

Curriculum Vitae



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- Over 190 [articles](#) published in 60+ media outlets including the *Federalist*, *Fox News*, *Newsweek*, *The Hill*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Daily Signal*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Caller*, *National Interest*, *Washington Times*.
- [Reports](#) on border security, immigration, State Department published by Heritage Foundation, 2022-2025
- Over 300 TV, radio, podcast interviews in English and French, in U.S., Africa, Asia, Europe.

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 (8th and 11th grades); English (7th grade); Drama (8th grade)

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

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

- Pensions, real estate, contracts.

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

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

OUTSIDE POSITIONS

2024 Partner, Based Perspectives LLC

- Two-partner New Hampshire-based firm for marketing conservative speakers and writers.

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

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