

Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr. Deputy Assistant Secretary of INL



Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr. is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Appointed in May 2019, Mr. Rodriguez oversees the execution of U.S. policy toward Central America. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Asunción, Paraguay, from July 2016 to April 2019, and as the Embassy's Charge d' Affaires from January 2017 to March 2018.

Mr. Rodriguez, a senior member of the Foreign Service, began his career at the U.S. State Department in 2001. He has since served as the Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City (2014-2015) and as the Mission's Acting Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs (2015-2016). In addition to his posts in Mexico, Mr.

Rodriguez has served as Deputy Director of the Office of Mexican Affairs, Division Chief for the Western Hemisphere in the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Overseas Citizen Service office, and Watch Officer and Senior Watch Officer in the Executive Secretariat's Operation Center. Mr. Rodriguez has also served abroad at U.S. Embassies in Peru and Italy.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Rodriguez holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hampden-Sydney College.