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Rebecca Slayton's research and teaching examine the relationships between and among risk, governance, and expertise, with a focus on international security and cooperation since World War II. Her first book, *Arguments that Count: Physics, Computing, and Missile Defense*, 1949-2012 (MIT Press, 2013), shows how the rise of a new field of expertise in computing reshaped public policies and perceptions about the risks of missile defense in the United States. In 2015, *Arguments that Count* won the Computer History Museum Prize.

Slayton's second book project, *Shadowing Cybersecurity*, examines the historical emergence of cybersecurity expertise. This project was supported by a five-year National Science Foundation CAREER award, "Enacting Cybersecurity Expertise." In 2019, Slayton was a recipient of the United States Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, for her NSF CAREER project.

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