

Current Positions

Refugees International, Washington, DC
President

from June 2017

Leader of independent non-governmental organization that advocates for protection and assistance for refugees and other forcibly displaced persons around the world, and promotes respect for refugee rights, international humanitarian law, and the principles of humanitarianism. Refugees International reporting and advocacy is directed at policy makers in national governments and international organizations, opinion leaders and the general public.

Responsibilities include developing strategy and program for the organization, including an annual program of field-based fact-finding; public speaking, including media appearances, testimony before Congress and presentations at events focused on public education; policy advocacy at the United Nations and other international organizations, and engagement with U.S. officials and officials of other governments; and international fact-finding on issues relating to displacement. Oversight of the general refugee/IDP protection and rights program as well as thematic programs that address climate displacement; displaced women and girls; and strategic outreach to U.S. communities outside of Washington, DC, to promote policies of refugee inclusion.

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Professor (on extended leave)

from 2017

While on extended leave, have taught annual one-credit courses on issues relating to refugees and humanitarianism, and has mentored students.

Prior Professional Positions

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Dean and Professor (and currently professor on extended leave)

2011-2017

Leader of University of Minnesota's graduate school of public affairs. The Humphrey School prepares future leaders for careers relating to public service in domestic and global affairs and development. Key accomplishments –

- Within a four-year period (between 2012 and 2016), led overall developments that resulted in the Humphrey School being ranked #8 in the *US News and World Report* survey of some 270 U.S. public affairs schools, from a ranking of #16 in 2012. Was the first top ten ranking in the School's then-nearly 40 year history.
- Substantially increased fund-raising for student scholarships.
- Strengthened the School's global affairs focus, with a new Master of Human Rights degree program, and newly developed specializations focused on international development policy, human rights and humanitarianism and U.S. foreign policy and international security.
- Established the Humphrey School as a leader in University-wide efforts to promote diversity and inclusion among students, staff and faculty.

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.

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, the Atlantic Philanthropies and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, among others.
- Developed the Fund's "Global Security and Cooperation Initiative," a multi-year, multi-million dollar program of grant-making and operations focused on climate trade and energy policy, international trade and development, human rights, weapons proliferation, and civil military relations.

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.

Open Society Institute of the 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.

High Level Task Force on the United Nations, Washington, DC**January-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 Mitchell-Gingrich Task Force on UN Reform.

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 the assassination in Baghdad of the High Commissioner, 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Selected profiles

“Dean Leads Humphrey with Humility.” *Minnesota Daily*, April 24, 2014, at <http://www.mndaily.com/politics/national-politics/barack-obama/2013/04/25/dean-heads-humphrey-humility>

“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.)

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.

Selected memberships and honors

- Member of the Boards of Directors, Center for Victims of Torture
- Member, Council on Foreign Relations
- Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration
- Member, American Academy of Diplomacy
- Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Binghamton University (May 2014)

See separate list of publications, including journal articles, book chapters, congressional testimonies, and op-ed.