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Previously, Elizabeth served as SCA's Director of the Security, Transnational Affairs and Assistance (STA) Office. As Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Tallinn, Estonia, she focused on Transatlantic security on NATO's eastern flank. Other overseas assignments included Kyiv, Ukraine; the U.S. military Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Qalat, Zabul Province, Afghanistan; Moscow, Russia; Dushanbe, Tajikistan; and Lahore, Pakistan.

She has a bachelor's degree in history and German from the University of Kansas and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in modern German history. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in rural Niger, West Africa, and speaks German, Russian, French and Hausa. A proud native of Minnesota, she is married to U.S. Army COL Jason P. Gresh.