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U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan

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Summary

Over 35 years as a U.S. diplomat. Overseas experience in Afghanistan, as Economic Minister Counselor in Japan and in Germany. Also posted to U.S. Embassies in Afghanistan, Albania, Austria, Iraq, South Africa, and Yemen.

Washington positions include Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department's Energy Bureau, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities, Special Negotiator for Biotechnology, Director for Economic Policy Planning and Public Diplomacy in the State Department as well as Diplomatic Advisor in USTR's Office of WTO and Multilateral

Development policy

Experience

Ambassador

U.S. Embassy
February 2015 – Present (3 months) | Baku, Azerbaijan

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources

U. S. Department of State
November 2011 – Present (3 years 6 months)

Engages in the full range of issues associated with U.S. and global energy security and economic growth with particular responsibilities for energy governance and increasing access to energy around the world.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy, Sanctions, & Commodities

U.S. Department of State

September 2010 – December 2011 (1 year 4 months)



Senior Advisor for Food Security

U.S. Department of State

February 2010 – September 2010 (8 months)



Senior Deputy Coordinating Director

U.S. Embassy KABUL

August 2009 – February 2010 (7 months)



Responsible for ensuring coherence -- in terms of development and implementation -- of policies and operations in Afghanistan. Total value of the programs is about \$2.75 billion in FY 2010. Charged with particular responsibilities for developing strategic direction and promoting coordination among the nine U.S. Government agencies engaged in economic development and the construction of national level organizations in Afghanistan to establish rule of law, fight corruption, and build governance at the local and provincial levels.

Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs

U.S. Embassy TOKYO

2007 – 2009 (2 years)

Charged with managing relations between the world's two largest economies. Particular areas of focus were trade issues, including prevention of new regulatory barriers, U.S./Japan cooperation during the economic crisis, coordination through the G8 and other fora on economic development, nonproliferation, health, and other issues on the Leaders' agenda, and energy and climate change, including working with Japan on outreach efforts to third countries.

Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs

U.S. Embassy Berlin, Germany

September 2003 – July 2007 (3 years 11 months)

Director, Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy

U.S. Department of State

2000 – 2002 (2 years)

Senior Advisor

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

1999 – 2000 (1 year)

Economic/Commercial Officer

U.S. Embassy Baghdad

1986 – 1988 (2 years)

Economic Officer, Baghdad

U.S. Department of State
1986 – 1987 (1 year)



Languages

German

Albanian

Arabic

Skills

- International Relations
- Energy
- International Trade
- Diplomacy
- Economic Development
- Foreign Policy
- Energy Security
- Policy
- Economics
- Foreign Affairs
- Public Diplomacy
- Africa
- International...
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Education

Thunderbird School of Global Management

MIM, International Marketing
1977 – 1979



Georgetown University

BSFS



National War College

Masters, National Security Strategy

Groups



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