

## **J. BRIAN ATWOOD**

### **SUMMARY BIOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND**

J. Brian Atwood is a Senior Fellow for International Studies and Public Affairs at Brown University's Thomas Watson Institute for International Studies, and Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota's Hubert H Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He served as Chair of Global Policy Studies and Professor of Public Policy at the Humphrey School from 2012 to 2015. From 2010 to 2012, Atwood was the member-elected Chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He was dean of the Humphrey School from 2002 to 2010, and was elected President of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs in 2009. He was also the Chair of the University of Minnesota's Deans' council and a recipient of the University's Distinguished Service Award.

Atwood led the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) during the Administration of President William Clinton serving as its Administrator for six and one half years. He earlier led the Clinton-Gore transition team at the State Department in 1992, and was Under Secretary of State for Management prior to his appointment as head of USAID. During the Carter Administration Atwood was Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. In 2001, Atwood served on UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's Panel on Peace Operations. He was legislative advisor for foreign and defense policy to Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D-Mo) (1972 to 1977). Atwood was the first President of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) (1986 to 1993). He received the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award in 1999. He was a career diplomat before joining Senator Eagleton and later became Dean of Professional Studies and Academic Affairs at the Foreign Service Institute (1981-82). He is a frequent contributor of editorials and opinion articles on foreign affairs and has appeared often as a speaker and on radio and television programs.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **SENIOR FELLOW FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

THOMAS WATSON INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
BROWN UNIVERSITY

*JULY-  
PRESENT*

#### **PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY (EMERITUS)**

HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*JANUARY  
2012-JUNE  
2015*

Chaired the Humphrey School's Global Policy Area, coordinated faculty and staff responsible for the Global concentration in the Masters of Public Policy and the Masters of Development Practice degree programs. Oversaw the International Fellows programs. Taught classes in US foreign policy, institutions that influence policy, bilateral and multilateral diplomacy and international development. Senior Fellow for International Studies and Public Affairs, Brown University.

**Chair, Development Assistance Committee**

**Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
Paris, France**

*January  
2010-2012*

Nominated by the US Government and elected unanimously by the 24 member states to chair the committee responsible for coordinating the activities of the bilateral donors. Led diplomatic efforts to create a new Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation endorsed in 2011 by 160 nations, civil society and the private sector. Oversaw the restructuring of the committee, gained consensus for its new policy on engagement with non-members, opened relationships with new providers of assistance from the emerging economies, advised governments and the OECD Secretary General on a Strategy for Development adopted at an annual OECD ministerial, presided over DAC ministerial and senior-level meetings, gained consensus agreement on a program of work and budget for the 2013-14 period, and presided over peer reviews of member states.

**DEAN AND PROFESSOR**

Humphrey School of Public Affairs  
University of Minnesota

*October  
2002-Jan  
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2010*

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As dean directed the academic, research, and outreach activities of this globally ranked public policy and planning college named after former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey. Tenured Professor: taught international development, foreign policy and diplomacy. The Humphrey School offers six degrees at the masters level, has a regular faculty of 35, and a student body of approximately 600. A master's degree of international development practice was introduced and a PhD program approved by the faculty in 2010 (the first PhD class was admitted in 2014). The School's teaching, research, and outreach activities are clustered around six policy areas that reflect the School's strategic profile and articulate its strengths as a public policy and planning school. Each area comprises research centers and projects, as well as faculty members, researchers, and program staff. The Humphrey School is the public affairs college of the University of Minnesota. It is a member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA). Elected President of APSIA in 2009 after having served as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization the three previous years. Elected by fellow deans to chair the deans' council of the University of Minnesota in 2009.

**PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Citizens International, LLC  
Executive Vice President  
Citizens Energy Corporation

*September 1999-2002*

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Established Citizens International, a social, non-profit enterprise funded by Citizens Energy Corporation

and the Frontline Investors Group to design and manage public and private sector investments to meet the social and economic needs of developing nations. The organization established public-private partnerships to help build democratic, market systems working in Africa with host countries, multinational corporations, and international aid and lending agencies, particularly the UN Development Programme.

