

Tribune, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the *Baltimore Sun*, and elsewhere. He is the senior editor of the international journal *Intelligence and National Security* (London) and is on the editorial advisory board for other journals, including *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

Professor Johnson served as special assistant to the chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (1975-76); as a staff aide on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1976-77); as the first staff director of the Subcommittee on Intelligence Oversight, U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (1977-79); as a senior staff member on the Subcommittee on Trade and International Economic Policy, Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives (1980); and as special assistant to Chairman Les Aspin of the Aspin-Brown Commission on the Roles and Missions of Intelligence (1995-96). He was the Issues Director in a presidential campaign (1976); served as a foreign policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter in his 1980 re-election campaign (co-authoring the *Presidential Briefing Book on Foreign Policy* used during the presidential debates); and is currently a consultant to several government and civic organizations.

In 2008-09, he was named a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, and he is now on the Phi Beta Kappa National Board for the Visiting Scholar Program. He has been a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Yale University and at Oxford University. At the University of Georgia, he has won the William A. Owens Award, the University's highest research award in the social sciences, and its Creative Research Award, the highest honor for creative scholarship. Dr. Johnson also won the Award for Excellence in Research, bestowed by the School of Public and International Affairs.

Born in Auckland, New Zealand, Professor Johnson received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Riverside. In post-doctoral activities, he was awarded an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship; has studied nuclear weapons policy at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and has conducted research on Congress as a Carl Albert Visiting Fellow at the University of Oklahoma.

At the University of Georgia, he led the founding of the School of Public and International Affairs in 2001, as well as the UGA Memorial Service Garden in 2005, which honors members of the University community who have fallen in service. He serves on the Athens Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees and its Quality Control Subcommittee; and he has been widely involved in other community activities, including the chairing of a committee that led the passage of a referendum for funding new buildings and technology in the Athens public school system. Professor Johnson also continues to lead his college's outreach initiative, which provides faculty for a speakers program on American politics and international affairs held at a Senior Living Center in Athens, a series he founded 27 years ago. His leisure time is devoted to a new granddaughter, sports (skiing, running, golf), reading, chess, and civic activities. [Read more about Professor Johnson.](#)