

As noted in the Course Description, I will talk about my 24+-year career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. I will explain how and why I became a Foreign Service Officer (FSO), what the Foreign Service is and does, the difference between an Embassy and a Consulate, and what kinds of activities go on in an Embassy or Consulate (the general term is "Mission"). I will answer any questions to the best of my ability, and will send my PowerPoint and a recording of each class (provided I remember to hit record!) after each session.

I am traveling to Kenya in April (I'll tell you all about that!) and will miss at least 2 class sessions. Depending on the wishes of the class, I am willing to have a session during UD's spring break (the week of 27 March), and/or the last week of the second 5-week session (the week of 1 May).

Here is an outline of my assignments with State, starting in January 1985 and running through June 2016:

- Washington, DC (A-100 – FSO Orientation; Consular Course) (~4 months)
- Consulate General Frankfurt (Germany) (Consular Officer) (18 mo., about half non-immigrant visas [NIV] and half passports)
- Washington, DC (Training [Political and Economic courses]; husband's operations)
- Embassy Gaborone (Botswana) (Political/Economic Officer) (2 years)
- Washington, DC (State Operations Center/White House Situation Room) (1.5 years)
- Washington, DC (S/CT - Counter-Terrorism Office) (1.5 years)
- Korean Language Training; Roslyn, VA & Seoul, Korea (1 year each)
- Embassy Seoul, South Korea (Political External) (3 years)
  - Home Leave in 1995
- Washington, DC (PM/RSAT - Political Military Bureau, Regional Security and Arms Transfers – Africa 1 year, then East Asia 1 year)
- Embassy Canberra, Australia (Political External and Political Military) (3 years)
- Washington, DC (Joint Military Intelligence College [JMIC] at Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]; Masters in Strategic Intelligence) (1 year)
- Washington, DC (National HUMINT Requirements Tasking Center [NHRTC], located at the CIA) (~3 years)
- PRTs Jalalabad (U.S. Air Force) and Kunduz, Afghanistan (German-run Provincial Reconstruction Team) (3 months and 9 months)
- Washington, DC (HR/REE/REC - State Dept. Recruiting) (2 years)
- Washington, DC (post-retirement, Political-Military [Pol-Mil] Action Team [PMAT]) (almost 7 years)

I will talk about each of my assignments in turn, including about the host country (that's what we call the country we are living in), but I'm happy to focus more on topics of particular interest to the class members. Just ask!!