**ADJUNCT LECTURER**  
Harvard University

*September 1999-2002*

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Taught graduate courses on international development cooperation at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**SOL M. LINOWITZ PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HAMILTON COLLEGE**

*July 2001- December, 2001*

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Offered seminar for undergraduate honors students on international diplomacy and development.

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
U.S. Agency for International Development

*May 1993-July 1999*

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Directed the US Government agency responsible for providing development assistance and humanitarian relief. Served as the Chairman of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation oversight board and as the President's Disaster Relief Coordinator. USAID, an agency of over 8,000 employees worldwide, formulates and implements long-term development strategies, implements rebuilding programs in transition situations and mitigates crises through its disaster relief and food for peace programs. Designated Special Presidential Coordinator for Kosovo Relief Operations. Led Presidential missions to East Africa, Haiti, Portugal, the Philippines and El Salvador. Served as the US high-level representative to the Development Assistance Committee, OECD where our government initiated the study/report that led to the UN Millennium Development Goals.

**UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT**  
U.S. Department of State

*April 1993-May 1993 (U/S-Designate from January 21 until confirmed on April 2, 1993)*

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Chief Operating Officer of the Department responsible for organizational issues, budget, personnel, security, consular services, administration, medical services, training and overseas operations.

**LEADER, PRESIDENT-ELECT'S STATE DEPARTMENT TRANSITION TEAM**  
Clinton/Gore Transition

*November 1992-January 1993*

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Represented the President-elect at the State Department during the transition period, leading an eight-member team to prepare policy positions for the incoming administration. Acted in liaison capacity between Clinton-Gore transition and Secretary of State Eagleburger and his staff on then-current issues such as Haiti and Somalia. Conducted foreign policy, organizational and personnel briefings for the Secretary of State-designate and the President-elect.

**PRESIDENT**

National Democratic Institute for  
International Affairs

*February 1985-November 1992*

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As founding President, created a political development institute that earned an international reputation for promoting democratic development in newly democratic or transition states. Tenure included breakthrough projects in the Philippines, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, Namibia and Eastern and Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

*March 1983-February 1985*

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Provided training and support to Democratic Party candidates for election to the U.S. Senate in the 1984 election. Committee Chairs during this period were Senators Lloyd Bentsen and George Mitchell.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS**

International Reporting Information Systems

*April 1982-February 1983*

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Directed staff of some 60 international journalists, former government officials and academics in reporting to private and governmental subscribers of an on-line information system covering international political and economic issues. Recruited approximately 40 journalists around the world as “stringers” to provide regional reporting.

**DEAN**

Professional Studies and Academic Affairs, Foreign Service Institute

*January 1981-April 1982*

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Directed all professional training for U.S. State Department Foreign Service Officers, from junior officer training to the senior seminar, including specialized courses in economics, the foreign policy process, environment, arms control, negotiations, reporting and analysis. Created a five-month mid-level course for U.S. diplomats as part of a professional development series. Managed the diplomats-in-residence program and revised the curriculum for the senior seminar. Participated in semi-annual meetings of deans of universities with international relations programs as a member of APSIA.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS**

U. S. Department of State

*August 1979-January 1981*

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Presidential appointee responsible for managing the State Department’s relationship with Congress, managing foreign policy issues such as the Panama Canal Treaty, the SALT Treaty, implementation of the Camp David Middle East Accords, the Iran hostage crisis and the annual foreign assistance legislation.

**DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS**

U. S. Department of State

*March 1977-August 1979*

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Served as senior deputy to the Assistant Secretary. Managed the foreign assistance authorization and appropriations bills.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT**

Office of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., MO)

*January 1972-March 1977*

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Advised the Senator on foreign policy and defense issues such as the War Powers Act, the Cyprus crisis, the Bases Treaty with Spain following Franco's death, the Senator's amendment to end funding for the Vietnam War and weapons system development such as the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) and the MBT-70 tank. Assisted the Senator in drafting his book War and Presidential Power: A Chronicle of Congressional Failure published by Norton.

**FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER**

U.S. Department of State

*May 1965-January 1972*

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Served in American Embassies in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire and Madrid, Spain as a U.S. diplomat and commissioned Foreign Service Officer.

**MANAGEMENT INTERN**

National Security Agency

*September 1964-May 1965*

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Served in the research and development bureau as a management intern.

