

Marie Richards

Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator for Regional and Multilateral Affairs

Bureau of Counterterrorism

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Marie Richards, Ph.D., a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, began her tenure as Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator in August 2014. Previously she had been Principal Deputy Director in the Office of European Political and Security Affairs. From 2011-2012, she was Consul General in Peshawar, Pakistan, preceded by a year as Pakistan-Afghanistan Border Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. Richards served two years, 2007-2009, as Director for Afghanistan at the National Security Council, preceded by two years as Deputy Political-Military Counselor in Kabul, Afghanistan. She has also held the position of Asia Section Chief in the Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers Policy, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. Other overseas assignments include Guangzhou, New Delhi, and Karachi.

Richards holds an A.B. in government from Harvard University, a Masters in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of California at Berkeley. Immediately prior to joining the Foreign Service she was a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford University. She is a Distinguished Graduate of the National War College class of 2010. Richards speaks several European and South Asian languages and Mandarin Chinese, and was the recipient of the 2012 State Department Linguist of the Year award.