

DR. ELIZABETH SHERWOOD-RANDALL - DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY



Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall was nominated by President Obama to be Deputy Secretary of Energy on July 8, 2014; was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 18, 2014; and was sworn into office on October 10, 2014. Working with Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, she is responsible for management of the Department and execution of the Administration's highest priority energy initiatives.

Most recently, Dr. Sherwood-Randall served as Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for Defense Policy, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Arms Control, a position to which she was appointed in April 2013. During her tenure, she was the senior White House official responsible for U.S. defense policy and budget planning, oversaw the successful effort to remove all declared chemical weapons from Syria, and guided interagency implementation of the President's new nuclear employment guidance. She also directed landmark efforts to combat sexual assault in the military.

From 2009 to 2013, Dr. Sherwood-Randall served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council. She was instrumental in revitalizing America's unique network of alliance relationships and strengthening cooperation with Europe to advance the President's global agenda.

From 2000 to 2008, prior to joining the Obama Administration, Dr. Sherwood-Randall was a Stanford University Senior Research Scholar. From 2004 to 2008 she was also the Adjunct Senior Fellow for Alliance Relations at the Council on Foreign Relations. Additionally, she was a Founding Principal in the Harvard-Stanford Preventive Defense Project from 1997-2008. From 1994 to 1996, Dr. Sherwood-Randall served in the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia. Secretary of Defense William J. Perry awarded her the Medal for Distinguished Public Service for her service at the Department of Defense. From 1989 to 1993, Dr. Sherwood-Randall was co-Founder and Associate Director of the Harvard Strengthening Democratic Institutions Project at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. At the outset of her career, she served as Chief Foreign Affairs and Defense Policy Adviser to then-Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Dr. Sherwood-Randall received a B.A. from Harvard University and a doctorate from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College. She is married to Dr. Jeffrey B. Randall, and they have two sons.