**EDUCATION**

Honorary Doctorate of Laws, American University 1994

American University, graduate work in Public Administration 1969-70

Boston University, B.A. in History-Government 1964

**LANGUAGES**

French, Spanish

**TASK FORCES AND STUDY COMMISSIONS**

Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on Non-Communicable Disease, 2014.

Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on Pakistan and Afghanistan. 2009.

U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion. 2007-2008.

German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Taskforce on Innovations in Aid. 2007-2008.

Co-chaired Council on Foreign Relations Commission on G-8 Partnership with Africa, 2004.

Center for Strategic International Studies and US Army Association Commission on Post-Conflict Reconstruction 2003-2004.

Council on Foreign Relations Task Force Report: "Iraq: The Day After". 2003.

Center for Global Development Commission on Weak States and US National Security 2003-2004.

Rand 2001 Presidential Transition Study, 2000/2001 (A study of the international issues the new President would face).

Secretary of Energy's Executive Advisory Board, 1999-2001. This formal advisory board undertakes various studies for the U.S. Secretary of Energy. Participated in a special study of DOE programs in Russia re "loose nukes."

UN Secretary General's Panel on UN Peace Operations, 2000 (Served as the only U.S. participant on a special panel to review UN peace operations. The so-called Brahimi Report recommended extensive reform of UN peacekeeping and peace building operations).

#### **AWARDS**

University of Minnesota Award for Global Engagement, 2014.

University of Minnesota President's Award for Distinguished Service, 2010.

International Citizen of the Year Award, International Leadership Institute, 2010.

International Development Council Award for Public Service in Global Leadership, 2001.

Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award, 1999.

Microenterprise Coalition Award for special contribution, 1999.

U.S. Energy Association Award for Public Service, 1998.

National Conservation Achievement Award presented by National Wildlife Foundation, 1996.

Society for International Development Award for contribution to development cooperation, 1996.

Senior Executive Service awards for developing mid-level and counter-terrorism training courses at FSI, 1981-82.

#### **PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES (2000-2014)**

"Creating Global Public Value," Chapter in Edited book Creating Public Value, CRC Press, edited by John M. Bryson, Barbara C. Crosby and Laura Bloomberg, published in Spring 2015.

"*United Nations Goals for Development*," First Lisbon Conference on Development, speech, Lisbon, Portugal, December 3, 2014.

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Human Dimension implementation Meeting, Head of US Government Delegation, Warsaw, Poland, remarks on US/OSCE Mission web page, September 22 to October 5, 2014.

"*On the Future of Parliamentary Democracy*," National Conference of State Legislators, Minneapolis Summit, speech, August 18, 2014.

"*The Clashes of the Nineties: The Administrator's Take*," DEVEX, August, 13, 2014.

"*Saving the World's Mias*," Children's Heartlink speech, June 17, 2014.

"*Ukraine Votes for Sovereignty and Dignity*," Star Tribune, May 26, 2014.

"*Global Partnership Ministerial in Mexico City*," Up Front (a publication of the Brookings Institution), March 20, 2014.

"*Aiding Those Raped in Wartime*," Washington Post, with Peter Fenn, February 14, 2014.

"*Follow Mandela's Example in Cote D'Ivoire*," with former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark, Toronto Globe and Mail, December 23, 2013.

"*Farm Bill Can Make It Easier to Get Food Where it is Needed*," with Eric Schwartz, Star Tribune November 1, 2013.

"*Human Rights, Democracy, and Development: Partners at Last*," Open Democracy, November, 2013. Open Society Foundation and Dr. Paul Farmer, Health Sector Reform, Panel on Transparency and Accountability in the Health Sector, Budapest, Hungary, Central European University, (June, 10-11, 2013).

“*A Better Future for All*,” Interview in International Innovations, January 2013.

“Go Long, Six Actions to Structurally Address Organized Violence.” International Peace Institute (IPI), with Erwin van Veen, December 2012.

“*The Vital Importance of Development Cooperation*,” Foreign Ministry of Portugal, Lecture: (December, 2012)

“*Creating a Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation*,” Center for Global Development Essay, October 2012.

Development Cooperation Report 2012, “Lessons Linking Sustainability and Development.” Editorial, “*Integrating Policy Options to Galvanize Actions for Sustainable Development*,” DAC Chair Report 2012.

