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English (fluent), French (conversant)

Current position/function:

**Advisory Committee,** Center for Victims of Torture, 2015-present, where he advocates for reforming U.S. counterterrorism policy

**Member, Board of Directors** for the American Academy of Diplomacy

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Main professional activities:

**President**, American Councils for International Education, 2017-2019, during which time his organization was invited by the Uzbek government to advocate for educational policies;

**President**, International Republican Institute, 1995-2001 and 2004-2014: led the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization’s efforts to advance human rights and democracy worldwide, which included initiating the organization’s program on political participation of women; was awarded Lithuania’s Millennium Star Medal for his work;

**Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor**, U.S. Department of State, 2001-2004: served as the senior U.S. Government official focused on international human rights, and worked to assist governments around the world in the protection and promotion of human rights, earning the Distinguished Service Award from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. In this role he served as the State Department’s representative to the U.S. Institute of Peace overseeing program proposals for conflict resolution and human rights issues.

**Vice President**, International Republican Institute, 1993-1995: worked with future Presidents/Prime Ministers in countries such as Bulgaria, Indonesia, Mongolia, Peru, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia to advance their efforts to improve the respect of human rights in their countries.

**Asia Director**, National Security Council, 1992-1993: responsible for coordination of U.S. policy towards Southeast Asia under President George H.W. Bush.

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs**, 1989-1992: worked closely with Senators on legislation regarding a range of foreign policy priorities, to include the promotion of human rights.

**Legislative Assistant for Senator John McCain**, 1986-1989, during which he focused on Asia, Central and Latin America, and U.S./European relations.

Educational background:

MA, Georgetown University (National Security Studies)

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Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee:

**Member**, Council on Foreign Relations, 1999-present, where he participates in study groups on the Middle East and on democracy

**Member**, Board of Directors for IREX, a global development and education organization

**Advisory Council**, Refugees International, 2019 to present, where he provides guidance and advice on policy, practice, and advocacy

List of most recent speeches and publications in this field:

* "Diplomacy and Elected Autocrats: A Discussion of American Diplomacy," keynote address at Robert H. Smith Center at Montalto, Washington, D.C., October 25, 2015.
* "Beyond the Arab Spring." In *Ripon Forum*, vol. 45, no. 2, p. 10. The Ripon Society, 2011.
* "New Directions for Democracy Promotion," Kenneth Wollack, co-author. Better World Campaign, International Republican Institute, and National Democratic Institute (2008).
* "Democracy in the Middle East: Will U.S. Democratization Policy Work?" *Middle East Quarterly* 13, no. 3 (2006): 3-10.
* "Prospects on Human Rights and Democracy in China." statement, East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington, DC, April 22 (2004).
* "The War against Terrorism and Human Rights." Xinjiang University, China, December 19 (2002).
* "Privatizing Human Rights: The Roles of Government, Civil Society, and Corporations." In Remarks to the Business for Social Responsibility Conference. Seattle, Washington, November, vol. 8. 2001.