

Current Position

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota **2011-present**
Dean and Professor

- Leader of University of Minnesota's Graduate School of Public Affairs, which prepares future leaders for careers relating to public service and serves as a forum for debate and scholarship on critical domestic and international policy issues.

Prior Professional Positions

1. U.S. GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. **2009-2011**
Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration

- Nominated by the President in April 2009 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June 2009. Served as the U.S. Department of State's principal and most senior international humanitarian official.
- Managed bureau budget of \$1.85 billion and Washington and overseas staff, with focus on overseas humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons, refugee resettlement in the United States and assistance to vulnerable migrants around the world.
- Promoted humanitarian goals through extensive overseas engagement with foreign officials, informed by travel to refugee camps and displaced communities in Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Laos, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Chad, Kenya, Rwanda, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
- Maintained regular and extensive contact with senior foreign government and international organization officials, the media, non-governmental organizations and Members of Congress.
- Served as Co-Chair, Working Group on Preventing and Responding to Crises and Conflicts, Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR), and Member, QDDR Executive Council.

National Security Council (NSC), the White House, Washington, DC. **1993-2001**

Senior Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs, and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (1998-2001);

Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (1996-1998);

Director for Human Rights, Refugees and Humanitarian Affairs (1993-1996).

- Advised the President and the National Security Adviser on human rights and the rule of law, the United Nations, humanitarian and development issues, and international peacekeeping.
- Managed efforts to secure U.S. support for several human rights treaties, and led White House review resulting in U.S. signature of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- Managed responses to critical humanitarian and development challenges, including rescue of Kurdish refugees from Northern Iraq in 1996; resettlement of thousands of Vietnamese refugees from Southeast Asia during the mid-1990s; U.S. peacekeeping, humanitarian and development assistance to East Timor in 1999 and 2000; aid to displaced Kosovars in 1999; and U.S. relief, recovery and development aid to Central America in 1999.

U.S. House of Representatives, House Foreign Affairs Committee **1989-1993**
Staff Consultant

- Adviser to the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, on foreign policy issues toward South Asia, and on refugee and humanitarian issues in South and Southeast Asia.

2. UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations, New York, NY **2005-2007**
UN Secretary General's Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery

- Deputy to the UN Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery, former President Clinton, in pursuit of UN General Assembly mandate to “lead the overall [tsunami recovery] effort of the United Nations system in the countries affected.”
- Most senior UN headquarters official with full-time responsibility for tsunami recovery. Promoted strategic direction, as well as coherent management and coordination of tsunami recovery efforts by both the United Nations and other international organizations.

Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland **2003-2004**
Chief, Executive Office

- Recruited in 2003 by the then-High Commissioner, Sergio Vieira de Mello, to serve as Chief of Staff in the Office of the High Commissioner (UNHCHR). In the year following Vieira de Mello's death in Baghdad, served as second-ranking official at UNHCHR headquarters in Geneva. Initiated and completed reforms of organization-wide management and program planning activities, including plans and budget for nearly \$60 million in program activities. Commended by UN member states, UN officials, NGOs and UNHCHR staff for providing guidance and stability during an exceptionally difficult transition period following the death of the High Commissioner.

3. NGO AND FOUNDATION COMMUNITY

The Connect U.S. Fund, Washington, DC **2006-2009**
Executive Director

- Provided the strategic and operational leadership for global affairs funding collaborative made up of the Ford Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Open Society Institute and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, among others.
- In coordination with Presidents of all of the Foundations, initiated and implemented major and highly successful review and reform of the collaborative and its operations.

Open Society Institute of Soros Foundation Network, New York, NY **March-July, 2005**
Consultant

- Authored analysis and evaluation of foundation support of major advocacy efforts relating to international development and trade issues.

Asia Watch Committee (now known as Human Rights Watch/Asia) 1986-1989
Program Director, and subsequently Washington Director.

- As Asia Watch's first principal operating officer, quickly established the organization as a major resource, authority, and effective advocate on human rights issues in Asia. Developed organizational priorities, built an effective team of staff and consultants, and established excellent relations with other NGOs and U.S. and foreign government officials.

The Ford Foundation 1984 and 1985
*Program Assistant for Southern Africa (Spring 1985);
Professional Staff Intern (Summer 1984).*

- Prepared grant recommendations and evaluations of projects.

4. ACADEMIA, THINK TANKS, AND RESEARCH

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. 2001-2009
*Visiting Lecturer of Public and International Affairs;
Practitioner in Residence (February-March 2001). (periodically)*

- Taught graduate and undergraduate seminars and workshops dealing with United Nations, democracy promotion, peace operations, international humanitarian assistance, and recovery and reconstruction after disasters.
- Served as School's first "Practitioner-in-Residence" in 2001.

High Level Task Force on the United Nations, Washington, DC Jan-June, 2005
Lead Expert, Preventing and Ending Conflicts, and Building Stable Societies

- Served as lead expert and lead author of chapter on UN efforts to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts for Congressionally mandated "Gingrich-Mitchell" Task Force on UN Reform.

Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC 2002-2003;
Senior Fellow (2002-2003) and Consultant (2004) Winter, 2004

- During both periods, served as Project Director of the Council's Independent Task Force on post-war Iraq, chaired by Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Dr. James Schlesinger.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWIC); and 2001-2002
U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington, DC
Public Policy Scholar (at WWIC) and Senior Fellow (at USIP)

- Published articles, and gave media interviews and public speeches on the rule of law, international humanitarian issues and peacekeeping.

Biographical Profiles

“For Eric Schwartz and Iraqi Refugees, a Second Act.” *Washington Post*, August 24, 2010. At <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/24/AR2010082406039.html>
(Also appeared in print edition on August 25, 2010, at A17.)

“Killer Waves.” *Binghamton University Magazine*. Fall 2007. At http://www.binghamton.edu/magazine-archive/index.php/site/articles2/killer_waves/

Educational Experience

Juris Doctor (Law)

New York University School of Law, awarded in 1985.

Root-Tilden Scholar (awarded for commitment to public service)

Master of Public and International Affairs (specialization in International Relations)

Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs).

Awarded in 1985 (joint degree with New York University School of Law).

Bachelor of Arts (with honors)

Binghamton University (of the State University of New York), awarded in 1979.

Member, Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society.

Recipient, Binghamton Award for Excellence in Political Science.

See separate publications list