“*The Strategic Importance of ODA*,” Society for International Development, Amsterdam, Netherlands, (September 25, 2012)

Development Cooperation Report 2011, “*Fueling the Future of Development*.” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the DAC Chair’s Annual Report.

“*Strengthening EU-US Cooperation on Democracy Support*,” <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/gpa/globalnotes/> blog entry, September 17, 2010.

High Level Forum IV, Busan, Korea, opening and closing addresses, November 29, December 1, 2011.

Blum-Brookings Development Roundtable, Aspen Institute, Prospects for Busan, (August, 2010).

Politique Americaine, publication of the French foreign Ministry, a special issue on “Defense, Diplomacy and Development,” *Interview, Autumn*, 2010.

University of Minnesota, “Great Conversations” with Hernando De Soto (May 18, 2010) – the global financial crisis.

“*Elevating Development Assistance*” interview National Defense University Journal, PRISM, February 2010.

“*Haiti: A Compassionate and Competent Response*,” Foreign Service Journal, February 2010;

“*In Defense of War to Advance Peace: The Obama Paradox*,” with Thomas Sullivan, Huffington Post, December 14, 2009;

“*Developing Security, Securing Development*,” Eschborn Dialogue, Frankfurt, Germany (June 23, 2009).

University of Minnesota Carlson Lecture series (April 10, 2009) – Distinguished Carson Lecture Series, a conversation with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia.

“*Too Good to Fail*,” Minneapolis Star Tribune Op-ed, March 31, 2009.

“*The Obama Foreign Policy: What to Expect*,” Minneapolis Rotary Club (February 6, 2009) – keynote address.

“*Diplomacy and Development*,” DACOR/Bacon House, Washington, DC, (January 16, 2009) – keynote address.

“*Impact of the Financial Crisis on APSIA Schools*,” APSIA Dean’s Executive Committee meeting, Washington, DC (January 15–16, 2009).

“*Foreign Assistance Reform*,” Society for International Development, Washington, DC (December 9, 2008) – keynote speaker.

“*Arrested Development: Making Foreign Aid a More Effective Tool*” with Peter McPherson and Andrew Natsios, Foreign Affairs, v. 87 no. 6 (November-December 2008).

“*The U.S. Has a Scattershot Approach to Global Poverty*,” with Andrew Natsios, Minneapolis Star Tribune Op-ed, September 19, 2008.

“*Beyond November*,” [www.undiplomatic.net](http://www.undiplomatic.net) blog entry, August 7, 2008.

“*Foreign Policy Priorities for the Next President*,” [www.connectusfund.org](http://www.connectusfund.org) blog entry, July 25, 2008.

