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### **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

## • Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Roy and Barbara Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations

Cambridge, Massachusetts (2008–Present)

- Founder and Faculty Chair, Future of Diplomacy Project
- Faculty Chair, Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship
- Faculty Chair, Angelopoulos Global Public Leaders Fellowship
- Faculty Affiliate, Middle East Initiative
- Faculty Chair, Middle East Initiative (2008-2018)
- Co-founder and Faculty Co-chair, American Secretaries of State Project
- Member, Board of Directors, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
- Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- Courses taught: Great Power Competition in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Diplomacy: Peace and War Negotiations (1990-Today); Negotiation and Diplomacy; and Modern Diplomacy: Peace and War in the Twenty-First Century.
- Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group & Aspen Security Forum, Washington, DC
- Senior Counselor, The Cohen Group, Washington, DC
- Director, Entegris, Inc.
- Foreign policy commentator, including written opinion pieces and essays for the New York Times, Washington Post, Financial Times, The Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, Boston Globe and others. Appears regularly on major television and radio networks, including CNBC, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, Bloomberg, CBS, BBC, PBS, Fox, NPR, Al Jazeera America and others.

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

# • Lowy Institute

Rothchild and Co Distinguished International Fellow Sydney, Australia (October 2019)

#### • Stanford University

Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution; Payne Distinguished Lecturer, Freeman Spogli Institute; William J. Perry Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation

Palo Alto, California (January-June, 2016)

• Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Visiting Scholar (2008)

### • U.S. Department of State

- Secretary of State John Kerry's Foreign Policy Advisory Board (2014-2017)
- Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (2005-2008)
- United States Ambassador to NATO (2001-2005)

- United States Ambassador to Greece (1997-2001)
- State Department Spokesman (1995-1997)
- Special Assistant to President Clinton and Senior Director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia Affairs, National Security Council, the White House (1993-1995)
- Director for Soviet Affairs, the National Security Council, the White House (Administration of George H.W. Bush) (1990-1993)
- Special Assistant to Counselor Robert Zoellick (1989–1990)
- Executive Secretariat U.S. Department of State (1987–1988)
- Political Officer, American Consulate General, Jerusalem (1985–1987)
- Consular and Political Officer, American Embassy Cairo, Egypt (1983–1985)
- Intern, American Embassy Nouakchott, Mauritania (1980)
- **AT International**, Program Officer (1981-1982)
- U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, Student Intern (1979-1980)

### **EDUCATION:**

- Master of Arts in International Relations, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC (1980)
- Bachelor of Arts in History (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa), Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts (1978)
- Certificat Pratique de Langue Française, University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France (1977)
- Wellesley Senior High School, Wellesley, Massachusetts (1974)

#### HONORS/AWARDS:

- Lifetime Achievement Award, The Charitable Irish Society of Boston (2020)
- Ignatian Award, Boston College (2017)
- New Englander of the Year, The New England Council (2016)
- Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award, Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University (2014)
- Hands of Hope Award, National Albanian American Council (2010)
- Jit Trainor Award for the Conduct of Diplomacy, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University (2008)
- Presidential Distinguished Service Award (2008)
- Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award (2008)
- Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, Johns Hopkins University (2002)
- Boston College Alumni Achievement Award (2001)
- National Public Service Award, Hellenic-American Council (2001)
- Charles E. Cobb, Jr. Award for Initiative and Success in Trade Development, U.S. Department of State (2000)
- Government Communicator of the Year (1997)
- James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence, U.S. Department of State (1994)
- Honorary degrees:
  - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
  - The American College of Greece
  - The State University of New York at Binghamton
  - Lewis and Clark College

- The American College of Thessaloniki
- The University of Indianapolis
- Hellenic College
- Northeastern University
- Boston College
- Assumption College
- Dickinson College
- Hamden-Sydney College
- Loyola University of Maryland
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- The American University of Paris

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- America Abroad Media
- Foreign Policy Association, Honorary Fellow
- Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Television Advisory Board
- Boston Committee on Foreign Relations
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (member)
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