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Mary oversees Endicott's graduate programs at sites in Madrid, Mexico City, Leysin, Prague, and Bermuda. She also teaches courses in U.S. Foreign Policy and European Postwar Politics at the undergraduate level, and the History of U.S. Higher Education in the doctoral program.

Before coming to Endicott College, Mary spent 23 years as a career foreign service officer, earning the rank of Minister Counselor. She specialized in public diplomacy. Her last domestic assignment was Diplomat in Residence for New England from 2010-2011.

Her career includes numerous overseas assignments, culminating in a stint as Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in the Czech Republic from January 2009-June 2010. Before that, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission, a position she undertook in 2007. She also served as Counselor for Public Affairs in Guatemala; Public Affairs Officer in Montreal; Press Attaché in Prague; Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer in Madrid; and a long-term temporary stint as Press Attaché in Sarajevo.

Her Washington D.C. assignments include Deputy Staff Director for the Public Diplomacy Advisory Commission; Senior Press Officer in the Bureau of European Affairs; Deputy Policy Coordinator for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Branch Chief for International Educational Advising in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Before joining the Foreign Service she spent eight years as a journalist, primarily as an editorial writer, on daily newspapers including the Glendale News-Press, the Santa Monica Evening Outlook, the Los Angeles Daily News, and the Providence Journal in Rhode Island.

She has a doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focused on the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program and the experiences of students studying abroad. She has a Masters of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University's Fletcher School, where she won both the Stewart and Gullion Prizes. She holds bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science from California State University.

Mary is willing to make presentations on the following topics:

- Very Far From Home: Experiences of First-Generation College Students who Study Abroad
- Case Study in Missile Defense in Central Europe: The Limits of Public Diplomacy
- U.S. – EU relations
- Challenges of Transition in Post-Communist Europe