

SMITH, AMB. PAMELA*Board Member*

Pamela Hyde Smith held the position of U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova from 2001 to 2003. Until her retirement from the State Department in late 2005, she was a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, having served prior to her Ambassadorship as Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London, Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, and in a first posting at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest. She joined the Foreign Service in 1975, working in the U.S. Information Agency until its merger with the Department of State in 1999. In a Washington assignment during the mid-1990s, Amb. Smith was Office Director in the Bureau of Information Programs and led the team that provides public information about U.S. Government policies to embassies overseas. She also worked in management positions directing the worldwide Fulbright academic exchange program, as a Country Affairs Officer in USIA's Office of European Affairs, and as a Special Assistant to USIA's Director. In 2007, Amb. Smith returned to the State Department intermittently to lead inspections for the Office of the Inspector General, focusing both on U.S. embassies and on Washington offices supporting overseas programs.

From 2003 through 2007, Amb. Smith taught courses on Public Diplomacy at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, both at the Masters and undergraduate levels.

Amb. Smith serves on the Boards of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, the Colorado chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and The Annie Wright School in Tacoma, Washington. Her languages are Romanian, Indonesian, Serbo-Croatian and French. She holds a B.A. degree in Art History from Wellesley College.

Select publications:

- "Moldova Matters: Why Progress is Still Possible on Ukraine's Southwestern Flank," Atlantic Council, March 2005;
- "The Hard Road Back to Soft Power," The Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, Winter-Spring 2007.

Ambassador Smith is willing to speak on:

- Public Diplomacy
- Careers in the U.S. Foreign Service
- Diplomacy from the Inside: An Ambassador's Perspective