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Professional summary:

Senior diplomat turned teacher. Achieved the highest rank in the United States Foreign Service in challenging assignments over thirty years. Promoted standards and practices in emerging markets for the OECD. Based on this extensive experience, teaches the practice of diplomacy at University level. Speaks on emerging markets, global economics and talking to the press.

Current:

- Towsley Policymaker in Residence, Ford School, University of Michigan. Teaching “Doing Diplomacy” and “Wielding Economic Power” at the Graduate level, Winter 2014
- Member of Board of Trustees, [The Mountain Institute](http://TheMountainInstitute.com)

Experience:

Deputy Secretary General for Global Relations, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: 2009 to 2013. Expanded work of a leading economic policy organization into China, India, South Africa, Indonesia, Brazil, North Africa, Southeast Asia, etc. Extensive speaking on new issues in the world economy.

Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia: 2006 to 2009. Leader of 600 Americans in Embassies and in Washington, planned and managed U.S. strategies from Kazakhstan to India, including political and economic policy for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Conducted high-level sensitive negotiations with senior leaders.

Spokesman and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs: April 2000 to June 2005. As the voice of U.S. foreign policy, addressed critical issues for three Secretaries of State from both parties. Crafted the U.S. public approach on 9/11, Afghanistan, Iraq, China, HIV/AIDS, assistance programs and earlier, for three other Secretaries of State, from TianAnMen to the end of the Soviet Union.

U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus from 1993 to 1996 and U.S. Consul General in Hong Kong from 1996 to 1999. Leader of dozens of agencies and hundreds of personnel. Directed U.S. policy and programs on the divided island of Cyprus, including reconciliation negotiations as well as education and assistance programs. Headed the U.S. mission in Hong Kong during the transition from British to Chinese sovereignty. Helped manage the impact of the Asian financial crisis.

Career Economic Officer: From the earliest days of China's economic reform to the impact of the financial crisis on India, specialized in reporting on and working with emerging economies. As the U.S. Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, negotiated standards, regional cooperation, open trade and investment.

Peace Corps Senegal: 1973-1975. Taught English to bright, energetic junior and senior high school students. Then, managed drought relief projects for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Guinea.

Languages:

Fluent in Chinese & French. Smatterings of others, including Wolof, the main language of Senegal.

Education:

Educated in France and Switzerland for parts of kindergarten, high school and University.

Bachelor's Degree in French and English literature from Tufts University, 1973.

Completed half a Masters in International Economics at George Washington University, 1977.

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