



Ambassador Stuart E. Jones

Acting Assistant Secretary

BUREAU OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

Term of Appointment: 10/03/2016 to present

Stuart E. Jones, a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, was appointed Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Affairs Bureau on January 9, 2017. Ambassador Jones had previously served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State since October 3, 2016.

Acting Assistant Secretary Jones previously served as US Ambassador to Iraq from 2014-2016 and as Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from 2011-2014.

Ambassador Jones has extensive experience in Iraq. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Baghdad in 2010-2011, Governorate Coordinator in Al Anbar Province in 2004, and Country Director for Iraq at the National Security Council.

From 2008-2010, Ambassador Jones also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State at the State Department's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. Other foreign tours include Turkey, El Salvador and Colombia and he was Special Assistant to the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright.

Ambassador Jones is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.