

Sherry Lee Mueller

Sherry Lee Mueller, Ph.D., Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at the School of International Service (SIS), American University, Washington, D.C., teaches an undergraduate course and a graduate Practicum entitled *Cultural Diplomacy and International Exchange*. In spring 2015, Professor Mueller served as the Higher Education Specialist for IBTCI on a bi-national team conducting a mid-term evaluation of a USAID-sponsored scholarship program for Indonesians. This included six weeks of fieldwork in Indonesia. After serving as President of Global Ties U.S. (formerly NCIV) from 1996 to 2011, the NCIV Board of Directors named Sherry President *Emeritus*. Before NCIV, Sherry worked for the Institute of International Education (IIE) for eighteen years, first as a program officer and then as Director, Professional Exchange Programs. Prior to joining IIE, Ms. Mueller served as an Experiment in International Living Leader to the former Soviet Union, a Liaison Officer for the U.S. Department of State, and a lecturer at the University of Rhode Island.

Ms. Mueller is an active volunteer and has served on the boards of various nonprofit organizations including World Learning, the Public Diplomacy Council, Friendship Force International, Business for Diplomatic Action, and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. Currently she serves on the boards of PYXERA Global and the International Student House in Washington D.C. She is also a member of the SIS Dean's Council.

In May, 2017 the School of International Service presented Dr. Mueller with an Excellence in Teaching Award as an Adjunct Professor. In 2011, 'One To World' presented Ms. Mueller with the Fulbright Award for Citizen Diplomacy for "lifelong contributions to global understanding and cooperation, one handshake at a time, in the Fulbright tradition." In 2007, Ms. Mueller accepted the SIS Alumna of the Year Award at the German Embassy. She received the U.S. Information Agency's Award for Outstanding Service in 1996, and the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation in 1995. In appreciation for her active role in alumni affairs at American University, Ms. Mueller received the Alumni Recognition Award in 1990.

Ms. Mueller has lived in Brazil, where she taught English; participated in an Experiment in International Living program in Germany; and has traveled extensively throughout Europe and Southeast Asia. She has served as a speaker for the U.S. Department of State in Saudi Arabia and Japan, giving lectures and conducting workshops on leadership development for nonprofit organizations. Selected publications include "The Impact and Practice of Citizen Diplomacy" in *Public Diplomacy Magazine*, published by University of Southern California (2012), and "Professional Exchanges, Citizen Diplomacy, and Credibility" in *America's Dialogue with the World*, published by the Public Diplomacy Council (2008). In 2008, Georgetown University Press published the book *Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development* that Ms. Mueller

coauthored with Mark Overmann. The second edition of *Working World* was published in 2014.

Ms. Mueller earned her M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She is a native of northern Illinois.