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Dr. Lamb has been Director of Policy Planning in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Deputy Director for Military Development on the State Department's Interagency Task Force for Military Stabilization in the Balkans; and Director for Requirements and Plans in the Office of Secretary of Defense.

From 1985 to 1992 Dr. Lamb was a Foreign Service Officer, serving in Haiti and Ivory Coast. He received his doctorate in International Relations from Georgetown University in 1986. From 1993 through 1998 he was an Adjunct Professor in the National Security Studies program at Georgetown University.

In 2008 Dr. Lamb led the Project for National Security Reform study of the national security system, which led to the landmark 2008 report, "Forging a New Shield." His recent research includes numerous collaborative studies on national security and defense reform, interagency teams, military requirements and transformation, and Special Operations Forces; e.g.:

"9/11, Counterterrorism, and the Senior Interagency Strategy Team," Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation, Ft. Leavenworth, March 2014; "The Bosnian Train and Equip Program," Strategic Perspectives, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, March 2013; "Pentagon Strategies," in Challenges in U.S. National Security Policy, RAND, May 2014; Human Terrain Teams: An Organizational Innovation for Sociocultural Knowledge in Irregular Warfare, Institute for World Politics Press, July 2013; "Special Operations Forces," in Oxford Bibliographies in Military History, Oxford University Press, July 2013; "Deception, Disinformation, and Strategic Communications," Strategic Perspectives 11, INSS, May 2012; and U.S. Special Operations Forces (Columbia University Press, 2007).

Dr. Lamb has received the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award; the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Executive Service; the Superior Honor award from the Department of State; and Meritorious Civilian Service awards from the Department of Defense.