



Gerald M. Feierstein
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Gerald M. Feierstein assumed his duties as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near East Affairs on December 23, 2013. Prior to his appointment, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen from September 2010 until September 2013.

Ambassador Feierstein, a specialist in Near East and South Asian Affairs, entered the Foreign Service in June 1975 and has served overseas in nine postings: Islamabad (1976-1978), Tunis (1983-1985), Riyadh (1985-1987), Peshawar (1989-1992), Muscat (1995-1998), Jerusalem (1998-2001), Beirut (2003-2004), Islamabad (2008-2010) and Sana'a.

In Washington, Feierstein previously served as Principal Deputy Assistant Coordinator and Deputy Assistant Coordinator for Programs in the Bureau of Counterterrorism from 2006-2008. Earlier, he served as Desk Officer for Nepal, Pakistan and Egypt; Deputy Director in the Office of Arabian Peninsula Affairs; Director of the Office of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh Affairs; and as Director of the Office of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau.

Ambassador Feierstein holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Point Park College and an M.A. in International Relations from Duquesne University.