

I would describe myself as a scholar/practitioner in the international relations field. From 1982 to 2003, I was a US diplomat, serving inter alia in Beirut, Prague, and Rome (including as Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs). I also represented the United States at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague. After retiring from the US Department of State, I returned to my previous academic pursuits, teaching inter alia at the University of Amsterdam, the Università degli Studi Roma Tre, the George Washington University, and the Foreign Service Institute, the Department of State's professional development and training unit. I currently teach for the School of International Service at American University and in a University of Delaware program. My publications include two books on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. I also edited and contributed to a book on the collapse of non-democratic regimes. I participate actively in public debate, and have published in the *Washington Post*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The National Interest*, and *The Hill*, among other outlets. I hold a doctorate from Stanford University in East European history and a second doctorate from the George Washington University in higher education administration. I live in Washington, DC with my wife and two Welsh Corgis. In the interest of transparency, I should note that I was an extremely active volunteer in the Biden/Harris campaign, to which I also made modest financial contributions.