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Luke Carnine is a Master of Global Policy Studies student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.

In the summer of 2026, Luke was a UT System Graduate Archer Fellow and interned with Dr. Michael Kimmage at the Kennan Institute. He worked primarily on the Origins of the War project, developing interview materials for publication by revising and editing documents, producing shorter summaries to promote the conversations, and collaborating with peers on the Kennan Institute's outreach strategy. The role gave him insight into the think tank world and into how scholarship is drafted, published, and circulated. Conversations with industry experts, foreign ministers, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists also showed him the importance of reaching the right audience.

The internship deepened Luke's knowledge of the social, cultural, military, and economic history of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. It sharpened his analysis of historical narratives, exposed him to differing expert views on causality, and showed him how senior policymakers think about and implement policy. He plans to apply that knowledge in a PhD program or in the foreign policy field.