

## Dr. Seiple Biography

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Chris Seiple, Ph.D., is the president of the Institute for Global Engagement, a research, education, and diplomatic institution that builds sustainable religious freedom worldwide through local partnerships.

A graduate of Stanford, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Fletcher School for Law & Diplomacy, he is also the founder of [The Review of Faith & International Affairs](#), a Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia), and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London).

His book, [The U.S. Military/NGO Relationship in Humanitarian Interventions](#) (The U.S. Army War College, 1996), is a seminal work in the field. Seiple is the co-author of [International Religious Freedom Advocacy: A Guide to Organizations, Law, and NGOs](#) (Baylor University Press, 2009), and the co-editor of [The Routledge Handbook on Religion & Security](#) (2012). He wrote his 2007 Ph.D. dissertation on the [bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Uzbekistan](#).

Seiple is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on its religious advisory committee. Dr. Seiple also serves on the Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of State's "Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society" (2011-2015) where he acts as a Senior Advisor to the Committee's "Religion and Foreign Policy" working group.

He is the co-founder and co-chair of the "IRF Roundtable," a non-partisan consortium of Washington-area international religious freedom (IRF) NGOs that meets bi-monthly on Capitol Hill to discuss how best to promote religious freedom in Washington policy circles and worldwide. In addition, Seiple is the Vice-Chair for the [World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Role of Faith](#) (2012-2014).

A former Marine infantry officer, Seiple's last posting was to the Pentagon, where he was a member of the Strategic Initiatives Group, an internal think tank for the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In this capacity he helped to envision what a new national security act might look like, as well as develop and implement the Chemical-Biological Incident Response Force (serving as its liaison to the FBI and the Centers for Disease Control during the 1996 Summer Olympics).

Dr. Seiple is an invited contributor to the National Journal's [national security blog](#), the Washington Post's ["On Faith" blog](#), and the Social Science Research Council's (SSRC) [web forum on religious freedom](#).

He speaks regularly at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute, U.S. military schools, and within the intelligence community regarding national security, social-cultural-religious engagement, and the interdependence of religion and realpolitik. At the request of the U.S. Army Chaplaincy, Dr.

Seiple designed and implemented the Chaplaincy's first training program for social-cultural-religious strategy and engagement (2010-2012).

Over the years, he has appeared on BBC, MSNBC, Fox News, Saudi TV, Pakistan News One, Vietnam National TV, CN8, and CNN.

Dr. Seiple serves on the Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA, board of directors, and also on the board of advisors for Carolina for Kibera, Inc. He resides in Virginia with his wife, Alissa, and their children, Liam, Hanan, Hadessah, and Ashrei.

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