

Tom Hull served as Ambassador to Sierra Leone (2004-07) where he had begun his career as a Peace Corps Volunteer teacher (1968-70). His Foreign Service career, which began with USIA in 1976, included overseas appointments as Deputy Chief of Mission in Ethiopia (2001-03), Public Affairs Officer in South Africa (1997-2001), Nigeria (1993-95), Czechoslovakia (1989-93), Somalia (1983-86) and Upper Volta (1980-83), Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer in South Africa (1978-80), and Junior Officer Trainee in Zaire (1977-78). He received Presidential Meritorious Service Awards from Presidents Clinton and Obama for his accomplishments in the post-communist Czech and Slovak Republics and in post-civil war Sierra Leone.



Amb. Hull's domestic assignments were as Executive Assistant to the Counselor of USIA (1986-88) and as the agency's Director of African Affairs (1995-97).

Prior to joining USIA, Tom worked at the Institute of International Education in New York as a Fulbright placement specialist (1973-74) and later as deputy to the Vice President for Planning and Analysis (1975-76). His responsibilities in the latter position included assisting former Senator J. William Fulbright during his consultancy at IIE.

After retiring from the Foreign Service, Tom held the Warburg Chair in International Affairs (2007-10) at Simmons University in Boston. He has also lectured at the University of Florida, Boston University, Baylor University, and Dartmouth College, and has given adult education courses on Africa at Colby Sawyer College.

Amb. Hull served on Deloitte Consulting's International Leadership Advisory Board (2009-12). In 2012-13 at the request of Secretary of State Clinton, he was strategic communications advisor to President Joyce Banda in Malawi. He also took on temporary State Department assignments in The Gambia (2014-15).

Tom's academic background includes an M.A. (1972) and Ed.D. (ABD) in Education and International Affairs at Teachers College, Columbia University. He also holds an M.I.A. (1973) in International Affairs from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs as well as the graduate Certificate (1973) of the university's Institute of African Studies. He received his B.A. (1968) in history from Dickinson College.

Amb. Hull was President (2013-18) of Foreign Affairs Retirees of New England, an American Foreign Service Association affiliate, and is currently its New Hampshire coordinator. He is a member of AFSA, the Public Diplomacy Alumni Association, Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired, and the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire. He also holds leadership offices in his local community's governance.