“*AFS and its Role in Intercultural Learning*,” United Nations (June 28, 2008) – keynote address.  
 House Foreign Affairs Committee (June 24–25, 2008) testimony on the need to strengthen our civilian development and diplomatic capacity, with Peter McPherson.  
 U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee (April 24, 2008) – testimony on war powers.  
 “*Alleviating Poverty: Is Aid the Answer*,” Tufts University/EPIIC International Symposium (February 21, 2008) – keynote address upon receipt of Mayer Award.  
 “*Why American Foreign Policy Fails: Unsafe at Home and Despised Abroad*” review of book by Dennis C. Jett, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.  
 “*The War Powers Resolution in the Age of Terrorism*” St. Louis University Law Journal, November 2007.  
 World Peace Forum, Columbia University, NYC, AFS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (October 27, 2007) – keynote address on world peace.  
 USAID/HELP Commission (October 15, 2007) – testimony on aid reform before the commission on U.S. Foreign Assistance Programs.  
 “*International Education: The Path to Policy. Enlightenment*,” NAFSA / Association of International Educators (May 30, 2007) – keynote address to annual conference.  
 “*Toward a New Definition of Foreign Policy*,” Cleveland, OH Council on World Affairs (January 24, 2007) – keynote address at annual dinner.  
 “*US Foreign Policy in a Chaotic World*,” Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics (November 14, 2006) – guest lecture.  
 “*A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Foreign Policy*,” University of Minnesota-Duluth Lecture Series (November 13, 2006) – guest lecture.  
 “*USAID and International Development: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*,” Arizona State University (March 28, 2006) – guest lecture.  
 “*Why Addressing Global Poverty is in the US’ Security Interest*,” MN Women’s Economic Roundtable (December 14, 2005) – keynote address, MWER Luncheon.  
 Carleton College (October 28, 2005) – keynote address, Carleton College Stassen Lecture, “*The United Nations: Is it Worth Reforming?*”  
 “*Set A Deadline For Getting Out*” Star-Tribune Op-ed. October 27, 2005.  
 “*The Vital Development Mission*,” Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations, Summer/Fall 2005.  
 U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (March 21, 2005) – testimony on U.S.-Latin American relations.  
 “*Tsunamis, Typhoons, Genocides, and Terrorism: Stemming the Tide of Life-Threatening Disasters*” American Refugee Committee Global Partners Speakers Series (March 10, 2005) – keynote address.  
 “*Common Ground*” Star-Tribune Op-ed. January 9, 2005.  
 “*Reduce Poverty- Get A Safer World*” with Michael Barnett, Christian Science Monitor. November 18, 2004.  
 University of Minnesota (November 10, 2004) – Great Conversations Lecture Series, dialogue on international development with the Right Honorable Clare Short.  
 Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, U.S. House International Relations Committee (November 5, 2004) Testimony on Social Investment Fund for the Americas.  
 “*The War Against terrorism, Violent Conflict and Poverty*,” University of Vermont (November 4, 2004) – The President’s Distinguished Lecture Series.  
 “*Rare For an Election Year: In 2004, Foreign Policy Matters*” with Lawrence Jacobs Christian Science Monitor. July 2, 2004.



“ *How Helping the Weakest Can Stave Off Terror*” Star-Tribune Op-ed. June 8, 2004.  
*The G-8 Partnership with Africa, Relevant to All*” with Princeton Lyman, The World Today (a publication of the Royal Institute for International Studies). June 2004.  
 “ *After Iraq, What?*” Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (April 16, 2004) – keynote address, 10th Annual Harvard International Development Conference.  
 “*The Link Between Poverty and Violent Conflict*” New England Journal of Public Policy. v. 19 no. 1 (2004): 159-165.  
 University of Minnesota (November 21, 2002) – The Walter H. Judd Lecture, “*America: Vulnerable? Hegemonic? Or Both?*”  
 “*The Development Imperative: Creating the Preconditions for Peace*” Journal of International Affairs. v. 55 no. 2 (2002): 333-349.  
 “*Cheerleaders for War Are Still So Wrong: Congress Needs to “Practice History and OK the [Iran] Agreement,*” Minneapolis Star-Tribune, July 30, 2015, Eric Schwartz and Brian Atwood.  
 “*Europe Challenged*” Lecture at Stonehill College, April 14, 2016.

### **MEMBERSHIPS/BOARDS**

AFS Intercultural Programs, Chair (2006-2010), Member Board of Trustees (2014-present)  
 American Academy of Diplomacy (member), Media Awards Committee (member 2004-present)  
 Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), (President 2009, Secretary Treasurer, 2006-2009)  
 Brookings Institution, Non-Resident Fellow, (May 2013-2016)  
 Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, (2006-present)  
 National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Board (1999- 2009, 2014-present), (Founding President 1986-1993)  
 Nobel Peace Prize Forum Executive Committee, (2009-2010)  
 Population Services International, Member of the Board (2013-present)  
 Children’s Heartlink, Chair International Advisory Committee (2013-2015)  
 World Computer Exchange, International Advisory Council  
 Council on Foreign Relations (member)  
 Modernization of Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN) Board member (2008-present)  
 World Learning, Board of Trustees, (2013- 2015)  
 U.S. Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion (2006/7)  
 German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Taskforce on Innovations in Aid (2009)  
 The Center for Victims of Torture Advisory Committee (2002-2010)  
 Caux Roundtable Advisory Committee (International organization supporting ethics in business) (2013-present)  
 DEVEX Chair, Advisory Committee, (2000- present)  
 General Accountability Office Comptroller General’s Educators’ Advisory Panel, (2005-2010)  
 Scowcroft Center Advisory Committee, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University (2015 to present)