

Anne W. Patterson



**Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs**

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Ambassador Anne W. Patterson is a career diplomat, who currently serves as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Prior to returning to Washington for this assignment, Ambassador Patterson served as United States Ambassador to Egypt (2011-2013) and as Ambassador to Pakistan (2007-2010). She has served the State Department as Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Deputy Permanent Representative at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and as the State Department's Deputy Inspector General. She has also served as Ambassador to Colombia (2000-2003) and as Ambassador to El Salvador (1997-2000).

In 2008, Ambassador Patterson was promoted to the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest rank in the Foreign Service. She has been awarded the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award twice, in 2008 and 2010, the Ryan Crocker Award for Expeditionary Diplomacy in 2010, and was named one of Foreign Policy magazine's Top 100 Global Thinkers in 2011.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Ambassador Patterson graduated from Wellesley College.