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Bonnie's professional life has been inspired by public service and a belief in the value of public diplomacy and education on the major issues of the day. Through the League of Women Voters, the Foreign Policy Association, the United Nations Association and IVLP, she has been driven to understand the impact of culture, ethnicity, race and history on beliefs and behaviors. She has completed approximately 20 missions abroad as an election official often immersed in post conflict, remote regions throughout the Balkans, Belarus, Ukraine and Sudan. Inspired by the experiences, she returned to graduate school (SIT/World Learning) in her fifties to further study social justice and explore issues of conflict and identity, diversity and multicultural communication.

Bonnie has been engaged with the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) for 20+ years both as a local board member and staff at the International Center of the Capital Region in Albany, New York, where she developed the IVLP program. She has worked as an International Visitor Liaison since 2008.