

## Curriculum Vitae



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- Over 150 [articles](#) published in 60+ media outlets including the Federalist, Fox News, Newsweek, The Hill, Stars and Stripes, Daily Signal, Daily Caller, National Interest, Washington Times.
- [Reports](#) on border security, immigration, State Department published by Heritage Foundation, 2022-2023
- TV, radio, podcast interviews in English and French, in U.S., Africa, Asia, Europe.

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## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

### **05/22 – Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation**

- Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Border Security and Immigration, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- Research, write, and comment on U.S. immigration policy, border security, and diplomacy.

### **10/20 – 05/22 Consul General – Nairobi, Kenya**

- Supervise consular section in the largest U.S. embassy in Africa.

### **8/17 – 8/20 Principal Officer – Marseille, France**

- Consul General in France's largest constituent post.
- Represent America across southern France and Monaco, encourage trade and investment, oversee consular services.

### **8/15 – 8/17 Senior Coordinator for Strategic Planning – Visa Office, Consular Affairs**

- Senior Advisor identifying improvements to visa operations.
- Coordinator of State Department program to deport criminal Aliens with Final Orders of Removal

### **8/14 – 8/15 Counterterrorism Fellow – National Defense University/CISA**

- One-year MA program in International Security Affairs, specializing in counterterrorism and irregular warfare.

### **8/11 – 7/12 Deputy Chief of Mission - Embassy Lome, Togo**

- Responsible for running Embassy. In the absence of Ambassador, serve as Charge d'Affaires.
- Responsible for political and economic reporting, public outreach, management and human resources, development and self-help, consular services, military assistance and training, and security.

### **7/08 – 6/11 Consular Chief - Embassy Bratislava, Slovakia**

- Supervise full-service consular section.

**8/04–7/07 Deputy Chief - Consular Section, Embassy Accra, Ghana**

- Deputy section chief in 30-person consular section.

**6/02 – 6/04 Vice Consul –Embassy Suva, Fiji**

- Consular services covering five island states; Political affairs for Tonga; Civil Aviation for Fiji.

**2/00 – 2/02 Vice Consul/Political Officer - New Delhi, India**

- Visa adjudicator, American Citizen Services chief.
- Wrote Religious Freedom Report and Human Rights Report for India in 2001.

**8/97 - 6/99 Teacher, Miami Country Day School**

- Taught American History (8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades); English (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Drama (8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**8/95 - 6/96 Houseparent/Proctor, American Boychoir School (Princeton, NJ)**

**7/94 – 8/95 Lawyer (Denton Hall, London)**

- Pensions, real estate, contracts.

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**LANGUAGES** French 4/4, Slovak 3/3, Hindi 2+/2, Spanish 1/1

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**EDUCATION**

**2015 National Defense University, Washington**  
Master of Arts, International Security Affairs

**1994 The College of Law, London**  
Diploma in Law

**1991 University of St. Andrews, Scotland**  
Master of Arts (First Class); Modern History

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**OUTSIDE POSITIONS**

**2024 Board member, [Ben Franklin Fellowship](#), Washington DC**

- Co-founded national network of foreign affairs professionals with conservative values.