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Seasoned diplomat and leader with more than 25 years of domestic and global experience across four continents in public affairs and intelligence analysis. Skilled at establishing new offices and reorganizing current operations as well as conceptualizing and developing programs to meet top priorities.

Leadership

- **Restructured** the Department of State's Office of Analytic Outreach to take the lead on outreach for the entire U.S. Intelligence Community (IC). Worked closely with IC colleagues to ensure the successful transfer of \$2.5 million and a stable of over 100 non-governmental regional and functional experts who still provide vital insights to governmental analysts and decision makers as they craft and implement policies.
- **Established** and managed the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy in Chisinau, Moldova shortly after independence. Built relationships, using Romanian language skills, with Moldovans from the Speaker of Parliament and the President of the Constitutional Court to high school students to successfully launch exchange programs which brought over 175 Moldovans to the U.S. in the first year. Worked with Moldovan journalists and lawmakers on passage of first Freedom of Information Act legislation in the former Soviet Union.
- **Engaged** senior officials, as president of Executive Women @ State, on issues related to women's advancement to senior levels at the Department and mentored more junior women with their careers.

Communications

- **Created** a public affairs strategy for the newly established Office of Religion and Global Affairs for audiences in the U.S. and overseas. Advocated its mission and developed partnerships within the Department of State.
- **Led** the Office of Public Opinion Research to ensure that senior State, White House, IC, and other executive branch officials had the best information available on foreign public sentiment to inform their policy decisions and messaging.
- **Partnered** with representatives of the newly emerging democracies in the wake of the Arab Spring to craft innovative and immediate academic and professional exchanges to ameliorate key problems such as high levels of youth unemployment.

Assignments, 1990-2014

- Senior Advisor, Office of Religion and Global Affairs, 2014-2015
- Office Director, Office of Public Opinion Research, 2012-2014
- Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, 2010-2012
- Division Chief, Media Analysis, Office of Public Opinion Research, 2009-2010
- Acting Director, Office of Analytic Outreach, 2007-2008
- Analyst, Greece and Cyprus, 2004-2006
- Analyst, Moldova and Belarus, 2000-2004
- Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, Albania and Macedonia, 1998-2000 (Kosovo War)
- Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Moldova, 1996-1998
- Press Officer, U. S. Embassy Panama, 1996
- Assistant Press Officer, U. S. Embassy Manila, 1994-1995
- Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Algiers, 1993
- Junior Officer, U.S. Embassy Bucharest, 1991-1992

Education

- BA, International Studies, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee

Languages

- Romanian (fluent)
- Spanish and French (working knowledge)

Boards

- Executive Women @ State, served as president for two years
- Hospices of Hope, provide palliative care in Romania, Moldova, and Serbia
- FAIR Girls, works to support survivors of sex trafficking, based in Washington, DC
- Working Mothers Media, served on the advisory board responsible for organizing the 2015 Women in National Security conference

Awards

- Three Superior Honor Awards, Department of State
- Two Exceptional Achievement Awards, Director of National Intelligence