**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination**

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**Nominee Information:**

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Nominee’s Areas of Expertise: Foreign Affairs, Journalism, Religion and Society, Conservative Thought

**Statement of Nomination**

January 29, 2015

Michael W. Grebe

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Michael,

It is an honor to nominate Walter Russell Mead for the Bradley Prize. Mead is the James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at [Bard College](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bard_College) and an Editor-at-Large of [*The American Interest*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_American_Interest) magazine.

While Mead’s chief intellectual interests are varied, a unifying theme is his call to promote the rise and sustainment of a democratic, capitalist world order based on the economic, social, and military power of the United States and its closest allies. Mead’s views are best expressed in three books: *Special Providence*; *Power, Terror, Peace and War: America’s Grand Strategy in a World at Risk*; and *God and Gold*. Mead links the emergence of a modern, prosperous and democratic world with the rise of Great Britain and then of the United States to a position as the world’s dominant power. This view is advanced most persuasively in *God and Gold*. Mead argues for continued U.S. primacy, rebutting the argument that America’s best days are past. Another theme consistent with this worldview that runs through Mead’s works is that of American Exceptionalism, which is elaborated upon in *Special Providence*.

In his writings Mead describes the historical and enduring importance of religion in the United States. (He is the son of a minister.) In recent times, through his *American Interest* column, Mead has detailed the failings of the progressive model of government. Describing it as “dysfunctional” and “outdated,” Mead argues displacing it in favor of “*classic* Anglo-American liberal thought, still the cultural and moral foundation of American life and the source of the *commonsense reasoning* that guides most Americans as they evaluate policy ideas and party programs, in ways that address the challenges before us.” (My emphasis)

In closing, please accept my thanks to you, Michael, and the Bradley Prize selection committee for your time and consideration of this nomination.

Warm regards,

s/Andrew F. Krepinevich

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Walter Russell Mead

Biographical Sketch

Walter Russell Mead is the James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College and Editor-at-Large of *The American Interest*.

Mr. Mead’s book, *Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World* was widely hailed by reviewers, historians, and diplomats as an important study that will change the way Americans and others think about American foreign policy. *Special Providence* received the Lionel Gelber Award for the best book in English on international relations in 2002. His most recent book, *God and Gold: Britain, America and the Making of the Modern World*, is a major study of 400 years of conflict between Anglophone powers and rivals ranging from absolute monarchies like Spain and France through Communist and Fascist enemies in the twentieth century to al-Qaeda today.  *The Financial Times* listed it as one of the best non-fiction titles of the year.

Mr. Mead’s chief intellectual interests involve the rise and development of a liberal, capitalist world order based on the economic, social, and military power of the United States and its closest allies. He is interested in the implications of this evolving world order for American foreign policy and for American and international society.

Mr. Mead writes regularly on international affairs for many of the world’s leading publications. He serves as a regular reviewer of books on American history and foreign policy for *Foreign Affairs* and frequently contributes articles and review essays to the journal. In addition to his print publications, Mead is the author of the “Via Meadia” blog at *The-American-Interest.com*, where he writes regular essays on international affairs, religion, politics, culture, education, economics, technology, literature, and the media.

Mr. Mead is a founding board member of the New America Foundation. He is an honors graduate of Groton and Yale, where he received prizes for history, debate, and the translation of New Testament Greek. He is a native of South Carolina and lives in Jackson Heights, New York.